The Barbara and Stuart Padnos International Center

The Padnos International Center (PIC), a unit of the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, supports Grand Valley State University students in three primary ways. PIC facilitates study abroad and internship opportunities for every major and minor at GVSU in every region of the world. PIC also supports projects that help internationalize the campus and curriculum. Lastly, PIC sponsors events aimed at internationalizing the campus community.

In addition to academic services for students, PIC also supports GVSU faculty and staff in their international endeavors.

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Mission Statement:
To engage the University community in meaningful international experiences that foster an appreciation and awareness of diverse cultures, people, and ideas.

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About this Publication

This publication is designed to provide a brief overview of the international opportunities and resources for GVSU faculty and staff. Additionally, faculty and staff will find resources to assist them in advising international students and students who wish to study abroad.
GVSU PARTNERSHIPS

GVSU has partnerships with institutions all around the world. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to engage in international exchange with our partners and seek opportunities for collaboration.

Australia
Macquarie University
www.mq.edu.au
University of the Sunshine Coast
www.usc.edu.au

Austria
FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences (PCEC)
www.fh-joanneum.at

Chile
Universidad del Bio-Bío
www.ubiobio.cl

China
East China Normal University
www.ecnu.edu.cn
China-Japan Friendship Hospital
www.zryhyy.com.cn
Shenyang Institute of Engineering (PCEC)
english.sie.edu.cn

France
L’École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d’Angers
www.essca.fr
Groupe ESC Grenoble (SCB)
www.grenoble-em.com
Université Catholique de l’Ouest
www.uco.fr
Université de Versailles
Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (ENS)
www.uvsq.fr

Germany
Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg (SCB/PCEC)
www.dhbw.de
Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd (CLAS/COE)
www.ph-gmued.de

Ghana
University of Cape Coast
www.ucc.edu.gh

Hungary
University of Debrecen
www.unideb.hu

Italy
Università degli Studi di Perugia (CLAS)
www.unipg.it
Università per Stranieri di Perugia (CLAS)
www.unistrapg.it/english

Japan
International Christian University
www.icu.ac.jp
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
www.apu.ac.jp

Mexico
Universidad de las Américas Puebla
www.udlap.mx

Norway
University of Oslo
www.uio.no

Poland
Cracow University of Economics
www.uek.krakow.pl

Romania
Babes-Bolyai University
www.ubbcluj.ro

South Korea
Seoul National University of Science and Technology
www.seoultech.ac.kr

Spain
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
www.uc3m.com
University of Deusto
www.deusto.es

Switzerland
Zurich University of Applied Sciences (SCB/PCEC)
www.sml.zhaw.ch
www.engineering.zhaw.ch/en

Taiwan
National Taiwan Normal University
www.ntnu.edu.tw

Turkey
Middle East Technical University
www.metu.edu.tr

United Kingdom
Kingston University
www.kingston.ac.uk
University of Brighton (SCB)
www.brighton.ac.uk

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to connect with affiliate programs for additional international opportunities in a wide range of locations around the world.

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
www.aifsabroad.com

Academic Programs International (API)
www.apistudyabroad.com

Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
www.ciee.org

Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)
www.gowithcea.com

Edge Hill University (EHU), Ormskirk, England
www.edgehill.ac.uk

European Study Abroad (EUSA)
www.eusa-edu.com

Global Semesters
www.globalsemesters.com

Hellenic International Studies of the Arts (HISA), Paros, Greece
www.hellenicinternational.org

International Studies Abroad (ISA)
www.studiesabroad.com

John Cabot University (JCU), Rome, Italy
www.john cabot.edu

Semester in India, Kerala, India
www.semesterinindia.org

University Studies Abroad Consortium USAC
www.usac.unr.edu

CONSORTIA PROGRAMS

Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST)
www.teachabroad.ua.edu

John Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU)
www.jcmu.isp.msu.edu

www.gvsu.edu/pic
GRANTS

The Padnos International Center offers a wide-range of grants to support faculty, staff, and departmental interests in developing international activities. The following grant programs are designed to encourage faculty and staff to engage in collaborative educational exchanges with GVSU’s international partners, work towards GVSU’s internationalization goals, and to increase our understanding of different education systems and cultures around the world. Grant recipients are expected to incorporate their experiences abroad into their work at GVSU and to be advocates for international exchange within our campus community.

For information on how to apply, please visit www.gvsu.edu/pic/fsgrants

Internationalization Grant

APPLICATION DEADLINES: October 1 and February 1
ELIGIBILITY: Faculty*

The Internationalization Grant is meant to support specific internationalization goals in particular academic programs, in development of dual- or joint-degree schemes, curriculum integration projects, or new courses that feature global learning outcomes. An essential element of this grant is that the recipient integrates the skills/knowledge they acquired during their experience back into the GVSU campus community upon their return. The grants are not aimed at supporting participation in academic conferences. Awards up to $3,000 per project.

Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd Grant

DURATION: Spring/Summer session
APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1
ELIGIBILITY: COE and CLAS Faculty*

GVSU has been partnered with Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd (PHSG) in Germany since 2006. This partnership offers both student and faculty exchange opportunities. Since 2009, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) has been facilitating faculty exchanges for CLAS faculty. In addition to welcoming many PHSG faculty here at GVSU, many GVSU faculty have taught in Germany at PHSG during the spring/summer session. Recently, this program has expanded to include the College of Education (COE). GVSU faculty from either of these colleges can apply to participate in the faculty exchange each year.

For more information, contact Gretchen Galbraith (CLAS) galbraig@gvsu.edu or Sherie Williams (COE) willishe@gvsu.edu
Faculty/Staff Exchange Program
DURATION: 1 week (may vary based on proposal)
APPLICATION DEADLINES: October 1 and February 1 (For travel completed within one calendar year)
ELIGIBILITY: Faculty*, AP Staff, PSS Staff and Maintenance Staff

The Faculty/Staff Exchange Program is designed to significantly deepen or broaden GVSU’s comprehensive partnerships with select overseas institutions. This program is aimed at helping units and individuals realize existing internationalization goals. In particular, this program is an avenue to bring appropriate individuals from partner institutions here to the GVSU campuses so that our community can learn from them; the program supports reciprocal travel by appropriate individuals to visit the partner institutions, too. Grant awards are meant to provide enough funds for one individual to travel, but units or colleges may contribute funds for additional travelers.

Partnership Development Grant
Applications are considered on a rolling basis until funds are depleted
ELIGIBILITY: GVSU Departments (Individual faculty and staff members are not eligible to apply for this grant)

The Partnership Development Grant is available to departments interested in furthering the development of an existing university-wide partnership. Funding is limited and is intended to provide assistance for initiatives that are due to take place in the first year of a new project. We encourage departments to explore how GVSU’s international partnerships can enrich the offerings and activities within their respective area and how a partnership development grant could help meet the department’s goals. Preference will be given to projects in which the unit or college commits matching funds and to those projects that can show evidence of benefits to GVSU students.

Partnership Sustenance Grant
DURATION: 1 week (may vary based on proposal)
Applications are considered on a rolling basis until funds are depleted
ELIGIBILITY: Faculty* (Conditions apply, see below for details)

The Partnership Sustenance Grant has been developed to support faculty that have been involved with a partner institution for many years and have made significant contributions to the development of the partnership. The grant offers funding for short-term exchange opportunities that focus on nurturing relationships and sustaining program activities.

*Tenured, tenure-track or full-time affiliate faculty with five years at GVSU

“I spent the entire semester living in Malta and working with the Physical Education Teacher Education Program at the University of Malta. The PIC Internationalization grant allowed me to live here and attend many courses/workshops and conferences. I was able to meet with both students and faculty to discuss best practices and curricular development in my field. I will now be able to add more global aspects of teaching/learning to my courses and PE program.”

-Ingrid Johnson, Malta
PARTNERSHIP DELEGATION

The International Partnership Delegation Grants are intended to fund participation by GVSU faculty and staff on an interdisciplinary team visit to a partner institution. The delegation will spend time on the partner’s campus, learning about many aspects of that university’s host city, nation, and culture. Together, they will seek new perspectives from counterparts at the host institution that can be brought back to GVSU to share with our own campus community.

We are looking for a diverse team comprised of full-time faculty (tenured, tenure-track, or affiliates), AP staff, and PSS or Maintenance staff. The committee charged with selection of the team members will also take into consideration the desires and needs of the host institution, and may give preference to individuals at GVSU who have had limited opportunities for overseas travel.

“While in Japan, the delegation met with counterparts at institutions throughout the country. My goals were to better understand the way in which mental health is perceived in Japan, as well to as identify barriers to and best practices in mental health treatment among its residents.”

-Melissa Selby-Theut, 2015 Japan Delegation
2017 PARTNERSHIP DELEGATION:

LONDON, United Kingdom
Kingston University

The 2017 Partnership Delegation will be taking place at GVSU’s long-standing partner, Kingston University, located just outside London at Kingston-Upon-Thames. 2017 will mark the 30th anniversary of this fruitful exchange program. Kingston University currently serves as GVSU’s largest semester exchange program. Over the years, hundreds of students from both of our institutions have benefited from this collaboration, many of whom refer to this experience as the highlight of their undergraduate career. The success of the student exchange would not be possible without the involvement of numerous faculty and staff from both institutions. Each year, colleagues from across our campuses are engaged in meaningful exchanges that contribute to both professional and personal growth. Due to curricular changes at Kingston University in recent years, there is a significant need for renewing faculty collaborations in an effort to better understand the academic compatibility of our programs. This will benefit not only the GVSU exchange participants, but will also benefit Kingston University students attending GVSU for a semester or a year.

Eligible faculty and staff are invited to apply to participate in the 2017 Partnership Delegation. Five faculty and staff will be selected, with all transportation, and housing costs covered by the grant. The program is tentatively taking place in early March 2017.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2016

ELIGIBILITY: Faculty (Tenured, tenure-track or full-time affiliate faculty with five years at GVSU), AP Staff and PSS Staff

APPLY: Visit www.gvsu.edu/pic/fsgrants

TRAVEL DATES: Early March 2017 (tentatively)

For more information, please contact Rebecca Hambleton (hambletr@gvsu.edu)

To learn more about Kingston University visit: www.kingston.ac.uk
For details about the student exchange visit: www.kingston.ac.uk/visitingstudents/studyabroad
TEACHING & RESEARCH ABROAD

Faculty are encouraged to explore opportunities for teaching and conducting research abroad. The Padnos International Center is able to provide assistance and guidance to faculty looking for international opportunities.

FULBRIGHT GRANT

Fulbright scholar grants provide support for faculty to spend time teaching and/or researching in another country. Typically, funds are also provided for dependents or family of the awardee to live abroad. The United States government supports the Fulbright Program in an effort to promote academic exchange and mutual understanding between the world’s nations. Each year two or more GVSU faculty have been successful in securing Fulbright awards; you may be next. Faculty that have a sabbatical scheduled should consider applying for a traditional Fulbright scholar grant.

FULBRIGHT WORKSHOP:
Friday, February 24, 2017
2:00 to 3:30pm
Location: UClub (DeVos Center, Building C)

REGISTER online at www.gvsu.edu/sprout

FULBRIGHT APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 1

For information, contact Fulbright Campus Representative (faculty applicants):
Mark Schaub (schaubm@gvsu.edu)

Fulbright scholar website: www.cies.org

“Fulbright offers me eight months of a well-supported community and wide-ranging learning opportunities. My Fulbright colleagues here include a biomedical engineer (Duke University) and a medical doctor (Yale University) as well as Fulbright-supported students from many places in the U.S.”

-Russell Rhoads, Uganda Fulbright
TEACH ABROAD
The Padnos International Center strongly encourages faculty to seek teaching opportunities abroad, especially as part of their sabbatical leaves. Teaching in another culture provides you with valuable insight and gives you the opportunity to work with counterparts in your field. These experiences then enhance and internationalize your teaching and research at GVSU after your return. GVSU has partnerships with over thirty institutions globally. Faculty are encouraged to reach out to counterparts at these and other international institutions. While PIC is able to assist, faculty will be primarily responsible for making contacts and gaining an invitation from the host institution.

Partner institutions that historically host GVSU faculty:

- Chile: Universidad del Bío-Bío (www.ubiobio.cl)
- France: Grenoble Ecole de Management (grenoble-em.com)
- France: L’Ecole Superieure des Sciences Commerciales d’Angers (essca.fr/en)
- Germany: Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg (www.dhbw.de)
- Germany: Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd (ph-gmuend.de)
- Ghana: University of Cape Coast (www.ucc.edu.gh)
- Japan: Japan Center for Michigan Universities (jcmu.isp.msu.edu)

ERASMUS+ GRANT
GVSU has signed 3 Erasmus+ agreements with partner institutions for 2016. Erasmus+ is the European Commission’s newest scheme to encourage mobility of students, scholars and staff between partner institutions. Each Erasmus+ agreement is different with unique eligibility criteria. The Padnos International Center will conduct a review process of all eligible applications and nominate finalists to the partner institution for final approval.

DURATION: 5 days is the typical duration but there is an option to extend to 30 days.
AWARD: 140 Euro per day (ranging from 5–30 days), plus an airfare stipend ranging from 820 Euro – 1100 Euro, depending on the location.

For additional information about the application process and program details, visit www.gvsu.edu/pic or contact Rebecca Hambleton at hambletr@gvsu.edu.

Current Erasmus+ Partner Institutions:

- Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey
- Cracow University of Economics in Cracow, Poland
- University of Babes-Bolyai in Cluj, Romania
GLOBAL GVSU NEWS & EVENTS
GVSU faculty and staff are invited to join the Padnos International Center email list for information on:

- International grants for faculty & staff
- International scholars visiting GVSU
- International Faculty & Friends events
- Updates on Faculty Fulbright Workshops
- Global news/events on campus

Send your request to Alissa Lane (laneali@gvsu.edu)

GLOBAL LEARNING IN THE MAJORS
The 2016-21 strategic plan targets enhanced global learning in the required courses for each and every undergraduate major. The Global GV task force serves as a resource for units and faculty working to add global learning to key courses.

For additional information, visit: www.gvsu.edu/global
PASSPORTS

Passport photo services are available for faculty, staff and students on a walk-in basis during office hours. Padnos International Center offers two passport-size photos for $3. PIC hosts two Passport Fairs each year. GVSU faculty, staff and students may apply for or renew a passport at this event. Fairs are typically held in November and February.

For additional information, visit: www.gvsu.edu/pic

PEACE CORPS

The Peace Corps is a volunteer agency run by the United States government with a mission to promote world peace and friendship in six sectors including: Agriculture, Community Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health and Youth in Development. Peace Corps volunteers serve in over 60 countries.

GVSU now has a Peace Corps Campus Recruiter position that provides advice and support to students, alumni and community members who are considering service in the Peace Corps. The campus recruiter will work from the Padnos International Center, housed in the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Contact Carissa Patrone (PeaceCorps@gvsu.edu)

SCHOLARSHIPS

GVSU has several scholarships that help students have meaningful international experiences. 100% of the staff at the Padnos International Center donate to our international scholarships. Faculty and staff are encouraged to make a gift to help send GVSU students abroad!

GLOBAL PROGRAMS FUND: This scholarship supports students with limited financial means to study abroad on a short-term or faculty-led program.

MURRAY STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship supports students who would otherwise not have the financial means to study abroad on programs of 8 weeks or more.

EMPOWERING HAITI: This scholarship will help bring Haitian students in need to study at GVSU. They will return to Haiti after completing their education to make a positive impact on their communities.

Please make a gift at: www.gvsu.edu/pic/give
CREATE A NEW STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
Are you interested in leading a study abroad program? There is an extensive process for developing new programs. The process typically takes at least one year and requires approval from an Appointing Officer or Dean and the GVSU International Education Committee. In order to be eligible, at least one of the program directors must be a tenured or tenure-track GVSU faculty member.

GVSU faculty and staff interested in developing a study abroad program are strongly encouraged to work with PIC from an early stage in the planning process.

For information, contact Elena Selezneva (seleznee@gvsu.edu)

STUDY ABROAD WALK-IN ADVISING
Monday–Friday: 8am–5pm
Location: 130 Lake Ontario Hall

Hours are extended to 7pm on Wednesday during the fall and winter semesters.

FIRST STEP MEETINGS
Study Abroad First Step Meetings are informational sessions that go over all the basics of study abroad, including program options and the application process.

Every Wednesday: 5–6pm
Every Friday: 1–2pm
Location: 130 Lake Ontario Hall

STUDY ABROAD FAIR
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
10am–3pm
2250 Kirchhof Center (Grand River Room)

Please encourage your colleagues and classrooms to attend the Fall Study Abroad Fair — PIC’s biggest event of the year! This annual event gives students the chance to meet program directors and past study abroad participants, browse international opportunities and start their own experience abroad.

PIC also holds an annual Pew Campus Advising Day and a Winter Study Abroad Fair.

STUDY ABROAD
Study abroad offers students an academic experience that can enhance and compliment their GVSU education. GVSU faculty and staff can support this important opportunity by helping students frame their study abroad goals and make informed decisions about what courses to take abroad.

Resources for advisers working with study abroad students are available at www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/advisers
“From my own experiences in college, I know that the opportunity to study abroad can be transformative and change the direction of one’s life. It did for me! For a very long time I have nurtured the hope that I could one day provide a similar opportunity for students — finally brought to fruition in the establishment of the faculty-led study abroad trip to Ecuador where we explore tropical conservation biology, ecological research, and cultural immersion living with an indigenous tribe. What a privilege!”

-Eric Snyder, Ecuador Biology Study Abroad Faculty Director

“The past four months have been extraordinary. While abroad in Jordan, I’ve spent a weekend living with a native Jordanian Bedouin family and milked goats, conducted independent research on stroke prevention, traveled to refugee camps and non profit organizations, and learned about the healthcare response for the Syrian refugee crisis. Being abroad has given me a skill set that no classroom could have given me.”

-Jessica Ansara, Jordan
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

GVSU welcomes international students and visiting scholars from more than 80 countries. Enhancing our courses with rich cultural content and expertise as well as providing additional points of view and experiences helps everyone at GVSU to experience a truly global campus. For many, friendships with international students are their first exposure to life outside of the United States. The Padnos International Center works in tandem with all departments on campus to create an atmosphere that is inclusive and welcoming for our international students and scholars.

For additional information, visit: www.gvsu.edu/istudents

WHAT IS MY ROLE WHEN ADVISING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

Please work with the international student as you would any student on our campus. They should be receiving the same high quality advice and connections that you regularly provide. If there are specific questions that arise regarding their immigration status, please refer them to the Padnos International Center. International students may need to be referred to PIC for work authorization, culture adjustment issues, and questions about permissible exceptions to full time registration regulations.

ABOUT GVSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Grand Valley State University is home to over 400 F-1 and J-1 international students, representing over 80 countries. The Padnos International Center advocates for international students on campus and serves as a primary resource for legal, cultural, and social matters for international students. We work closely with many offices across campus, as well as organizations in our community to help international students feel at home and connected with community.

HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR

The Padnos International Center has developed a resource for faculty, staff, and departments that are interested in hosting international visitors and scholars. The scholars should be making a significant contribution to GVSU in order to justify the resources that they will be accessing.

For additional information, visit: www.gvsu.edu/ischolar
“Grand Valley faculty are very welcoming and inviting. It makes a difference that the professor actually knows you. I’m very involved on campus, so I like the variety of organizations that they have here. I’m involved in the African Student Council and the International Student Organization. It’s a great way as an international student to meet local Americans and develop friendships because you have a common interest.”

-Rose Turuka, Tanzania

“I think that Grand Valley is contributing to my growth as a person, as a student, as a professional. I recently changed my major to marketing and international business and I love what I do now. Liberal education gives you a general knowledge of the world and this is necessary in our globalized society. In the future, I’m going to be very thankful to Grand Valley and for sure I will feel like a Laker for a Lifetime.”

-Miguel Perez Vives, Spain
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