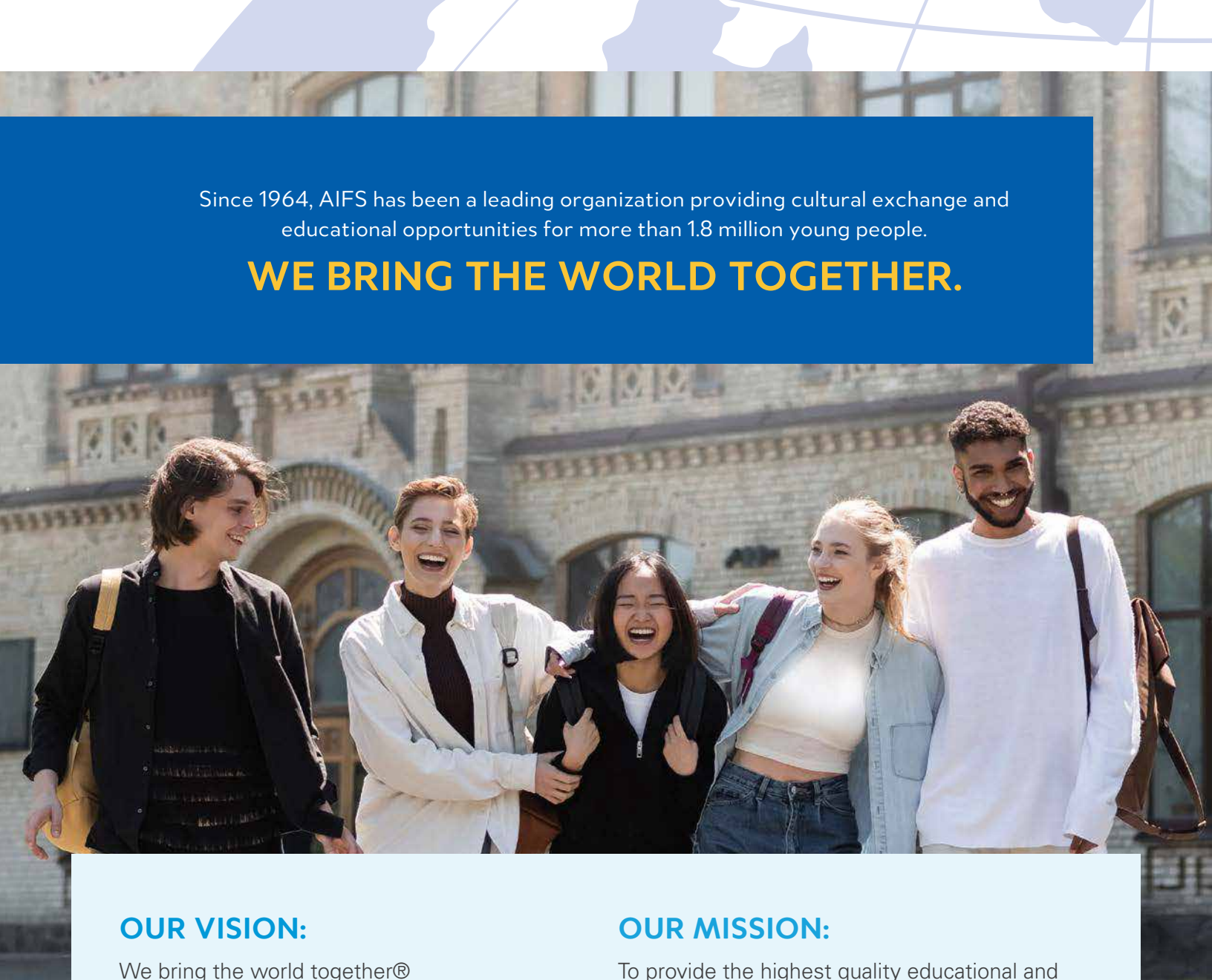




**WE BRING
THE WORLD
TOGETHER**

American Institute For Foreign Study

est. 1964



Since 1964, AIFS has been a leading organization providing cultural exchange and educational opportunities for more than 1.8 million young people.

WE BRING THE WORLD TOGETHER.

OUR VISION:

We bring the world together®

OUR VALUES:

- Excellence in our programs, operations, and our people
- Respect for all cultures and ethnicities
- Exceptional, caring support for our program participants to ensure their safety and well-being
- Technological innovation
- Responsible financial stewardship
- Teamwork and collaboration both within the organization and with our global partners

OUR MISSION:

To provide the highest quality educational and cultural exchange programs to enrich the lives of young people throughout the world.

- Encouragement of employee initiative and professional development
- Honest, equitable and non-discriminatory treatment of our employees and our program participants with an emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Commitment to socially and environmentally responsible practices

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WITH A SHARED VISION TO CREATE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF GLOBAL EDUCATION, AIFS HAS BEEN, FOR WELL OVER A DECADE, A STEADFAST PARTNER OF DIVERSITY ABROAD. FROM HOSTING OUR FIRST IN-PERSON EVENT - TO ONGOING COLLABORATION ON STUDENT SUPPORT, AIFS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DIVERSITY ABROAD'S WORK TO ADVANCE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN AND THROUGH THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.”

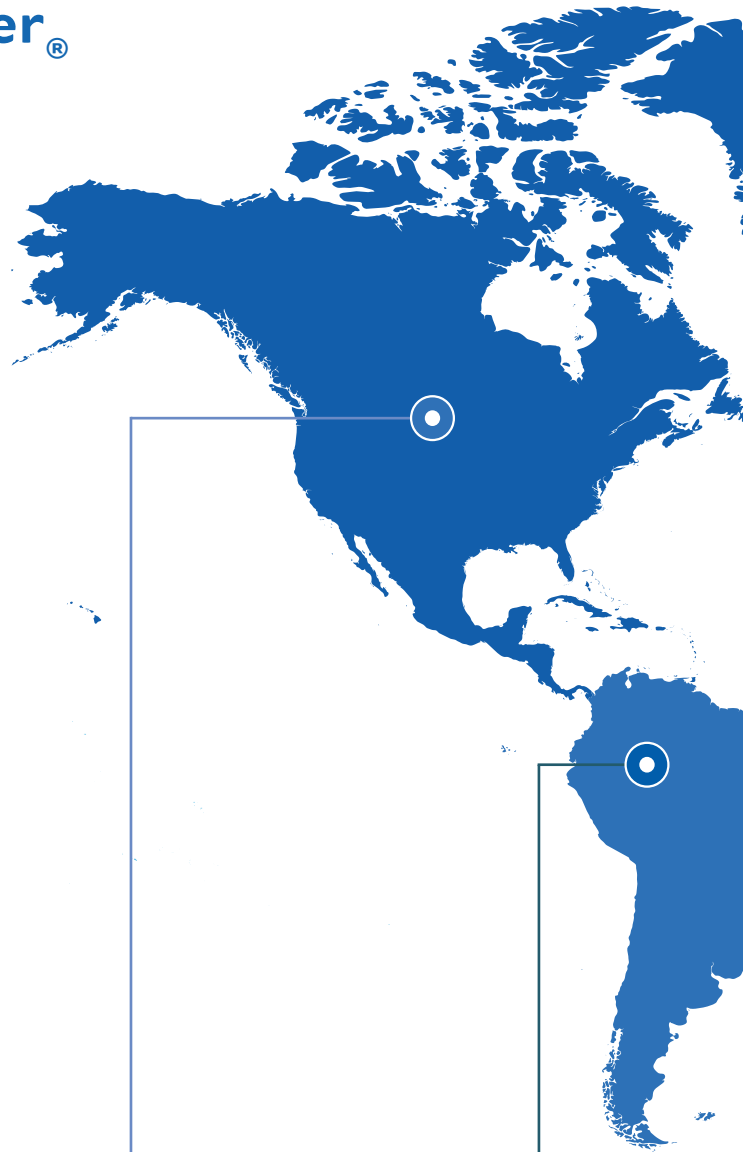
— Andrew Gordon, Founder, Diversity Abroad

We Bring the World Together[®]

AIFS LOCATIONS & CAMPUSES

AIFS operates 12 global offices and has program offerings in 29 countries worldwide.

In addition, students from more than 60 nations participate in our programs based in the U.S.



Since 1964

we've provided cultural exchange and educational opportunities for more than

1.8 M
PARTICIPANTS
(Approximately 43,000 per year)

\$2,000,000
ANNUALLY

AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS, DONATIONS AND FUNDING
TO SUPPORT CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION

(Awarded by AIFS and AIFS Foundation)



STUDENTS
FROM **6**
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STUDENTS IN
93
COUNTRIES
PARTICIPATED IN
AIFS PROGRAMS



PARTNERING WITH

546
U.S. COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES



700
FULL-TIME STAFF
AROUND
THE WORLD



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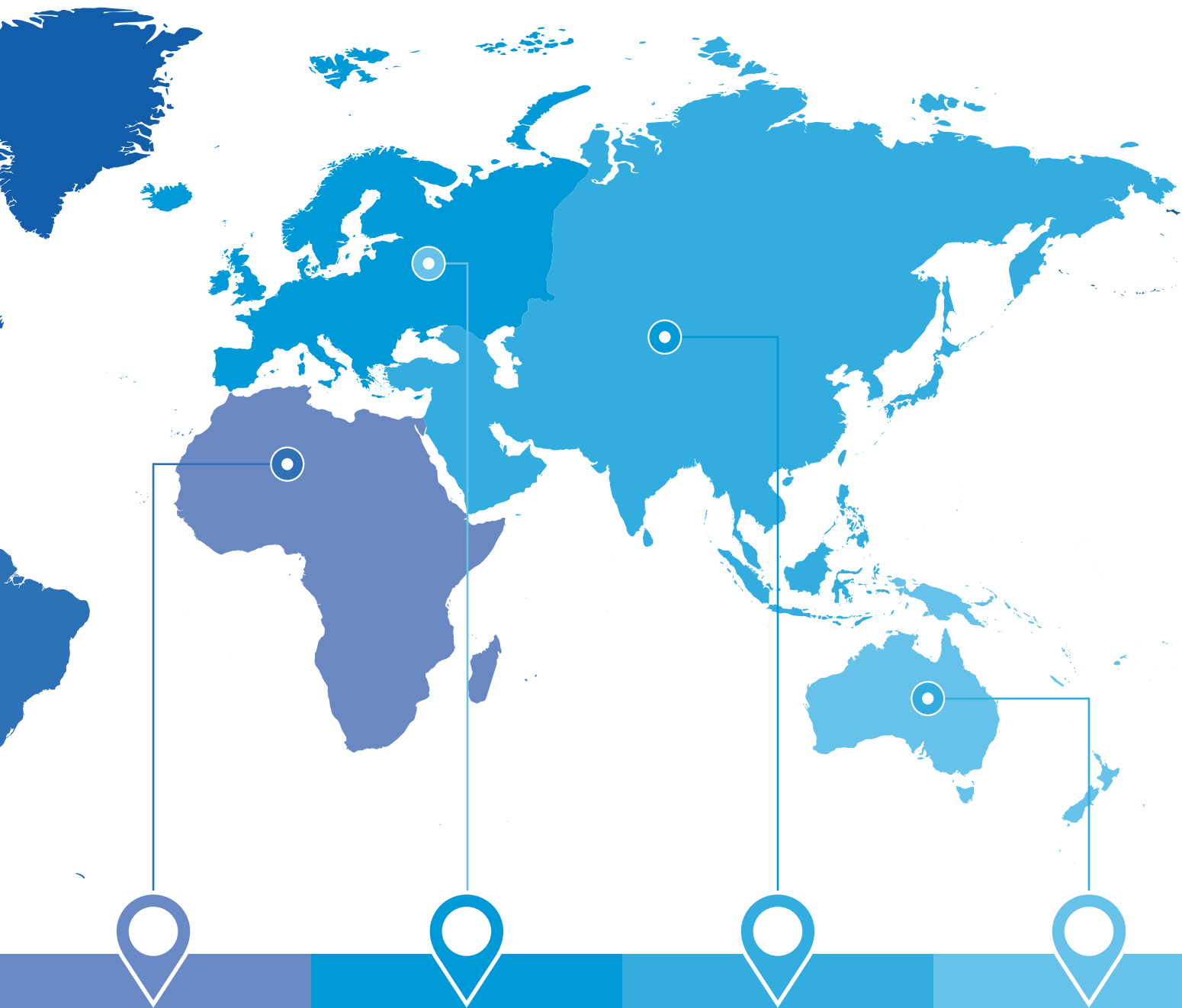
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Asia

SOUTH KOREA
Seoul

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AUSTRALIA
Fiji · Perth · Sydney* · Wollongong

NEW ZEALAND
Wellington



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OVER THE PAST 60 YEARS, AIFS HAS BEEN AN INDISPENSABLE LEADER IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. THE ORGANIZATION'S DEEP DEDICATION TO OUR SHARED MISSION – OF BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS BORDERS, INCREASING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AROUND THE GLOBE, AND ENRICHING THE LIVES OF PARTICIPANTS – HAS NEVER WAVERED, BUT ONLY GROWN STRONGER. AIFS HAS DEMONSTRATED AN UNPARALLELED COMMITMENT, NOT JUST TO ITS PARTICIPANTS AND PROGRAMS, BUT ALSO TO THE EXCHANGE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

AIFS HAS SUPPORTED THE ALLIANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SINCE ITS FOUNDING 30 YEARS AGO, SERVING ON THE BOARD MULTIPLE TIMES, INCLUDING AS CHAIR.

AIFS WORKS CLOSELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH ITS FELLOW EXCHANGE ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH TO CREATE INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND TO SECURE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR EXCHANGES. AIFS HAS ALSO CONTINUED TO SHOWCASE ITS GENEROSITY THROUGH ITS FUNDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS MAKING AN ABROAD EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE FOR AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AS IT CAN. AIFS STANDS OUT AS A LEADER IN A FIELD WITH A MISSION OF WORKING TOWARDS GLOBAL PEACE AND PROSPERITY.”

—Mark Overmann, Executive Director, Alliance for International Exchange



AIFS Chairman, William L. Gertz, and Allan E. Goodman, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of International Education (IIE)

“

SINCE ITS FOUNDING, AIFS HAS TRANSFORMED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LIVED AND STUDIED ABROAD THROUGH ITS PROGRAMS. AS OUR WORLD RE-OPENS, I KNOW THEY WILL BE DRIVEN BY A MISSION TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH SAFE, EDUCATIONALLY RIGOROUS, AND CULTURALLY STIMULATING OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES. THROUGH THE RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS OUR ORGANIZATIONS PARTNER ON, AIFS AND IIE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO MAKE STUDY ABROAD AS DIVERSE, ACCESSIBLE AND INNOVATIVE AS POSSIBLE.”

—Allan E. Goodman, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of International Education (IIE)



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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

• Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, The American Institute For Foreign Study—AIFS—which was founded in 1964 by Sir Cyril Taylor, is a global leader in cultural exchange and educational travel. For 60 years, AIFS, guided by its mission to “bring the world together,” has helped foster global understanding and cross-cultural communication among generations of young people.

From study abroad to the international au pair program, over 1.8 million people have participated in AIFS’ high-quality educational and cultural exchange programming. In our increasingly interconnected world, these programs provide unique opportunities for young people to broaden their worldview and become globally minded citizens. AIFS also works in partnership with the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, including through their implementation of the au pair program, to advance public diplomacy and support lasting cultural ties between the U.S. and participating nations.

Headquartered in Stamford, CT, AIFS has offices in five countries and nearly 1,000 employees worldwide, including 100 in Connecticut. Under the leadership of its chairman, William L. Gertz, AIFS remains at the forefront of cultural exchange and educational programs with nearly 40,000 annual participants.

I am proud to congratulate AIFS on its six decades of success. May the next 60 years see AIFS continue its work building the next generation of global citizens.●

● This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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Study Abroad and Internship Programs for U.S. College Students and Recent Graduates



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THIS PROGRAM OPENED MY EYES TO A CULTURE AND SOCIETY I KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT. I MADE GREAT FRIENDS AND HAD A FABULOUS TIME DURING THE PROCESS. I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN IN A HEARTBEAT.”

—Jessica Cobb, AIFS Study Abroad Alum, Western Michigan University

AIFS Abroad's award-winning study abroad and international internship programs provide exceptional credit-bearing opportunities for students and their faculty in a range of academic study and global internship program models.

AIFS Abroad programs pair academic excellence with cultural integration and local exploration. Participants are led by experienced Program

Directors who speak the local language fluently, provide counseling and academic advising, arrange cultural and social activities and assist students who require medical attention or personal support. AIFS Abroad is committed to Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (AIDE), environmental and cultural sustainability, and Strengths-based learning through all programs and locations.

89 semester programs

126 summer programs

18 January term programs

AIFS STUDY ABROAD

AIFS Abroad provides high impact educational programs in 20 countries offered during the semester, academic year, summer, January Term and May Term. Strengthened by historic relationships with 38 international universities and over 500 North American colleges and universities, courses are offered in a wide range of majors and are for U.S. academic credit. Study and internship programs are available as well as volunteer and service learning opportunities.

AIFS Abroad programs are hosted at some of the most desirable locations in the world, which serve as an exciting backdrop to the classroom experience as students take courses in a variety of areas such as art, theater, history, economics, and sociology. All programs are comprehensive and include housing, transcripts, insurance, and a rich variety of built-in cultural activities and excursions. Scholarships and financial aid are also available.

“

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH AIFS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS AND CONSIDERS THEM ONE OF OUR MOST TRUSTED PARTNERS. AS PART OF OUR LONG-LASTING RELATIONSHIP, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEND HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS ON THEIR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS. IN THE CONSTANTLY GROWING WORLD OF PROGRAM PROVIDERS, AIFS CERTAINLY STANDS OUT FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND THEIR EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD.”

—Susanne Hill, Ph.D., Executive Director, University of Florida International Center, AIFS Abroad Board of Advisor Member

For more information, please visit:

[AIFSabroad.com](https://aifsabroad.com)



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MORE THAN
6,000
STUDENTS
PER YEAR



32
PROGRAM
LOCATIONS



CUSTOMIZED FACULTY LED (CFL)

AIFS Abroad CFL arranges customized faculty-led study abroad programs for over 80 U.S. universities and colleges each year and our comprehensive network of offices and staff allow us to run programs in five continents. Our collaborative approach prioritizes the instructor's academic goals and desired learning outcomes, working with them to design a program which best suits the needs of both students and faculty. AIFS provides logistical support, student services, classrooms, housing facilities and cultural activities at a location abroad, plus student medical insurances and over \$50 million of liability insurance for the U.S. college/university.

Customized Faculty-Led programs come in a variety of formats so schools and faculty can always find the right fit for them: J-term and short-term embedded programs (Spring Break), short-term summer programs, semester programs, and hybrid programs.

“

AIFS ALLOWS ME TO FOCUS ON WHAT I THINK IS THE MORE IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL ASPECT OF THE TRIP. IT IS PHENOMENAL THE WORK THAT GOES INTO IT. IF I WENT TO ANOTHER SCHOOL OR HAD ANOTHER PROGRAM, I WOULD GO TO AIFS FIRST.”

—Dan Herrin, Emeritus Professor of Business Legal Studies, 1992-2019, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

“

I HAVE WORKED WITH AIFS FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS IN THE DELIVERY OF THE LONDON BUSINESS SEMESTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS MAJORS IN THEIR JUNIOR YEAR. BECAUSE OF THEIR VAST NETWORK OF WORKING RELATIONSHIPS IN THAT REGION THEY CAN MOVE VERY QUICKLY TO PROVIDE EVERYTHING NEEDED TO MAKE OUR PROGRAM A CONTINUED SUCCESS, ACADEMICALLY AND CULTURALLY. I REALLY DO FEEL AS THOUGH THEY ARE PART OF MY STAFF HERE AT ST. THOMAS.”

—Georgia Stavig Fisher, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Opus College of Business, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

For more information, please visit:
[AIFScustomized.com](https://www.aifscustomized.com)



AIFS ABROAD INTERNSHIPS

GLOBAL INTERNSHIP AND STRENGTHS-BASED CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

Established in 2001, the AIFS Abroad Internships division—formerly known as Global Experiences—is solely dedicated to international internship programming, offering placements that range from 8 to 15 weeks in over 40 career fields. Along with a full-time internship, interns are provided with central accommodation, cultural events and day trips, professional networking events, and 24/7 support. AIFS Abroad Internships bring an intense focus on career development through their unique partnership with Gallup Education to offer the CliftonStrengths assessment to all participants, in addition to personalized coaching for each participant, group webinars, and professional document reviews.

Global Internships can be combined with other AIFS Abroad study or custom programs to include standard career and professional development components, and incorporate additional business site visits, and coursework delivered by AIFS Abroad or university staff.

“

I AM SO THANKFUL THAT I TOOK THE RISK TO INTERN ABROAD WITH GLOBAL EXPERIENCES (NOW AIFS ABROAD). FOR THE ENTIRETY OF MY PROGRAM, EVERY PERSON I CAME ACROSS FOCUSED ON MY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AS A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL. I WOULD NEVER BE AT THE LEVEL I AM TODAY WITHOUT THE HELP AND TRAINING FROM GLOBAL EXPERIENCES. I HAVE GROWN INTO AN INDEPENDENT PERSON WHO CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN AND HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE A RISK!”

—Savannah, Texas A&M University, 2019

For more information, please visit:
AIFSabroad.com/internships





America's First Au Pair Program Trusted, Live-in Cultural Child Care

For over 40 years, more than

130,000 OF OUR AU PAIRS

have provided the highest quality, intercultural live-in child care to American families.

Au Pair in America was the first organization to be designated by the U.S. Government to offer a legal au pair program in the U.S.

Au Pair in America offers a flexible, dependable and enriching child care solution for American families. Becoming a host family is a uniquely rewarding experience with both host families and au pairs

benefiting from the cultural exchange that takes place. Parents who have switched from day care have noted the positive difference that the one-on-one attention makes with their children. Host families describe their au pairs as extended family members and stay in touch long after their au pairs return to their home country.

“

KLAUDIA HELPS US MANAGE A VERY BUSY HOME INCLUDING CLASSROOM ZOOM SESSIONS (KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE, AND THIRD GRADE), HOMEWORK, TUTORING, SCRAPED KNEES, HUNGRY BELLIES, AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND PLAY DATES. THAT IN ITSELF IS DESERVING OF AN AWARD, BUT KLAUDIA HAS DONE MUCH MORE AND TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE OF HER TIME IN THE US TO LEARN AND EXPLORE. WHEN WE FIRST MET KLAUDIA WE WORRIED THAT HER SOFT-SPOKEN NATURE MIGHT BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO BONDING WITH OUR GREGARIOUS AND RAMBUNCTIOUS BOYS, BUT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE WORRIED. HER LOVING AND PATIENT APPROACH HAS WON THEM OVER. IN ADDITION, THE TIME AND ENERGY SHE PUTS IN PLAYING GAMES WITH THEM OR TEACHING THEM ABOUT HER CULTURE OR HOW TO PLAY GUITAR SHOWS THEM THAT SHE TRULY CARES ABOUT THEM. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR OUR YOUNGEST TWO BOYS TO TELL KLAUDIA THAT THEY LOVED HER.”

—Wardak Host Family Au Pair of the Year Nomination Letter for their au pair, Klaudia, from Poland



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AU PAIRS FROM
MORE THAN 55
COUNTRIES



MORE THAN
6,000
FAMILIES
PER YEAR



ABOUT AU PAIRS

Au pairs are extraordinary young people who come to the U.S. to acquire a better understanding and appreciation of American life while living with an American family and caring for their young children. Au pairs stay for one full year and can extend for a second. They become fully-fledged family members, sharing a cultural exchange experience that often leads to a life-long relationship with their host family.

All au pairs are screened and skilled international young adults aged 18–26. They must have a minimum of 200 hours of recent, practical child care experience and complete a comprehensive orientation before being placed with their host family.

Recruitment for au pairs is handled by our offices in the UK, Germany, Australia and Poland and by our representatives around the world.

For information on becoming an au pair, visit us at AuPairinAmerica.com

Au Pair in America has the largest global network in the industry, spanning more than 50 countries on 6 continents. The countries that we receive the most au pair candidates from are:

Austria	Germany	South Africa
Brazil	Israel	Sweden
China	Italy	Spain
Colombia	Mexico	Thailand
France	Poland	

PROGRAM OPTIONS



AU PAIR

Ideal for families with one or more children who require up to 45 hours of weekly care.



EXTRAORDINAIRE®

Ideal for families with one or more children who require up to 45 hours of weekly care and looking for specialized qualifications.



EDUCARE®

Ideal for families with one or more children who attend school full-time and require up to 30 hours of child care primarily in the early morning and after school, with some evenings and weekend hours.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

For over 35 years we have been providing quality, live-in child care to families, with a high level of support and service year round.

We offer:

- The largest selection of au pairs—thoroughly screened and qualified from more than 50 countries worldwide.
- The best placement services—featuring Expert Match, helping families find the right au pair for their family and coordinating pre-arrival logistics.
- Community-based support throughout the year—from one of our local, professional Community Counselors.
- 24/7 emergency assistance—for quick and efficient solutions should the need arise.
- An enriching experience for children to gain a global education and language immersion.
- A comprehensive orientation program for au pairs that features training for child safety and development norms, cultural adaptation, a Red Cross® safety session a post arrival welcome webinar two days after arrival.
- Indispensable services including visa processing, travel logistics, orientation and comprehensive insurance for au pairs.



“

HAVING A GOOD AU PAIR WHO'S TRULY PART OF THE FAMILY IS ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES. THE AU PAIR GETS A CHANCE TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE NEW THINGS AND YOUR FAMILY WILL LEARN A GREAT DEAL ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE GAINING A GLOBAL VIEW OF OUR WORLD. IT CAN ENHANCE EVERYONE'S LIVES IN WAYS YOU HADN'T THOUGHT IT WOULD. I CAN'T IMAGINE OUR AU PAIR NOT BEING HERE.”

—Kristin, Host Parent, Arizona

For more information, please visit:
[AuPairinAmerica.com](https://www.AuPairinAmerica.com)



International Camp Counselor and Support Staff



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8,000+
PARTICIPANTS
PER YEAR



PROVIDING
COUNSELORS
& SUPPORT
STAFF



AFFILIATIONS:
American Camp Association, Alliance
for International Exchange, Wayne
County Camp Alliance, Maine Camp
Experience, SCOPE (Summer Camp
Opportunities Promote Education),

Camp America recruits exceptional international students and young people to serve in counselor and support roles at a wide variety of American summer camps nationwide. The program carries its own Exchange Visitor Program sponsorship through the U.S. Department of State in both camp counselor and summer work travel categories. While the minimum age is eighteen, most participants are mature university students, graduates or professionals. All speak fluent English and undergo a rigorous screening and eligibility process.



Camp America provides additional opportunities for young internationals to travel in the U.S. We place counselors who teach every skill imaginable, as well as participants who contribute behind the scenes in areas such as camp maintenance, kitchen and office.

Participants, American staff and campers alike benefit from the exchange of cultures, customs and skills that comes from integrating internationals into the American summer camp experience.

“

THE THREE HAPPY SUMMERS I SPENT WITH CAMP AMERICA AS A STUDENT TAUGHT ME MANY THINGS, INCLUDING HOW TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE'S LIFE AND TO GET ON WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. THESE QUALITIES PROVED INVALUABLE IN MY CAREER AS AN EXPLORER AND MOUNTAINEER.”

—Sir David Hempleman-Adams, British Industrialist and Adventurer

David Hempleman-Adams was the first person to walk to both the North and South magnetic and geographic Poles and has climbed the highest mountains on all seven continents.

PARTICIPANTS

Camp America participants apply for the opportunity of a unique cultural exchange experience in the United States. The program is renowned worldwide as a chance to gain valuable experience while building self-confidence, teaching and acquiring new skills.

Our screening process ensures that they arrive prepared to share their talents and culture with others. Campers learn much about the world and benefit from personal interaction with these enthusiastic and dedicated individuals adding a unique dimension to camp life.

We seek individuals whose skills meet the demands of host camps. Recruitment offices are located in the UK, Germany, Poland and Australia. Close partnerships with reputable organizations in numerous other countries truly make us a global program.

To learn more about becoming a Camp America participant, visit us at CampAmerica.co.uk.

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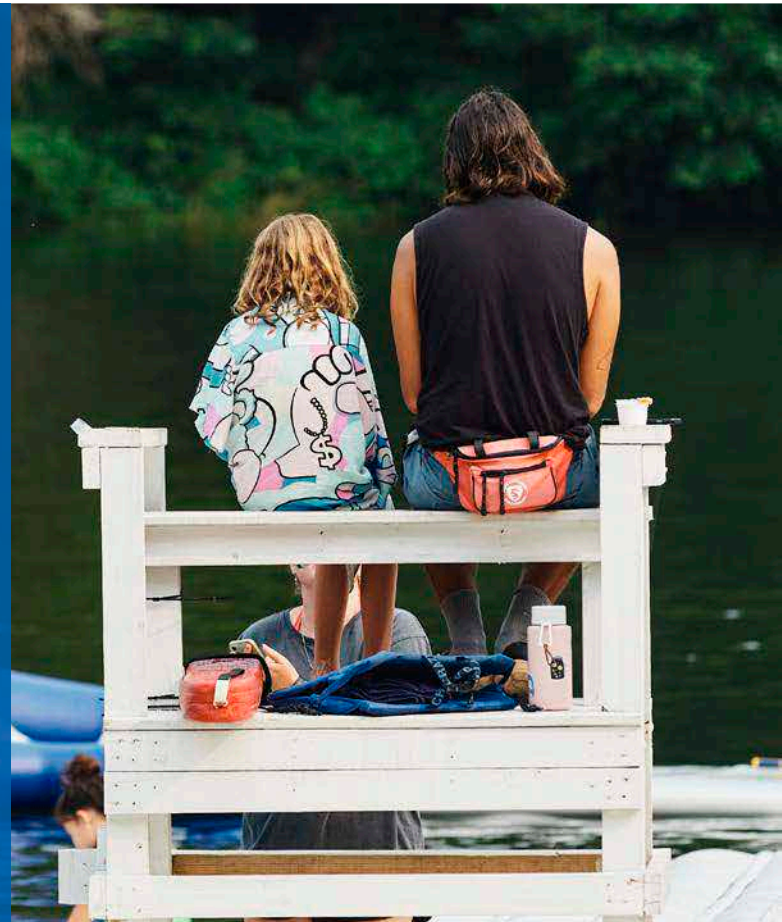
IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS I EVER DID. IT BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY SHELL AND DEVELOPED MY PEOPLE SKILLS TO LEVELS I DIDN'T THINK WERE POSSIBLE. IT HAS HELPED ME MAKE FRIENDS AND GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO PUSH MYSELF FURTHER AND LEAVE MY COMFORT ZONE MORE. CAMP HAS ALSO HELPED WITH MY CAREER PROSPECTS, BOTH BY BOOSTING MY CV AND GIVING ME CONFIDENCE IN INTERVIEWS.”

—James, UK,
Camp America Participant

“

I FEEL I HAVE GROWN UP A BIT. LEARNING IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WILL STAY WITH ME FOREVER. SEEING KIDS SMILE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SOMETHING YOU HAVE DONE IS POSSIBLY THE MOST REWARDING THING.”

—Carly Harris, UK
CAMP America Participant



HOST CAMPS

In addition to adding an international aspect to their programs and securing skilled applicants, host camps receive unequalled service and support every step of the way. We offer the largest selection of qualified applicants in the exchange community.

Each camp is assigned an experienced and dedicated account representative who is relationship-oriented and a professional in the field of cultural exchange. Representatives thoroughly get to know their camps' and are experts in finding just the right match. Camps also search for and select applicants by utilizing our user-friendly online matching system. We pride ourselves on exceptional program support for camps and safeguarding participant health, safety and welfare.

We also offer unique Camp Directors' Fair opportunities to meet and select Camp America applicants face-to-face.

“

OVER MY MANY YEARS WORKING WITH CAMP AMERICA, I HAVE HAD NOTHING BUT EXEMPLARY SERVICE FROM ALL THEIR STAFF AND ESPECIALLY OUR ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE. DAY OR NIGHT THEY GO THE EXTRA MILE TO HELP US WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. THEY MAKE SURE THAT APPLICANTS HAVE THE RIGHT SKILLS, ARE INFORMED AND READY TO BE PLACED MAKING WORKING WITH CAMP AMERICA A BREEZE.”

—Hylton Wener, Camp Director

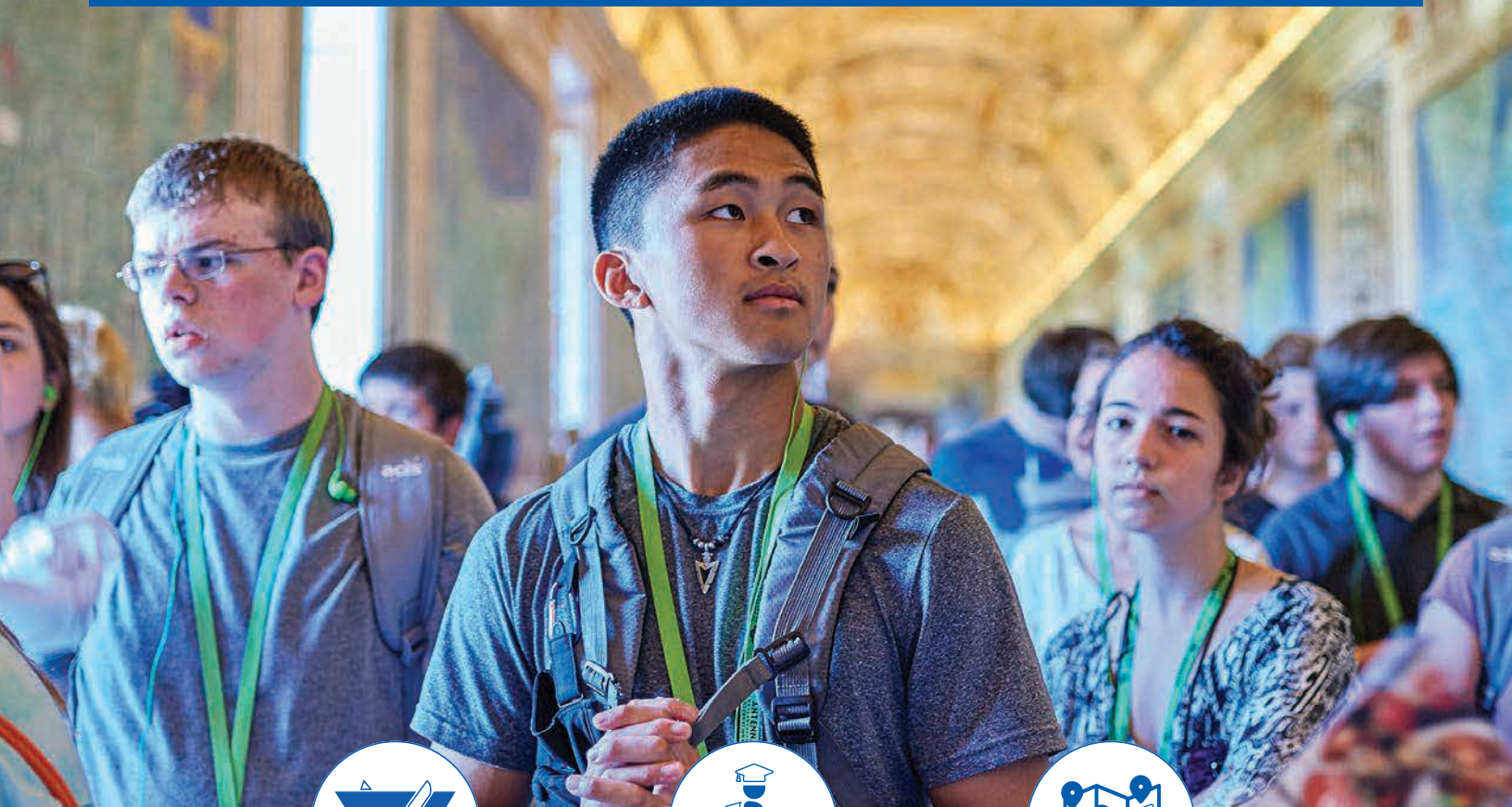
For more information, please visit:
[CampAmerica.com](https://www.CampAmerica.com)





Exceptional Educational Travel

The American Council for International Studies (ACIS), together with the original AIFS high school program—founded in 1964—has helped over half a million students discover the world on teacher-led study tours. By traveling on an ACIS educational tour, students develop global mindedness while gaining insight not just from seeing famous places, but also from observing life in and around these locations. A commitment to changing lives through cultural travel has made ACIS the most respected name in educational travel.



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15,000
STUDENTS
per year



HIGH SCHOOL
& GROUP
TOURS

A PERSONALIZED TRIP FOR EVERY TEACHER AND EVERY VISION

We know every teacher's idea of the perfect trip is different. That's why we offer so many program options. All ACIS programs are personalized to best suit teacher's unique goals and visions—and are always exceptional!

UNIQUE GROUP TOURS

ACIS offers 200+ customizable itineraries that are ready to change lives. Over the years we've kept in step with teachers, and their curriculums' ever-changing needs. The balance of cultural connections, sightseeing and unstructured exploration time varies, but each tour is designed to maximize time overseas for an exceptional experience.

CUSTOM TOURS

Over 75% of ACIS group leaders customize their tour from a little to a lot. We think of our itineraries as a launching pad for our group leader's imagination, and are obsessively flexible to provide limitless choices. Nothing is off-the-shelf and nothing's etched in stone except our promise to make the adventure amazing

“

WITH ACIS, I CAN ASSURE MY STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT RETURN HOME THE SAME AS WHEN THEY LEFT. THE EXPERIENCES ON THESE TRIPS ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO CONTINUE TO BE WORLD TRAVELERS AND EQUIP THEM TO BE GLOBAL CITIZENS.”

—Cara B., Group Leader

“

“WHEN I HEARD ‘WOW’ MANY TIMES DURING THE TRIP, I KNEW THAT THEY WERE LEARNING, FEELING CHALLENGED, AND HAVING, AS MANY OF THEM SAID, THE BEST EXPERIENCE OF THEIR LIFE.”

—Mara K, Group Leader

“

THERE ARE THINGS IN MY CAREER THAT MAKE ME FEEL LIKE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING, AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM.”

—Jessica D., Group Leader



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

ACIS' Youth and Young Women's Leadership Projects not only inspire, but help participants to develop the characteristics necessary to be a leader: empathy, adaptability, courage and strong communication skills. Each of our leadership projects includes connections with local leaders, cultural immersion opportunities and international student exchanges.

LANGUAGE IMMERSION

To truly understand and appreciate another culture, you need to live it. Our homestay and language study experiences emphasize interacting with locals for an immersive linguistic experience.

STEM-FOCUSED TRIPS

Our STEM programs provide thoughtful, hands-on ways for teachers and their students to connect science, technology, engineering and math to the real world.

SERVICE LEARNING

ACIS Service Learning projects provide students the opportunity to actively contribute to the local community in a meaningful way. Projects range in duration and intensity, but each is developed to benefit the local community, all the while enhancing students' understanding of the world.

For more information, please visit:

ACIS.com

ENCORE TOURS

EncoreTours.com

Encore Tours is the performance travel division of ACIS. Encore organizes performance tours for choirs and church choirs, marching bands, concert bands, orchestras, and jazz ensembles. Successful music programs and great music travel go hand in hand. Our customized touring packages help define a sense of purpose for ensembles, build ensemble unity and strengthen friendships. They help boost the ensemble's reputation in the community and enhance recruitment and fundraising efforts. And, perhaps most importantly, they allow diverse cultures to come together and share in the universal language of music.

With Encore Tours, performing before a packed concert hall in historic cities can be more than a dream; we not only take you to inspiring venues, but we also provide all the behind-the-scenes support you need to make performance magic happen. We guarantee audiences at all performances, and we take care of the details, so you can enjoy the trip of a lifetime.

We are also proud to offer Encore Experiences, the premier collection of music appreciation programs. Our elevated experiences have been carefully crafted for musically minded travelers who are inspired by a deeper interaction with the people and places that produce world-class music.

“

THE METICULOUS PLANNING BY ENCORE MADE THIS TRIP EVERYTHING I COULD HAVE HOPED FOR. THEY CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THE HAPPINESS OF THE DIRECTOR AND STUDENTS AND WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.”

—Cathynn Roding, Branford High School Choir, Connecticut





Comprehensive Insurance Coverage for International Education Participants

CISI is the market leader of study abroad and educational travel insurance coverage and has insured over one million participants worldwide.

In addition to offering individual plan options for international students and study abroad participants, we provide customized group solutions to work and travel organizations, au pair agencies, study abroad program providers and universities throughout the U.S.

Our participants travel to more than 190 countries annually, including Costa Rica, Italy, Brazil, Egypt, China, the United States and more. Our international and sister offices give us direct connections in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Poland and Australia.

CISI maintains relationships with financially stable carriers, all rated A or better by A.M. Best. With access to both the domestic and international insurance markets, our carefully curated plans ensure that our clients can provide their participants with the best benefits and services available while also supporting them with 24-7 crisis management support and access to the latest global intelligence tools and resources.

CISI also functions as an authorized Third Party Administrator with a fully automated claim payment system and a staff of professional claim examiners with authority to effect direct payment of claims. Claims are processed promptly and efficiently and can be paid directly to foreign providers in multiple currencies.

Whether you are a study abroad student traveling outside of the United States, an international scholar coming to the U.S. or an educational travel group, CISI has individual and group insurance solutions to fit your needs and budget.

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OUR INSTITUTION HAS PARTNERED WITH CISI FOR MANY YEARS AND OUR FAITH IN THIS COMPANY HAS NEVER WAVERED. OUR SUPPORT TEAM IS INCREDIBLE WITH FAST RESPONSE TIMES AND ANSWERING ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS WE MAY HAVE. OUR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE IS A ROCKSTAR!”

—Murray State University



ESTABLISHED
1992



APPROXIMATELY
190,000
PARTICIPANTS
PER YEAR



CUSTOMIZED
INDIVIDUAL
& GROUP
PLANS

CareMed®

Insurance for Educational Travel

With over 25 years of experience, CareMed is the definitive and reliable insurance coverage provider for exchange program participants. We offer three levels of world-class insurance coverage at an affordable cost to participants with flexible payment methods available.

CareMed is run by our offices in the U.S. and Germany.

For more information or to request a quote, visit us at [CareMed.biz](https://www.caremed.biz).

BENEFITS TO OUR CLIENTS:

- Multilingual, 24-hour emergency travel assistance
- Various policies with possibility of combination
- Easy online application
- Transparent brand support
- Cost-saving
- Profitable partnership



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FOR SEVERAL YEARS, CISI HAS PROVIDED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICIES FOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND STAFF. WE HAVE APPRECIATED THEIR EXCELLENCE IN OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP YEAR AFTER YEAR. OUR ASSIGNED CISI REPRESENTATIVE IS ALWAYS QUICK TO RESPOND TO OUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.”

—Clemson University

COVERAGES INCLUDE:

- Accident and sickness medical coverage in compliance with U.S. Department of State minimums (with higher limits available)
- Accidental death and dismemberment coverage
- Worldwide trip cancellation coverage (including “Cancel for Any Reason” options)
- Trip interruption/return airfare benefit
- Trip delay coverage
- Quarantine coverage
- Emergency family reunion benefit
- Baggage and personal effects coverage
- Personal liability options
- Security coverage for political unrest and natural disasters
- Medical evacuation and repatriation benefits

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THE TEAM AT CISI IS INCREDIBLY RESPONSIVE AND PROFESSIONAL, ADDRESSING ISSUES AND CONCERNS BEFORE THEY GET TO A CRISIS MODE. MOST RECENTLY WE HAD TO ADJUST THE COVERAGE FOR A SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL DESTINATION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRY AND THE EMBASSIES ISSUING VISAS TO STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD. THE CISI TEAM WORKED OUT ALL OF THE DETAILS AND PROVIDED US WITH A VERY COMPETITIVE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE FOR PROVIDING THIS EXPANDED COVERAGE.”

—Broward College



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EXCELLENT AND PROFESSIONAL TEAM MEMBERS WHO ARE ACCESSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE. CISI HAS A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF OUR TRAVELERS’ NEEDS AND OUR OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.”

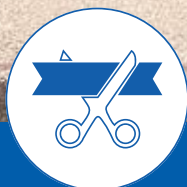
—University of Maryland

For more information, please visit:
[CulturalInsurance.com](https://www.CulturalInsurance.com)



AIFS Educational Travel – in Australia

Whether you're a first-time traveler or a seasoned one – AIFS' Australia options are an amazing, cost-effective way to experience life down under.



ESTABLISHED
2005



APPROXIMATELY
2,000
PARTICIPANTS
PER YEAR



OPPORTUNITIES
TO WORK, AU PAIR,
VOLUNTEER OR
TRAVEL TO
AUSTRALIA

AU PAIR IN AUSTRALIA

Want to use your childcare or babysitting experience and add overseas work experience to your CV? Au Pair in Australia is an immersive cultural experience living with an Australian family and caring for their children. Placements start from just 6 months, include full board plus pocket money, time off and a completion bonus. AIFS families are located in every state and region of Australia and are every shape and size – there is a family for everyone.

Your AIFS program will include placement with a family, airport transfers, 4 nights accommodation, a 2-day orientation with other au pairs, free transfer to your host family, community counselor support, plus a FREE transfer you to our Work & Travel team at the end of your placement!

WORK & TRAVEL AUSTRALIA

Looking to experience Australia as more than just a tourist? Work & Travel Australia is a perfect option. Our support services are for the full duration of your working holiday visa, and give you unlimited access to AIFS' job and travel desks.

FARM & TRAVEL AUSTRALIA

This eco-friendly option is perfect for short term travelers or those planning a working holiday. We arrange a 4-week placement at a farm that practices organic farming. Your volunteer work will average 4-6 hours daily in exchange for meals & lodgings. This is a hands-on experience that gives you the chance to disconnect and learn. After your placement you have the option to moving to our Work & Travel program at no cost or continue your travels.

OUR CENTER

AIFS' center is located in the heart of downtown Sydney however our services extend nationwide. Every time you visit the AIFS center you will have exclusive 'members-only' access to our travel and job desks, free computers and WIFI access, and use of our dedicated AIFS lounge. Once on the road, our WhatsApp groups connect you with other AIFS travelers, and are a great way yo ask a question, find a car or share some tips.

Regardless of the program you choose, every AIFS Australia traveler receive the same amazing arrival week package which includes airport transfer, 4 nights accommodation, a 2-day orientation, beach and city walking tours, a sim card for your cell phone, breakfasts, drink/food vouchers and a Sydney OPAL transport card with \$20 credit.

So if you are looking to add international experience to your CV plus have an amazing cultural exchange experience, head to our website and start your AIFS Australia application today.

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MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN AU PAIR WAS THE RELATIONSHIP I MADE WITH MY HOST FAMILY AND CHILDREN. IT WAS ALWAYS SO REWARDING WHEN THE CHILDREN WERE EXCITED TO SEE ME.”

—Annalisse, Former au pair

For more information, please visit:
AIFS.com.au



Study Abroad Opportunities for Students from Germany/Austria/Switzerland



IEC - International Education for Global Minds, a leading university representative and educational consultant based in Berlin, Germany, recruits students from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland to study abroad at one of the IEC Partner Universities in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Spain, South Africa, South Korea or Japan.

IEC represents foreign universities and offers a comprehensive consultancy and marketing service to its partner universities. IEC was one of the first agencies certified by the American International Recruitment Council (AIRC), a non-profit organization focused on safeguarding the interests of both international students and enrolling institutions through the promotion of ethical recruitment strategies. IEC provides free support to students throughout the process of applying to study abroad.

IEC OFFERS COMPLIMENTARY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS THAT INCLUDES:

- choosing a study abroad program
- financial aid planning
- application assistance

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IEC HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, ONE OF SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY'S BIGGEST AND MOST VALUABLE AGENTS IN EUROPE. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT IEC JOINING FORCES WITH AIFS, AND THE PROSPECT OF WELCOMING A NEW MARKET OF GAP YEAR STUDENTS TO SUNNY SAN DIEGO”

—Chad Schempp, Senior Director of Recruitment, Business Development, and International Programs for SDSU



ESTABLISHED
2001



OVER
110
UNIVERSITY
Partnerships



23
COUNTRIES



Certified agency of
ICEF and Education
New Zealand

IEC SERVICE TO UNIVERSITIES

- Partner of international offices for free-mover mobility
- Provides stats and student feedback to universities
- All IEC services for universities are free of charge

IEC SERVICES TO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY PARTNERS:

- Consultancy advice for building a semester program that suits the German/Austrian/Swiss market
- Positioning semester programs in the German/Austrian/Swiss market, including benchmarking against other providers
- Quality management, i.e. providing turn-around stats (time from university receiving the application until an admissions letter is issued)
- Organization of national roadshows
- Targeted online campaigns such as a University of the Month Campaign, Social Media Ambassador Campaign, Podcasts
- Information website with more than 10 sub-pages for each of its partner institutions
- Comprehensive printed IEC Study Guide distributed through university staff to students

MEMBERSHIPS

- AIRC (American International Recruitment Council)
- EAIE (European Association for International Education)
- NAFSA (Association of International Educators)



THE GERMAN MARKET

- Germany is typically a study abroad market: Most students go abroad for only one semester as a fee-paying (so-called free mover) student during their Bachelor or Master's degree.
- High academic level: Based on QM surveys conducted by our partner universities, IEC students generally outperform the average GPA.
- Mature and self-sufficient students: Most students will already have lived on their own for a couple of years before going abroad. They fit in easily and contribute extensively to student life.
- High level of English language proficiency: Most students learn English from age seven or earlier and easily manage academic studies in English.
- No visa issues: German students usually have a 100% success rate with their visa application.
- High conversion rate: The conversion of applications from IEC reach reaches up to 98%.

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WHAT IEC OFFERS PERFECTLY COMPLEMENTS THE EXISTING PORTFOLIO OF FAU AND EXTENDS THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR UR STUDENTS TO DISCOVER THE WORLD.”

— Jörg Reisner, International Office, Faculty of Economic Sciences at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

For more information, please visit:
[IECOnline.de](https://www.iec-online.de)



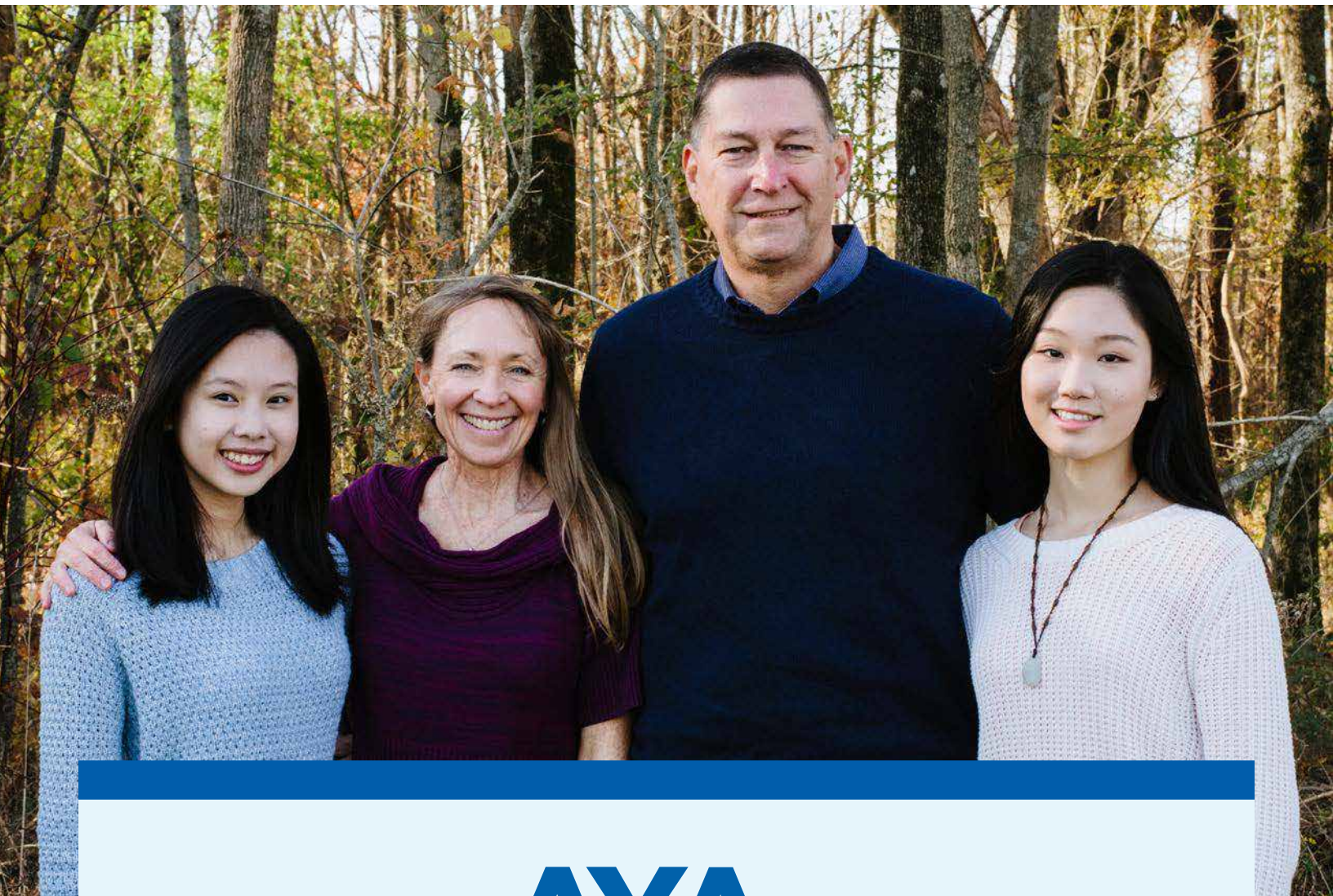
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UNSURPRISINGLY, MY STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER IN VIETNAM INCLUDING MY TRAVELS AFTERWARDS WERE THE MOST INTENSE AND FORMATIVE TIMES IN MY ENTIRE LIFE.

I DID HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS BUT THEY WERE EXCEEDED. I REALIZED HOW SMALL MY WORLD WAS BEFORE AND SEE EVEN THE MOST USUAL THINGS AT HOME DIFFERENTLY NOW.”

— Jan-Philipp Arps, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Semester Abroad at RMIT Vietnam





High School International Exchange

Academic Year in America (AYA), a leading non-profit program that brings nearly 500 international high school students, aged 15-18, to the U.S. annually. Carefully screened and selected volunteer American host families open their hearts and homes, offering students a rich cultural experience for a semester or academic year on U.S. State Department approved J-1 Visas.

The program aims to foster global competency by offering international youth a deeper understanding and appreciation of American people and their culture, while stimulating Americans' curiosity in learning about new cultures and languages. Through these first-hand cross-cultural experiences, participants gain valuable skills that prepare them to become thoughtful and engaged global citizens in an interconnected world.

Administered by dedicated full-time staff in our main office in Stamford, Connecticut, and supported by a network of over 200 Local Coordinators across the U.S., AYA is proud to administer a quality program with an unwavering commitment to the safety of its students and service to all participants. Collaborating with international partners worldwide, AYA carefully screens and selects high quality students who are motivated to learn, grow and expand their worldview.

AYA STUDENTS

AYA students are the best and brightest of their nations. With a minimum of three years of English study and solid academic records, these students, aged 15-18, undergo careful review before being accepted into the program. Maturity, a global perspective, and a commitment to making the most of this unique experience are qualities we value. Hailing from over 55 countries, with a majority from Germany, Brazil, and Italy, AYA students bring their own spending money and full medical insurance and are the best and brightest representatives of their nations, eager to become part of an American family and immerse themselves in American culture.



ESTABLISHED
1981



APPROXIMATELY
500
STUDENTS
PER YEAR



*Academic Year in America
is a program of the AIFS
Foundation, a sister
company of AIFS Inc.*

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I WANT TO THANK EVERY SINGLE HOST FAMILY FOR HOSTING ALL OF US AND MAKING OUR DREAM COME TRUE. IT IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE WORK WHAT THEY'VE DONE FOR A STRANGER. AND ALSO, IT IS UNBELIEVABLE HOW MUCH THE AYA STAFF AND ALL THE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS DID FOR ALL THE MANY DIFFERENT YOUNG STRANGERS FROM ALL AROUND THE GLOBE! A BIG THANK YOU!”

—Laura, German Student, 2022

AYA VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

United by a shared desire to embrace a young person from abroad as a “son” or “daughter,” our host families are the heart of AYA. Their altruistic commitment extends beyond providing a bed, study space, and meals; their generosity fosters empathy and compassion, as they create meaningful connections and life-long friendships with their international students. Host families come from all walks of life, representing different generations, living in suburban and rural areas across the United States. Whether retirees, single parents, empty nesters, young couples, or families with and without children, AYA host families create a supportive home environment.

Host families have the option to select students who they believe will be a great fit for their family, based on language, nationality, gender, and/or shared interests. Qualified host families can review student profiles on our website, with their Local Coordinator or by working directly with the national office to find the perfect match for their family.

AYA offers several hosting terms, to meet every family’s needs. Families can host for one semester (5-months), a full academic year (10-months), or they can serve as a Welcome family, for the first 4-6 weeks of a student’s arrival in the U.S.



AYA LOCAL COORDINATORS

Our dedicated Local Coordinators play a vital role in the AYA program. Responsible for finding and screening host families, enrolling students in local accredited high schools, and providing ongoing support throughout the program year, they ensure a safe and mutually rewarding experience for students and host families alike. Many coordinators are host parents themselves, adding a personal touch to their commitment.

If you are interested in becoming either an AYA host family or AYA Local Coordinator, visit us online at: [AcademicYear.org](https://www.academicyear.org)

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THE AYA EXCHANGE PROGRAM ALLOW US TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY TO EXPERIENCE THE UNITED STATES. OUR HOST DAUGHTER BRINGS SO MUCH TO OUR FAMILY; IT IS A GREAT SHOWING OUR KIDS WHAT LIFE IS LIKE IN A DIFFERENT PART OF THE WORLD. WE ESPECIALLY ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT HER FAMILY’S CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS. FURTHER, OUR LOCAL COORDINATOR AND OTHER HOST FAMILIES PLAN A NUMBER OF EVENTS WHICH WE ENJOY ATTENDING. WE CANNOT RECOMMEND THIS EXPERIENCE ENOUGH!”

—Clint, AYA Host Parent



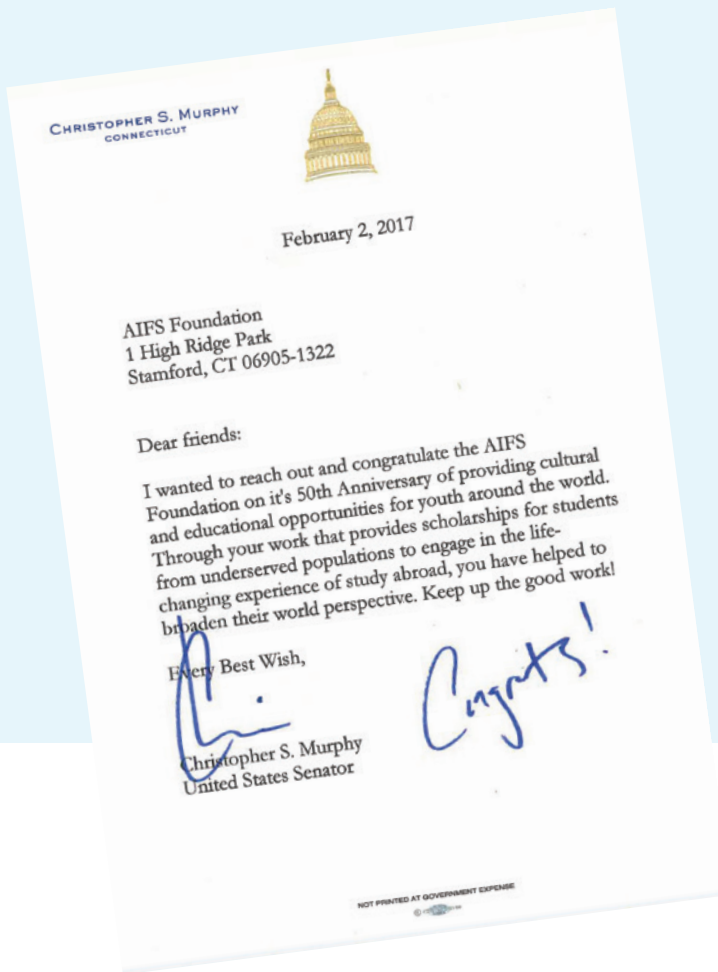
ABOUT THE AIFS FOUNDATION

The AIFS Foundation, an independent, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity, was established in 1967 with the assistance of the late Senator Robert Kennedy to help young people from many nations and diverse cultures to understand each other better. The AIFS Foundation provides grants and scholarships to students for participation in study abroad programs and provides grants to high schools and institutions to promote international education.

The AIFS Foundation's mission is to provide high-quality educational and cultural exchange opportunities through exemplary programs and practices to foster understanding among people of the world.

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

The AIFS Foundation gives grants and scholarships annually to advance our mission. Scholarships are awarded to youth from under-served populations to have the life-changing experience of traveling and studying abroad. Donations provide an invaluable source of financial aid for students who could not afford the cost of participating in a study abroad program. Feedback from our scholarship students confirms the benefits of the experience in providing more hope, knowledge and inspiration in their lives. Donations go directly to the students and are tax deductible as a charitable contribution to the fullest extent allowed by law. To make a donation, please contact Executive Director, Melanie French at mfrench@aifs.org or 203-399-5100 or visit AIFSFoundation.org.



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WE WEREN'T BLESSED WITH CHILDREN THEREFORE AFTER HOSTING FOR MANY YEARS WE CREATED AN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY OF OUR OWN! ONCE ONE OF THESE STUDENTS HAVE TOUCHED YOUR HEART AND BECOME PART OF YOUR FAMILY, IT'S SO NATURAL TO WANT TO HOST AGAIN!”

— Sarah, AYA Host Mother



J-1 Intern and Trainee Program for International Participants and U.S. Companies



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2024



**STUDENTS &
PROFESSIONALS**
FROM ACROSS THE
GLOBE



OVERSEES MULTI-SECTOR
**TALENT
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS**
ACROSS INDUSTRY



**DESIGNATED
J-1 INTERN
& TRAINEE**
VISA SPONSOR

AIFS Professional Partnerships is dedicated to fostering international talent development and cultural exchange, by bringing together internationally-minded U.S. companies with talented individuals from all over the world.

AIFS Professional Pathways provides J-1 visa sponsorship for individuals from around the globe pursuing intern- and traineeships, across most industries, at multi-sector companies across the United States. The program supports U.S. companies, immigration firms, universities, partners, students, and professional at all levels. AIFS Professional Pathways is designated by the U.S. Department of State to sponsor J-1 visas in the Intern and Trainee categories.

AIFS Professional Pathways assists with the essential aspects of the J-1 visa process, including application guidance, federal form issuance, compliance with U.S. Department of State regulations, and ongoing support throughout the duration of the program.

FOR INDIVIDUALS

By providing J-1 visa sponsorship, AIFS Professional Pathways grants Interns (students and recent graduates) and Trainees (professionals) with temporary work authorization, allowing them to engage in full-time, on-the-job training for varying durations of 3 weeks to 18 months. The program is designed to be comprehensive and supportive, ensuring a smooth transition for international participants.

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THIS IS A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAM FOR BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND EMPLOYER ALIKE, BUILDING A MORE INTERCONNECTED, SKILLED, AND INNOVATIVE GLOBAL WORKFORCE.”

—Shaina Katz, Vice President, AIFS Professional Pathways

FOR COMPANIES

Host organizations in the United States are encouraged to participate in this initiative to both access a pool of motivated and skilled international talent, and to develop their global workforce through rotational training opportunities. By hosting a J-1 participant, companies not only contribute to the professional growth of an individual but also enrich their own teams with fresh perspectives and cultural diversity.

This invaluable experience not only presents a myriad of opportunities for both participants and employers, but also fosters cultural understanding and encourages professional growth.

For more information, please visit:
[AIFSProfessionalPathways.com](https://www.aifspathways.com)

Impact AIFS

AIFS is proud to support the following organizations, charities, and programs through the Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation (CTCF). AIFS profits are distributed by CTCF to fulfill the mission of world peace, support for underserved students and bringing the world together through international education and cultural exchange. AIFS is the sole funder of CTCF.



AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

Founded in 1915, AFS is a non-profit global organization providing students with unique services and programs. CTCF provides funding to AFS International with a primary focus on their global classroom projects for students and teachers.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT COUNCIL (AIRC)

Founded in 2008, AIRC is a non-profit membership organization comprised of U.S. colleges and international partners, which provides standards-based recruitment and enrollment for international students. CTCF provides funding for underserved U.K. students to study in public and private institutions in the U.S.

B MORE GLOBAL

Founded in 2019, B More Global is a non-profit organization that provides students of Baltimore with a year of culturally rich extracurricular programming in a fully subsidized study abroad experience. These experiences spark a lifetime of interest in foreign cultures and a commitment to become changemakers in their communities and beyond. CTCF provides funding to B More Global for student scholarships.

THE BUTTLETRUST UK

Founded by Frank Buttle in 1953, this UK registered charity is dedicated to helping children and young people living in financial hardship and dealing with multiple challenging social issues. Through Boarding Chances for Children, CTCF provides funding for boarding school places for vulnerable children whose education has been disrupted by their home environment.

CULTURAL VISTAS

Founded in 1963, Cultural Vistas is a non-profit organization with six decades of experience designing and implementing exchange opportunities for individuals and institutions that cultivate curious, culturally competent, and globally engaged leaders. CTCF provides funding for the African development project at Spelman and Morehouse HBCUs. This project immerses students in the history and culture of Rwanda while they actively participate in the local community development.

DIVERSE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COLOR (DIWC)

Founded in 2018, DIWC is a non-profit organization with a mission to inspire, encourage and promote opportunities for women of color to travel abroad, experience different cultures and broaden their horizons beyond the United States. CTCF provides study abroad scholarships for semester or summer programs.

FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (FIE)

Founded in 1989, FIE is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide international education programs globally. CTCF is proud to sponsor FIE's annual student leadership conference in London to encourage engagement and growth in international education.

FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD (FEA)

Founded in 2010, FEA is a non-profit organization that provides study abroad scholarships for U.S. students. CTCF provides funding for Cyril Taylor Scholars to stay in the U.K. for a semester or a full year.

GLOBAL GLIMPSE

Founded in 2007, Global Glimpse is a nonprofit organization that provides powerful international travel, leadership, and global learning opportunities to high school students from diverse backgrounds. Focus is on travel to Ecuador, Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica. CTCF provides funds to students in the summer between junior & senior year to learn about these developing countries bringing newfound perspectives back to their high schools and communities.

GREEN KORDOFAN

Founded in 2015, Green Kordofan is a non-profit organization that supports refugee children in South Sudan. Green Kordofan offers young people individual and social support, health services and provides an environment centered around sports and youth activities for the Yida Refugee Camp in Unity state, South Sudan. CTCF provides funding to directly support this mission.



INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IIE)

Founded in 1919, IIE is a world leader in international exchange. As an independent non-profit organization, IIE has a network of global offices that design and implement programs of study and training for students around the world. CTCF provides substantial funding to the IIE Emergency Student Fund for international students in the U.S. who have been impacted by events in their home countries.

LEARNSERVE INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 2023, LearnServe International is a non-profit organization that empowers young people from diverse backgrounds to become globally minded social entrepreneurs who tackle social challenges in their communities through actions grounded in equity and justice. CTCF supports their efforts by funding scholarships and supporting their travel program in Rwanda.

NORDEN FARM

This local arts center and UK registered charity in Maidenhead, England believes in the transformative power the arts have to change lives. Through their education, participation and outreach programs, they provide a range of opportunities for children and young people from diverse and challenging backgrounds. CTCF provides grants to support education and community projects.

OPEN UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1969, Open University is one of the largest non-profit universities in Europe with nearly 210,000 students enrolled annually - 9,000 of them international students. CTCF sponsors the Black Student Fund enabling students of color in the U.K. to study towards a degree.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES PROMOTE EDUCATION (SCOPE)

Founded in 1991, SCOPE is a non-profit organization which provides children from underserved communities with life changing opportunities through the experience of summer camp. SCOPE funds camp scholarships ("camperships") to send children who commit to staying in school to nonprofit, residential camps which will empower them to develop to their full potential. CTCF provides annual funding to SCOPE to support this mission.

TEENS OF COLOR ABROAD (TOCA)

Founded in 2022, TOCA is a non-profit organization with a mission to cultivate the next generation of globally conscious youth by providing high school students of color, with enriching language learning opportunities. CTCF provides funding to TOCA so they can offer unique and culturally rich learning experiences for high schoolers.

US-UK FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

Founded in 1946, the Fulbright Foundation is a non-profit organization with a student program which aims to expand perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue. In partnership with more than 140 countries worldwide, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers unparalleled opportunities in all academic disciplines to graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals from all backgrounds. CTCF provides grants for the Sir Cyril Taylor Social Entrepreneurship Scholarships allowing Fulbright to further their mission of providing educational excellence and culturally diverse opportunities.

WAGING PEACE

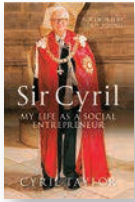
Founded in 1989, Waging Peace is a non-profit organization which supports Sudanese asylum-seekers and refugees, allowing them to build meaningful lives in the U.K. CTCF provides funding to support their mission to help the people of Sudan live and work safely as they strive towards attaining peace for their homeland.

** This is a partial list of the organizations and charities that CTCF supports*

AIFS & AIFS Foundation Publications in Association with IIE

In addition to cultural exchange and educational programs, AIFS produces studies and publications on topics including cultural exchange advice, trends and outcomes. For more information on how to obtain copies of these and other AIFS publications, visit [AIFS.com/publications](https://aifs.com/publications) or call us at (866) 906-2437.

To order specific information for any programs listed in this brochure, please visit the program websites or order at [AIFS.com/brochurerequest](https://aifs.com/brochurerequest)



Sir Cyril: My Life as a Social Entrepreneur

The autobiography of Sir Cyril Taylor, AIFS Founder and Chairman. Sir Cyril reflects on his life and accomplishments during his long and distinguished career in education and public service in the U.S. and UK.



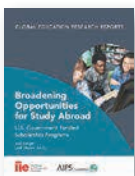
AIFS Student Guide to Study Abroad and Career Development

The goal of this guide, written by Martin Tillman, is to provide students with a framework to understand the impact and added value of study abroad for their career development. Regardless of duration or destination, we believe students will benefit from considering the career implications of their decision to study abroad.



The Rise of Remote Global Internships: Promising Practices and the Implications for Career Readiness

This paper provides insight into the role of remote global internships in providing experiential educational opportunities for university students and the potential role these internships have in developing students' skills acquisition, global citizenship, and career readiness.



Broadening Opportunities for Study Abroad: U.S. Government Funded Scholarship Programs

This paper explores U.S. government scholarship opportunities available to U.S. students interested in an international experience, highlighting different sponsoring agencies. It analyzes how the scholarships support U.S. government programming goals of encouraging citizen diplomacy, strengthening national security, and building a globalized workforce.



Studying for the Future: International Secondary Students in the United States

This paper provides an overview of international secondary student enrollment trends in the United States, describing a case study of the AIFS Foundation's Academic Year in America (AYA) high school exchange student program.



Study Abroad Matters: Linking Higher Education to the Contemporary Workforce through International Experience

This paper, from IIE and the AIFS Foundation, synthesizes leading-edge research to demonstrate that in this globalized era, study abroad has become one of the most powerful ways to prove to employers that graduates have in-demand skills for the contemporary workplace. An outline of best practices for higher education institutions, the industry, and graduates to better articulate the value of study abroad for the contemporary marketplace.



Faculty and Education Abroad: The Role of Faculty in Promoting Global Learning on U.S. Campuses

This white paper from IIE and the AIFS Foundation investigates the link between faculty and education abroad—and specific examples of institutions that have made considerable progress in expanding access to global learning and education abroad opportunities on campus—to shed light on opportunities and challenges that faculty face when engaging with education abroad, both as campus champions and leaders.



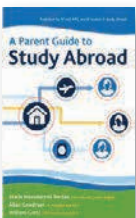
Supporting First-Generation Students to Study Abroad

IIE’s latest research publication, Supporting First-Generation Students to Study Abroad, describes the landscape of study abroad programming designed for first-generation college students and provides an overview of considerations for access to study abroad and relevant outcomes.



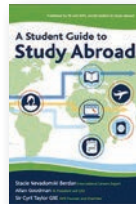
Mental Health and Well-Being in International Education: Reflections on Providing Support for Students and Administrators

The COVID-19 pandemic brought mental health concerns to the forefront on university campuses worldwide. In the United States, institutions and organizations recognize that all aspects of the international education cycle have been and continue to be affected by mental health challenges. Organizations such as IIE and AIFS provide examples of how staff is trained to provide mental health support to individuals in need and collaborate with university faculty and staff to support international students on their education journey.



A Parent Guide to Study Abroad

Co-authored by international careers expert Stacie Nevadomski Berdan, International Institute of Education (IIE) President Allan Goodman, AIFS Chairman William L. Gertz and in cooperation with the AIFS Foundation, this publication contains critical information parents will need to inform themselves, as well as support their high school or college student as they navigate the study abroad experience. Full of practical information written specifically for parents, the authors make a strong case for the importance of parental involvement that can influence and shape a successful cross-cultural experience.



A Student Guide to Study Abroad

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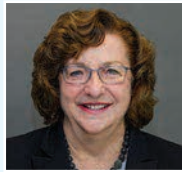
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