WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY

A warm welcome to all new and returning students from the staff of Foreign Student and Scholar Services (FSSS). We are happy to report that a record number of international students enrolled this semester at UM. For a census of international students and scholars, please turn to page 7.

We are here to help you attain your educational goals and to take full advantage of the many opportunities to enrich your lives and develop lasting friendships. It is also important that you maintain your legal status while in the U.S. by seeking guidance on matters pertaining to immigration rules and regulations.

FSSS is located in Lommasson Center 219. You can call us at 406-243-2226 or send an e-mail at fsss@umontana.edu OR FACEBOOK? Every Thursday, expect to receive an electronic newsletter from FSSS with news and updates, sent to your email address.

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PETSA (Personal Empowerment Through Self Awareness)

PETSA is a mandatory online tutorial for all new students (Summer or Fall 2014) that is evocative and frank, providing education and resources on issues of sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking. In 20-30 minutes it educates students about Montana law and the nexus between legal consent and intimate relationships. It also provides information on UM’s sexual misconduct policy, risk reduction, bystander intervention, resources and commonly held myths on sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking.

If they haven’t already, new students must take PETSA by October 8, 2014. If not taken by October 8, 2014, all registration activities, such as drops and adds for this current semester, and Spring 2015 registration will be put on hold until they have taken PETSA.

New students can access this training at: https://moodle.umt.edu. Students will need their net ID to log in. For technical issues contact IT support at 406-243-HELP.

This tutorial may bring out strong feelings and reactions about intimacy, sexual violence, and gender roles and identity, that are normal responses when dealing with these very personal, yet very public issues. Know you can talk confidentially about any of these issues with SARC advocates and counselors in Curry Health Center.

ALCOHOLEDU

This summer, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) of the State of Montana partnered with EverFi, a company whose mission is to help students address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse prevention, sexual assault prevention, and financial literacy. Each year more than 500,000 students from institutions across the country complete these online courses. Starting this fall, all students at the University of Montana under the age of 21 will be required to complete AlcoholEdu in addition to the University’s Personal Empowerment through Self-Awareness (PETSA) tutorial. Those students who have already completed PETSA are not required to take it again.

AlcoholEdu is designed for use at a population level – that is, it is meant to be given to an entire population of students. This method of administration creates a comprehensive student learning experience that:

- Motivates behavior change
- Resets unrealistic expectations about the effects of alcohol
- Links choices about drinking to academic and personal success
- Helps students practice healthier and safer decision-making

AlcoholEdu is an online course. It is completed in two parts and will take a student approximately two hours. A minimum score of 70 is required to pass the course. If students do not complete the course (Part 1 Due: 9/22 and Part 2 Due: 11/12) a hold will be placed on their future registration.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ADDRESSES IN CYBERBEAR

Under the SEVIS regulations, as an F-1 or J-1 student you are required to keep your addresses current with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Whenever you move in the United States, you have 10 days to update your address with DHS.

It is important that ALL three (3) different addresses that you maintain in Cyberbear are ACCURATE!

Permanent Address – ALWAYS A FOREIGN ADDRESS – This is an address in your HOME COUNTRY. It may be your parents or another address that the University would be able to contact you when necessary. This is NEVER a United States address if you are an F-1 or J-1 student.

Mailing Address – Where you RECEIVE mail in the US or a foreign address -- This is where you are RECEIVING mail. It may be a physical street address or it may be a Post Office Box Number (PO Box 123). This can be the same as your Local(SEVIS) address.

Local (SEVIS) Address – ALWAYS A U.S. ADDRESS -- This must be a PHYSICAL ADDRESS of where you are living in the UNITED STATES. You may not list a PO Box address here.

If you are not seeing a Local (SEVIS) address listed in Cyberbear, please contact our office. You may call 243-2226 or email us at fsss@umontana.edu. I will need to add your Local (SEVIS) address to Cyberbear so that you can see it.

To be sure that your address change is processed properly, FSSS has an orange form that you can fill out with any address changes. Stop by the office to pick up a copy. You may also download a copy from our website and send it to us.

You must still make all changes in Cyberbear.
WHAT’S UP WITH SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS?

Presenting a mini-workshop for international students to learn about how scholarships work in the USA and how to get a college-level internship. Our expert presenters will de-mystify the process of both of these for you!

Scholarships: Learn how to write the best scholarship application and what makes your application stand out; which scholarships are available for international students; and where to get help with your application at UM. Also, what steps to take at college to be more competitive for scholarships. Ambitious American students learn this in high school --- do you know how to compete?

Internships: Internships are available in every field of study and can be beneficial for every student. Learn why an internship is so valuable to your college and future career, how to research and find an internship, what special considerations apply to foreign students, and where to get one-on-one help with the process at UM. Internship Services works to connect University of Montana students to internship experiences not only in the Missoula area but throughout the United States and even internationally.

Presenters: Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising, UM Davidson Honors College; Cheryl Minnick, Internship Coordinator, Internship Services; and Mona Mondava, Foreign Student and Scholar Services

Date and Time: Scheduled for late October, to be announced in FSSS Weekly Newsletter or sign up to be notified at: MMondava@mso.umt.edu

DV-2016 DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

Online registration for the 2016 Diversity Immigrant Program (DV-2016) green card lottery will begin on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time, and conclude on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time. The lottery will enable 50,000 randomly chosen people to obtain permanent residence in the United States. Persons seeking to enter the lottery program must register online through the designated website during the registration period above. Online registration and eligibility guidelines are at http://travel.state.gov

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2014

The week of November 17 – 21, 2014 marks the fourteenth annual International Education Week sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Education and State. If you are interested in participating in any activities, please contact International Programs at 406-243-2288.

WORKSHOPS

IMMIGRATION BENEFITS WORKSHOPS

The following repeat workshops will present information on how to apply for immigration benefits (e.g., Optional Practical Training, Curricular Practical, or Off-Campus Employment)

Monday, October 6, 11:00 am—12:00 Noon
Tuesday, October 7, 2:00—3:00 pm
Wednesday, October 8, 12:00 Noon—1:00 pm
Thursday, October 9, 4:00 pm—5:00 pm

Lommasson Center Conference Room 226

Students who plan to complete their studies by December 2014 and would like to engage in Optional Practical Training (OPT) should submit their application to the Citizenship and Immigration Service three months in advance of the time they wish to start OPT. The application fee is $380.
WORKSHOPS

How to Beat… and Enjoy.. the Winter!

Attention all students from warmer-climate countries! Are you getting cold yet? Worried about winter? Winter in Montana lasts five months from approximately late October until mid-March. Are you ready? Do you have the right clothes? Do you know how to travel safely on snow and ice? Want to learn to enjoy the unique outdoor opportunities winter provides in western Montana, as well as our seasonal events during this time?

Join FSSS for a quick and fun mini-workshop to learn how to get ready for the joys and challenges of winter – this workshop has something for everyone. Also, free pizza dinner!

— DRESSING FOR WINTER AND MORE: Information on the types of clothing you need for winter and some easy helpful hints that will keep you toasty and warm.

— WINTER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES: No matter your experience level or ability, Missoula offers great winter recreations opportunities. Find out where to learn to ski, snowshoe, or ice skate, how to enjoy hot springs, and fun winter annual events close-by

— WINTER TRANSPORTATION SAFETY: Important hints on ice and snow walking, biking, and driving! The rules for the sidewalk and road change during winter and you need to be prepared for your safety.

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2014
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Free Pizza Dinner!
International House, 659 South 5th Street East

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Topics to be covered include:
- Graduate Education in the United States: what it is, how it differs from graduate education in other countries, and how it can provide you new opportunities in your current field or in a new field
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CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS

Prepare for your career and job search by attending one of these free workshops. All workshops are held in Lommasson Center 154, from 3:30—4:30 pm on the dates shown (unless otherwise noted)

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Wednesday, October 22
Create a resume and cover letter that will effectively market your talents to employers. We will teach you how to communicate your skills to compete in today’s labor market and help you plan for targeting your job search in challenging economic times.

Job Search & Interviewing Workshop, Wednesday, November 5
When you have completed your job search strategy there is one thing left to do: the finishing touches. Learn how to relax into an interview and put your best foot forward. Also, hear how to present your achievements and accomplishments to employers through the effective use of a portfolio.

GRIZ eRecruiting/Get Involved Workshop, Date to be determined
Learn how to navigate the University of Montana’s on-line career management system, GRIZ eRecruiting. Apply for internships, full-time employment and stay informed about current job openings, on-campus events, and other career-related opportunities! Need Jobs? Gain Experience! Get Involved! Learn about a variety of ways to get involved on-and off-campus. Network with professionals, gain related experience and explore career opportunities! AmeriCorps/Campus Compact/Alternative Spring Break/ASUM/Volunteer Fair/Service Learning Office of Civic Engagement (OCE)/Academic Enrichment/Internship Services/Student Involvement Network (SIN)

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WORKSHOPS

ANNUAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS CAREER FAIR

The Health Professions Career Fair, sponsored by The Office of Career Services, is one of the services they provide in their continuing efforts directed toward "bringing students and employers together." This event is typically attended by companies and organizations looking to hire in the areas of: Pharmacy, Pharmacy Technology, Radiologic Technology, Nursing, Respiratory Care, Surgical Technology, Medical Information Technology or Medical Assisting and other health-related full-time positions and internships. Come and take advantage of this opportunity to meet and network with potential employers.

If you are a student majoring in speech-language pathology, pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, respiratory care, surgical technician or other health-related majors, you are strongly encouraged to attend this career fair. Whether you are graduating this year or in three years, don't miss out on a great opportunity to hone your networking skills, learn how to research companies, and find out about what opportunities are available for you.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Health Professions Career Fair. For more complete information: [http://www.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/HPCF/default.php](http://www.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/HPCF/default.php)

Career Fair - Wednesday, October 22, 12:00 noon—5:00 pm  **Fair remains open throughout the lunch hour**
Fair doors close. 6:00-9:00 pm On-Campus Interviews (must be pre-registered for interview through Griz eRecruiting or sign-up with recruiters)

Thursday, October 23, 2014.
The Office of Career Services will have company representatives to conduct interviews. Students MUST be pre-registered for an interview with companies through their Griz eRecruiting account or sign-up with recruiters on Wednesday at the career fair to participate in the 2nd Day Interviews. The employer/recruiter will give you a card, please bring that card with you to your interview on Thursday.

Log in to your Griz eRecruiting account to see what interviewing opportunities are available and request an interview.
University Center Ballroom - 3rd Floor

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Christmas Homestays

A unique opportunity for individuals or families to experience the U.S. and live with a host family during part of winter break!

Christmas International House (CIH) is a nonprofit Christian ministry organization that places international students (families also welcome) in American homes with host families throughout various communities in the U.S. during two weeks of the Christmas holidays. The program this year offers homestays or group stay programs, coupled with fun group excursions and events, in many different states in the U.S. See the website for all locations and the application form at [www.christmasih.org](http://www.christmasih.org). Each host community also offers group sightseeing and lots of fun events for the participants. The cost of room and board and most sight seeing/special events is provided free of charge to the participants. Students pay only a registration fee of $200 ($225 for couples or families) and are responsible for transportation to and from the host city. Higher fees apply after October 1, 2014. Apply soon to receive your choice of host site and this will give you enough time to make travel reservations. The general program dates are December 18, 2014 to January 2, 2015, but some sites have slightly different dates.
Seminars & Groups

**Educational Seminars**

**Feel Better Fast** — 4:10 pm—5:00 pm Wednesday or Thursdays (Varies); Counseling Services.
Participants learn skills for dealing with depression, stress, anxiety, relationship concerns, and other common problems. Topics include: stress management, time management, relationships, and strategies for managing unhealthy thinking. No registration is required. Just drop on by.

**Mindfulness Practice** — Thursdays, 3:10—4:00 pm, first 4-week seminar runs September 25 – October 16, second 4-week seminar runs October 23 to November 13; please call 406-243-4711 to register.
In this 4 week workshop, we will introduce principles and strategies for living more intentionally and practicing moment-to-moment awareness. The workshop will include instruction and practice in mindfulness meditation techniques; emphasizing how mindfulness can be applied when facing day-to-day stresses.

**Test Anxiety Seminar** — Saturday October 12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Learn some techniques to help with test anxiety, improve your performance, and develop better study skills.

**Therapy Groups**
(Please note: Therapy groups require a pre-group meeting with the group facilitator(s). Please call 406-243-4711 for more information.)

**Overcoming Your Anxiety** — Tuesdays 4:10 – 5:30 pm

**Understanding Self and Others** — Tuesdays 1:10 -3:30 pm or Wednesdays 4:10 – 5:30 pm
These groups bring together a small number of people and provide support and feedback. Members have the opportunity to: learn more about how they interact with others and practice new ways of behaving.

**Graduate Grind** — Tuesdays 4:10—5:00 pm
Being a graduate student can be a stressful time in one’s life. This support group will give you an opportunity to share your experiences with other graduate students. All departments welcome!

**Bereavement** — TBD
This is a small group, in a supportive setting, where students can share their thoughts and feelings with others experiencing the death of a loved one.

**Setting Limits Group** — times vary (call 406-243-2290)
Students develop practical strategies to adjust and better manage their use of alcohol and other drugs. This group meets weekly, for eight sessions and will help students develop the skills necessary to stay within self-imposed limits. Fee: $150

**Early Recovery Group** — times vary (call 406-243-2290)
Whether for a month or a lifetime, this group helps students create a lifestyle free of alcohol or other drugs. Meets weekly. A minimum commitment for eight weeks is required though participants can continue throughout the course of the semester(s) if desired. Fee: $150
Foreign Scholars at UM
(July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014)
Total Number — 168

Primary Function:
Teaching 17
Research 67
Other 84

Immigration/Visa Status:
J-1 Scholar 61
J-1 Scholar Other 34
H-1B 24
TN 2
All Others 47

Gender:
Female 77
Male 91

Major Field of Specialization:
Agriculture 3
Natural Resources 37
Area and Ethnic Studies 21
Communications 2
Computer Science 2
Education 27
Engineering Tech. 1
Foreign Languages 6
Law 1
English/Letters 6
Library Science 1
Biological Sciences 20
Mathematics 1
Physical Sciences 5
Psychology 2
Public Administration 3
Social Sciences 8
Health Professions 14
Business 2
History 1
Other 5

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Foreign Student Enrollment—749

Female – 376  Male – 373

Academic Level:
Undergraduate: 532
ELI 108
Exchange 50
Study Abroad 122
Degree Seeking 252

Graduate: 217
ELI 1; Exchange 13
Non-Degree 18
Degree Seeking 185

Visa Type:
F 396  J 178  H 17  Other Immigration 60 98

Field of Study:
Biological Sciences 40
Business Administration 123
Communication/Journalism 26
Computer Science 13
Conservation & Natural Resources 23
Education 18
English 11
Foreign Languages 5
General 6
Health Professions 123
History 1
Intensive English 109
Law 6
Liberal Arts 15
Mathematical Science 8
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies 2
Physical Sciences 13
Psychology 9
Social Sciences & Humanities 42
Visual and Performing Arts 17
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Scholarship Reporting and Tax Requirements

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all amounts paid to nonresident aliens (F-1, J-1, M-1, or Q-1 visa holders) in the form of scholarships, fellowships, grants and other financial aid from U.S. sources are subject to federal reporting and may require income tax withholding.

Foreign students should keep receipts for all educational costs (tuition, fees, books, lab supplies, computer hardware/software, etc.) to report when filing their tax return each year. The Internal Revenue Service may refund a portion of the withholding based on the information provided on the return. Students need to be aware of the requirements, and budget for the required federal income taxes to be withheld when awarded a scholarship.

Currently Enrolled Student Scholarships
The University of Montana Scholarship Program draws together many endowed scholarships and donations into a single scholarship application form. Continuing UM students and former UM students can apply. A scholarship committee matches qualified applicants with the scholarship that best fits them. Applicants must have completed 12 or more college credits and a minimum 3.4 GPA. Check UM’s Financial Aid Office for application information.

Departmental Scholarships
Many of UM's academic departments award scholarships to exceptionally talented students. You are encouraged to contact the department of interest by December to find out more about the scholarships and application process.

PEO International Peace Scholarship
PEO International Peace Scholarship, PEO Executive Office, Philanthropic Educational Organization
3700 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2899
Telephone: 515-255-3153
Eligibility: Women only; full-time candidates for graduate degrees at U.S. universities; nationals of all countries except U.S. and Canada; admission to a U.S. university; intention to return to home country on completion of degree program. Applications can be used for tuition or other expenses.
Amount and number of grants: approximately 175, maximum amount of $10,000
An online eligibility form can be found at www.peointernational.org.

American Association of University Women International Fellowships
AAUW Educational Foundation
International Fellowships
Department 60
301 ACT Drive
PO Box 4030
Iowa City, Iowa 52243-4030
Telephone: 319-337-1716
www.aauw.org
Eligibility: Women only; candidates for graduate degrees; nationals of all countries except the U.S.; admission to an accredited U.S. educational institution; record of civic or community involvement concerning women; intent to return to their home country.
Amount of grants: 6 grants from $18,000-$30,000
Applications available August 1 through December 1, 2014
Application deadline: December 1, 2014

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund
The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund
mmmf@worldbank.org
Telephone: 202-473-5804
Eligibility: Women only; candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees; nationals of developing countries on an eligibility list; enrollment in a U.S educational institution and residence in the US when the application is submitted; record of service to women and/or children in their countries; commitment to return to their countries within about two years of receivingInternational Student Loans
To be eligible for a student loan from International Student Loans, international students must be enrolled as graduate or undergraduate students at least half-time, and have a qualified U.S. co-signer (U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has resided in the U.S. for the previous two years and who meets certain financial requirements). For more information or to apply online, please visit: www.internationalstudentloan.com.

Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund
The Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund is a loan fund administered by the Organization of American States
(OAS) which provides loans up to $15,000 to citizens of OAS member countries. These loans are to help finance the students’ higher education studies and research in the United States, with the understanding that, upon completing those studies, they will be in a position to give their respective countries the benefit of their training. The application for is at www.oas.org/roweloanapp.
Organization of American States
Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund
Department of Human Development, Education and Culture
Executive Secretariat for Integral Development
1889 F Street NW
Washington DC 20006
Phone: 202-458-6208

Partial Tuition Waivers
International students who have completed their first year at UM are eligible to apply for a partial tuition waiver under specific guidelines.

Those guidelines are:
* Be on an non-immigrant visa experiencing financial hardship.
* In good academic standing.
* A proven record of involvement in extracurricular activities that promote the goals of international education.

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WATCH OUT FOR SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

There are five common scams:
- Application and processing fees or Loan Fees
- Guaranteed winnings
- "Everybody is eligible" - Most scholarships have selective criteria
- Unclaimed aid myth - "Billions of dollars of scholarships go unclaimed every year"
- "We will apply on your behalf"

Never give out your social security number or bank information for a scholarship!

BE VIGILANT

There has been a recent event where people have been contacted and asked for large sums of money and threatened with arrest if they do not comply. In the event you receive a telephone or internet solicitation offer asking for credit card, bank account or immigration status information you should be very suspicious of such offers.

The best advice is to simply hang up. Please report such incidents to FSSS so we can contact the proper authorities and alert other students if such occurrences prove to be potential scams.

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Grizzly Personal Safety (GPS) is a free student staffed safety service.
- The GPS objective is to ensure that no campus member has to walk campus alone after dark.
- When called, GPS members will meet the caller at their location and walk with them to their destination.
- GPS members travel campus in pairs wearing distinctive clothing, carrying radios and flashlights.

This night-time service is available seven days a week when school is in session. Please Note: If GPS is unavailable Public Safety Officers will provide the same service.
From a campus phone: 2777
From off campus: 406-243-2777
If you are requesting their services a pair of students will be dispatched immediately to your location to personally walk you safely to your destination.
Resources for Students

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

**TUTORING**

**Math Tutoring**- Do you need additional tutoring help in order for you to succeed in your math course(s)? You are not alone. Go to this website for a full list of math tutoring resources @ [http://cas.umt.edu/math/undergraduate/all-students/free-tutoring.php](http://cas.umt.edu/math/undergraduate/all-students/free-tutoring.php)

Contact: Neil Bennett – [neil.bennett@umontana.edu](mailto:neil.bennett@umontana.edu)

**Study Jam**- Struggling in your Natural Science, Accounting, Spanish and/or Economics courses and need a little extra help from your peers? Attend a session of Study Jam. Study Jam operates two nights a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00pm, in the UC Commons, and offers support for the following courses: SPNS 101/102/201/202, ACTG 201/202, ECNS 101/201/202, BFIN 322, STAT 216, PHSX 205/206/207/208, CHMY 121/123/141/143, BIOH 112/210N/211N/365

Contact: Abby Pletscher – [Abigail.pletscher@umontana.edu](mailto:Abigail.pletscher@umontana.edu)

**Writing Center**- Struggling with your course writing assignments and need free tutoring help? Applying for a scholarship and want someone to review your application before submitting? Schedule a tutoring session with the Writing Center @ [http://www.umt.edu/writingcenter](http://www.umt.edu/writingcenter)

Contact: Kelly Webster – (406) 243-2470, Kelly.webster@umontana.edu

**KPCN- Peer Connection Network**- Want to learn more about UM from your fellow students in a fun and engaging way? Check out KPCN for tips on writing papers, registering for classes and getting involved on campus. Videos on the KPCN YouTube channel may be viewed in your native language (turn on the closed captions and hit translate)! @ [http://youtube.com/uacstaff](http://youtube.com/uacstaff)

**Mansfield Library** - Need help doing research for a class, have a question about the Library, or just want to meet a friendly face? Stop by and visit with librarians at the Mansfield Library! Stop by to learn more about how to search for, access, and utilize library resources. The library is open long hours, has laptops, iPads, and other technology to borrow, is a good place to study on your own or in a group, and is full of people waiting to help answer your questions @ [http://www.lib.umt.edu/](http://www.lib.umt.edu/)

Contact: Julie Biando Edwards – (406) 243-4505, Ju-lic.edwards@umontana.edu

**Mansfield Library Interlibrary Loan**- Interested in accessing books, journals and other media that is not available at our campus library? Go to this website to request books, articles and multimedia from other national university libraries @ [http://www.lib.umt.edu/ill](http://www.lib.umt.edu/ill)

**Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC)**

The UAC is a university service staffed by professional advisors and peer advising assistants committed to helping undergraduate students achieve a successful and well-informed college experience.

[http://www.umt.edu/uac](http://www.umt.edu/uac)

Contact: Nathan Domitrovich - (406) 243-2851, Nathan.domitrovich@msou.montana.edu

**Undergraduate Advising Directory**- Who is your initial academic advisor based on your major of study? Find out @ [http://www.umt.edu/uac/advisingdirectory](http://www.umt.edu/uac/advisingdirectory)

GENERAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**Foreign Student and Scholar Services (FSSS)**

FSSS is responsible for many aspects of the general welfare of international students and scholars at UM, from admission to graduation, immigration and visa issues, and practical training.

[http://life.umt.edu/fsss](http://life.umt.edu/fsss)

Contact: Effie Koehn – (406) 243-5580, effie.koehn@umontana.edu

**Conversation Partners**

Facilitates opportunities for international students to practice and improve their English with peers who are native English speakers (Service currently available to English Language Institute students only).

Contact: Joshua Rosenberger – (406) 243-2084, Joshua.rosenberger@msou.montana.edu

**Global Partners Program**

A Campus peer-mentoring program where veteran UM students help and support incoming international students transition and accclimate to the UM campus and community.


Contact: Mary Nellis – (406) 243-6040, mary.nellis@umontana.edu

**International House**

An on-campus activity center and space for international students to gather together and hold a variety of events, celebrations and activities.

Contact: Mona Mondava – (406) 243-6059, mona.mondava@umontana.edu

**Missoula International Friendship Program**

The mission of the MIFP is to promote global awareness, understanding, friendship and intercultural learning between international students and scholars at the UM and the greater Missoula community.

[http://mifp.org](http://mifp.org)

Contact: Becky Maier – (406) 243-2226, becky.maier@umontana.edu

**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Academic Enrichment**- Visit the Academic Enrichment website for information and direct links to study abroad, internships, civic engagement, volunteerism and scholarships @ [http://www.umt.edu/ae/](http://www.umt.edu/ae/)

Contact: Andrea Rhoades – (406) 243-2569, andrea.rhoades@umontana.edu

**Career Services**- Need help deciding on an academic major? Curious about what career options apply to your major field of study? Are you interested in looking for a job or internship and want help with application materials? Want information about attending career fairs? Go to the Career Services website and/or make an appointment with a career counselor @ [http://life.umt.edu/career/](http://life.umt.edu/career/)

Contact: (406) 243-2022, careers@umontana.edu

**Internship Services**- Interested in applying for an internship that will allow you to integrate academic theories and principals from your studies into a practical work experience that will prepare you for a career in your field of study? Visit Internship Services @ [http://www.umt.edu/internships/](http://www.umt.edu/internships/)

Contact: Kevin Hood – (406) 243-4613, kevin.hood@umontana.edu

**Scholarships Homepage**- Wondering what scholarships you are eligible
Resources for Students (continued)

to apply for while studying at UM? Go to this website for a full listing of scholarships @ http://life.umt.edu/FINAID/scholarships/default.php

Student Clubs- Interested in joining a student club but just don't really know what clubs and associations are active on campus? Go to this website for a full list of student clubs@ http://life.umt.edu/asum/student_groups/student_group_listing.php

African Student Association
Contact: Suzette Moseri, ewere.moseri@umontana.edu

Brazilian Student Association
Contact: Amanda Oliveira Farias, amanda-maria.oliveirafarias@umontana.edu

International Student Association- http://www.umt.edu/isa
Contact: Shaghuf Altaf, Shaghuf.altaf@umontana.edu

Chinese Student and Scholar Association- www.umt.edu/studentgroup/cssa
Contact: Shuolin Huang, shuolin.huang@umontana.edu

Japanese Student Association
Contact: Dylan Lockwood, Dylan.lockwood@umontana.edu

Latin American Student Association
Contact: Efren Duarte, Efren.duarte@umontana.edu

Persian Student Association
Contact: Sadi Nazriev, sadi.nazriev@umontana.edu

Saudi Student Association
Contact: Abdulaziz Almedaimigh, Abdulaziz.almedaimigh@umontana.edu

Taiwanese Student Association- www.umt.edu/asum/tsa
Contact: Ching Pai, ching.pai@umontana.edu

STUDENT SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELLBEING

Office of Public Safety- http://www.umt.edu/publicsafety/ Contact: For an emergency (on campus) call (406) 243-4000, (off campus) call 911

For non-emergencies and general questions call (406) 243-6131

Curry Health Center- Not feeling well and want to see a doctor? Have a toothache and want to have it looked at? Are you feeling down or homesick and want to talk to someone about it? Go to the Curry Health Center for medical, dental and counseling services @ http://life.umt.edu/curry/
Contact: For Medical: (406) 243-4330
For Dental: (406) 243-5445
For Counseling: (406) 243-4711
Crisis Help Line/ Student Advocacy Resource Center: (406) 243-6559

Student Health Insurance Office- Have questions regarding your health insurance? Go to the Student Health Insurance Office homepage for more information @ http://www.umt.edu/curry-health-center/insurance/
Contact: (406) 243-2844, studentInsurance@mso.umt.edu

Optimal Bear- A self-directed program built around wellness coaching, this program is focused on personal lifestyle and healthy living. You choose what you want to change in your life, and Optimal Bear staff will work with you to help you get there. http://www.umt.edu/curry-health-center/wellness/Optimal-Bear.php
Contact: (406) 243-6719, healthed@umontana.edu

Campus Recreation- Want to get some exercise, lift weights, go swimming and/or golfing, join an intramural sports team, scale a climbing wall, or just let off some steam while getting yourself in shape? For a complete listing of recreation on the UM campus go to Campus Recreation @ http://life.umt.edu/crec/
Contact: (406) 243-2802, campusrec@mso.umt.edu

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

U-Dash Bus Routes- This campus bus service is made available through the UM Student Transportation fee and provides safe, convenient and environmentally sensitive transportation around campus. This service is free and open to the public. For more information on U Dash bus routes go to: http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/Transportation/getting-around/bus/

ASUM Yellow U Bike Checkout Program- Did you just arrive on campus and are interested in checking out a bicycle for a couple days to ride around the campus and city? For more information go to: http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/Transportation/getting-around/bike/

Please Note: University of Montana students can ride the Mountain Line city buses free of charge by presenting their UM Griz card to bus driver. This service is also made available through the UM student transportation fee. For a full listing of bus schedules and city routes go to Mountain Line main website @ http://www.mountainline.com/

Homecoming Parade 2014 — Congratulations to ISA for being 1 of the top 3 student organization floats (Photo by Srini Mondava)
Speakers’ Bureau

Speakers’ Bureau Continues to Reach Out

FSSS coordinates the Speakers’ Bureau Program, through which foreign students are able to interact with the larger Missoula area community. Foreign students are invited to give talks about their home countries on a variety of topics. The audiences often include local high school classes, community organizations, and even individuals requiring translation assistance. Most students are happy to share what they love most about their homelands and the audience groups are always very excited to meet students and learn about other countries around the world. Interested in Speakers’ Bureau? Contact Mary Nel-lis at 406-243-6040.

The Speakers’ Bureau would like to extend a sincere and warm THANK YOU to all students and scholars who gave time and energy to meet with classes and civic groups in the Missoula community during the Spring 2014 Semester and through the summer. We applaud the following volunteers:

Yibo Fan (China), Yawen Deng (China), Sachi Sin-hara (Sri Lanka), Volodymyr Shemayev (Ukraine), and Roan Englebert (Netherlands) and Karyna Ty-tar (Ukraine) volunteered their time for the Flagship Diversity Week discussion panels at Hellgate High School in February 2014.

The Montana World Affairs Council arranged group discussions for their Academic World Quest Competition, and the following students participated in discussion panels to talk about their countries with high school students from all over Montana: Camille Closson (Belgium), Eddy Leow (Malaysia), Yumi Yanagisawa (Japan), Yu Xia (China), Tarun Gupta (India), Raiha Syeda (Pakistan), Hanan Omar (Saudi Arabia), Mastewal Seyeneh (Ethiopia), Sachi Sin-hara (Sri Lanka).

John Prendergast (Ireland), Lauren Reilly (Australia), Tomasz Soltyka (Poland), Doljinsuren Bold (Mongolia), Sarah Qasem Muthna (Yemen), and David Dawa (Kenya) participated in video interviews for a C&I 341 project on cultural adaptation.

The Shirley Miller Attention Home welcomed a visit and presentation by Mastewal Seyeneh (Ethiopia).

Janaina Vieira-Marques (Brazil) organized a mini-mandala for the Girl Scout World Thinking Day in February.

The students below participated as interview partners for Professor Udo Fluck’s MGMT 480 class in spring 2014: Munis Partov (Kazakhstan), Noela Kinda (Burkina Faso), Edith Rivas (Mexico), Manual Lopez Loaiza (Mexico), Abdullah Alkhudhayr (Saudi Arabia), Nasser Alajmi (Saudi Arabia), Juliette Matthews (France), Shashank Ganesh (India), Yuka Okumura (Japan), Ching Pai (Taiwan), Michael Eibl (Austria), Daniela Aranda Caro (Mexico), Hyeok Yun (S. Korea), Diego Burgos (Colombia), Sebastian Coniulao (Chile) Tallulah Pagouape (France)

Thanks to all the students who helped with the pre-departure workshop for study abroad students!

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION NOTICES

It is important that you maintain your legal status and possess valid documents at all times.

- Extension of stay should be sought within 30 days prior to program end date as noted on Forms I-20 or DS-2019.

- Students should also comply with the full course of study requirement (12 credits at the undergraduate level and 9 credits for graduate studies). To drop below the required credit load, students need to seek prior approval from FSSS.

- A change of address must be recorded in CyberBear and reported to FSSS within 10 days of such change.

- Finally, do not engage in unauthorized employment.

- Your passport should always be valid six months into the future.

If you plan to leave Missoula (including travel within the U.S. and Montana) please carry your valid passport and immigration documents (forms I-20 or DS-2019 and I-94) with you. Forms I-20 or DS-2019 need to be signed by FSSS staff prior to travel to another country and subsequent re-entry to the U.S., including visits to Canada.
MEET YOUR 2014—2015 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS

At The University of Montana we have a very active International Student Association (ISA) [http://www.umt.edu/asum/isa](http://www.umt.edu/asum/isa), as well as a number of specific nationality/cultural associations, collectively called the United Nations Council. They all welcome your participation and input. There are still some positions and regions that are vacant, please consider participating. You may contact your leaders by using their UM e-mail address: firstname.lastname@umontana.edu

ISA OFFICERS
President: Shaghuf Altaf, Pakistan
Vice President: Ruriko Ebara, Japan
Business Manager: Mickael BenAhmend Coulibaly, Burkino Faso
Secretary: Momoko Nakajima, Japan
Program Coordinator: Nasrin Chaudhry, U.S.
Web Master: Zikri Hassanbasri, Indonesia
Public Relations: Korin Leroy, U.S.
Treasurer: Yibo Fan, China
Sports Coordinator: Spencer West, U.S.
News Editor: Jordan Michael Cahoon, U.S.

NATIONALITY/CULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS
African Student Association: Suzette Ewere Moseri
Brazilian Student Association: Amanda Oliveira Farris
Chinese Student and Scholar Association: Shuolin Huang
Japanese Student Association: Kayla Edwards
Korean Student Association: Chang Yeol Choi
Latin American Association: Efren Duarte
Persian Student Association: Sadi Nazriev
Saudi Student Club: Ahmed Alshadokhi
Taiwanese Student Association: Sheng-Han Hsieh

The MIFP executive board is committed to helping UM foreign students have a positive experience during their study sojourn. This year’s board consists of the following individuals:

President: Chris Kilzer
Treasurer: David Strobel
Recording Secretary: Carrie Gajdosik
Corresponding Secretary: Mika Watanabe
Board Members: Charlotte Kasl, Laella Shimer, Martin Twer, Suzan Rinehart, Karl Mangold, Maria Mangold, Shannon Pinkston, Curtis Biggs
Lifetime Members: Joycee Dozier, Nancy Gibson
Ex-Officio Members: Effie Koehn and Mona Mondava

MIFP is a non-profit volunteer community hospitality organization which works closely with FSSS to facilitate friendship opportunities between students and members of the community. For Fall Semester 2014 MIFP arranged new friendship matches between 80 community friends and their families and 105 new students. Orientation for interested students was held on August 20 and on September 3 and 4, for new community participants. Upon arrival in Missoula, MIFP board members distributed over 170 Welcome Bags to new international students and hosted a Welcome dinner to the newcomers.

On September 11, the students and their respective community friends were able to meet for the first time at a Meet and Greet function at the Missoula Carousel. On Wednesday, October 29, President Royce C. Engstrom and Dr. Mary Engstrom will host a reception on campus to honor Community Friends of Spring and Fall Semesters 2014. Later this semester, on Sunday, December 7, MIFP will host the annual Holiday Party for all foreign students and scholars and community friends. All UM international students and scholars are invited to the December event.

UM GLOBAL PARTNERS

This fall, 55 outstanding UM students are generously volunteering their time as Global Partners to 88 new foreign students who signed up for a Partner. Each Global Partner has made a two-month commitment to help a foreign student adjust to both the university system and the Missoula community. After attending a training session, the Global Partners met the foreign students at an International House pizza party on August 24. The event was a huge success with over 130 people attending! The Global Partners act not only as guides for foreign students; they also offer each student an opportunity to experience the best of American culture. At the same time, the Global Partners play a crucial role in helping ease the loneliness and culture shock that are a natural part of studying abroad.

Global Partners and foreign students are reached via both email and regular announcements, so keep an eye out for upcoming programs and events!!
What and where is the International House? The International House is a physically accessible activity and meeting center for UM international students and scholars and friends, as well as any UM group with an international or intercultural focus! You are invited to stop by and visit during open hours. You can study, use the student computer, internet, and printer, watch TV/Video/International DVDs, cook a meal in the kitchen, do laundry, play wii games, or meet friends. Regular open hours are maintained each day and the hours are posted below. The International House is located on the edge of campus, one block east of the Curry Health Center and across from the Adams Center parking lot, at 659 South 5th Street East.

Host your event there for free! Reserve the house free of charge for parties and gatherings - small or large - such as meetings, celebrations, cooking, cultural events, etc. It’s for you, your friends, or your campus group with an inter-cultural focus! There is no charge to use the house for an event. The International House is YOUR HOUSE – so take advantage of it and come visit or plan an event there! But please remember that the I-House is smoke-free and alcohol-free. To reserve the house, just call the International House managers. You can reach them at (406) 543-8805 – if you don’t reach them, leave a message and they will call you back.

I-House Managers: The International House operates under the management of three Resident Student Managers, under the supervision of FSSS. Kaleb Perdew from U.S joined as a new manager for the 2014-2015 year. We also welcome back Verena Henners from Germany and Sachi Sinhara from Sri Lanka as 2014-2015 managers. They are looking forward to welcome you to the International House.

We would also like to say farewell and thank you to last year's manager Erin McConnaha and Greg Arno for their dedication and excellent service to the International House.

I-House Social and Cultural Events: The managers will be providing some fun special events at the I-House this fall, so keep watching the electronic FSSS News: The Weekly News bulletin for more information and updates. If you would like to host a cultural event at the I-House to share some aspect of your country or culture with the UM international community, please let the managers or Mona in FSSS know your idea and they would be happy to assist you.

What's New at the International House:
We continue to enjoy the crisp new look of the International House after many upgrades in last year and this last summer. We have installed a new TV with a cable box and with the ability to play great quality audio & connect your laptops, Wii-game player with many fun games and dances. We added a new couch, colorful new garden table sets and a welcome bench in the yard. In addition, the garage has been renovated to provide better International Festival and I-House storage, and the basement storage area has been completely revamped. Come see all the great new additions.

Regular Public Open Hours this semester are:
Monday 2:00 pm—4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 pm—9:00 pm Saturday 6:00—11:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm—10:00 pm Sunday 7:00 pm—10:00 pm
Thursday 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

November 2 “Fall Back”
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

At 2:00 am Sunday, November 2 we return to Mountain Standard Time. This means that before you go to bed, you set your clock back one hour.
THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL CULTURE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Get ready for the 24th annual International and Culture Festival! This event is the biggest international festival in Missoula and is held at UM every spring. This year it will be on Sunday, March 22, 2015. It is produced by YOU, the UM international students and scholars, under the guidance of the International Student Association and FSSS. It is one of the very important traditional ways we build cross-cultural goodwill between our UM international students and the community. This is also one of the biggest public events at UM, attracting 4,000 people to a day-long festival featuring over 100 happenings! We need all international students to contribute their unique talents and interests to make it successful and forge this important connection with our community. There are lots of ways you can get involved – see below – and we need everyone! Community organizations with an intercultural focus are also important contributors – please let us know if there are any that we should invite. We start preparations in October in order to have it ready in March. Please come to one of the upcoming information sessions, or contact the festival director, Mona Mondava, to get started!

What is the International Festival? It is many things!
It’s a Food Festival! 20 student and 5 community groups cook (in university kitchens) and sell food from their country to festival-attendees! This is a very popular part of the festival and Missoulians wait for this all year. What a great way to showcase your culture and fund-raise at the same time! Food Booth reservations will be accepted starting October 21st.

It’s a Cultural Pavilion! The festival features a big bazaar area of country/culture display and info tables showcasing different countries and ethnic organizations, booths selling international items (art and crafts, jewelry, clothes, etc.), or booths hosting fun and informative cross-cultural interactions with the audience, such as “Write your name in Arabic” or “What is your Chinese horoscope?” or “Try your fortune in Turkish coffee grounds”. Come share your heritage with the people of Missoula at a cultural pavilion booth!

It’s a Children’s World Festival! A special section is reserved for interactive events for children. This is a lot of fun and you can get very creative: teach or show a song, dance, martial art, game; show how to make something fun from your country; create a puppet-show or skit; host a geography contest; tell folktales or stories from your country, and so forth! Let’s excite the kids to become early world citizens!

It’s a Film Festival! It’s a Parade of Nations! What else can it be? Bring us your ideas and we will work hard to include them.

Lots of Volunteers Needed: In addition to filling the specific festival areas above, we also need volunteers with talents such as: public relations and marketing, photography, videography, volunteer management, accounting, organizational skills, artistic talents, and more. We also need lots of friendly volunteers to do many smaller jobs.

International Festival Contact information: Mona Mondava from FSSS will guide the festival as the Director, working closely with individual area festival coordinators and ISA officers. We will introduce them to you in upcoming electronic “FSSS Weekly Newsletter” editions. Meanwhile, Mona would be happy to visit with you on how you can participate and to connect you to the appropriate area coordinator. Please stop by to see her at FSSS, email her at MMondava@mso.umt.edu or call 406-243-6059.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION SESSIONS: Half hour information sessions will be offered in October and November to tell you more about the I-Festival. Check our FSSS Weekly Newsletter for upcoming dates. Especially new students should come! Meanwhile, contact Mona with questions and to join the Festival!
FALL FIELDTRIP TO THE BEAUTIFUL BITTERROOT VALLEY FOR ONLY $12!

Fall Traditions: Visit to Frost Top Apple Orchard
Historic Mission in Stevensville
Introduction to Salish Indian Culture
Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

For Foreign Students, Scholars, Families, Global Partners
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014

Enjoy a fun fall day in the beautiful & historic Bitterroot Valley, which runs 100 miles south of Missoula. We’ll have a busy day with lots of different things to tour in the Bitterroot:

McIntosh Apple Days in Hamilton
Enjoy an American country festival. This one celebrates the importance of apples in the history of this valley. Features live entertainment (jazz, country, folk and bluegrass music), arts and crafts, heritage displays, raffles, and lots of good food – especially featuring apple specialties. There will be time to take a walk around and enjoy seeing a typical American small town.

St. Mary’s Mission/Salish Indian Culture
The Historic St. Mary’s Mission is the one of the state’s oldest white settlements. The 1½ hour guided tour conducted on the mission grounds includes the early history of the Salish Indians, their life in the Bitterroot Valley, their removal to the Flathead Reservation, and their present day relationship with Historic St. Mary’s Mission. Our tour also includes visiting a Salish Encampment with native plants as well as Salish games and handmade tools by Tim Ryan, a Salish Tribal Member.

Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge
We’ll have a tour of this beautiful, popular destination, famous for its acres of bird sanctuary and wetlands. We will have a naturalist guide who will lead us through some fun hands-on activities to learn about wildlife, and go on a nature walk, where – if we are lucky – we will see some of the many kinds of birds, eagles, ducks, owls, deer, squirrels, coyotes, and perhaps the special “tree-nesting geese.”

This trip is open to foreign students, scholars and family members and Global Partners. Sign up in FSSS is on a first-come-first served basis. Registration will open Monday, September 22 at 9 am in FSSS, Lommasson Center 219.
The cost of trip is only $12, due at sign up, Price includes transportation and guides. Please also bring money to buy treats at the Apple Festival, bring a sack lunch and dress warmly. Departure will be at 7:45 am from the International House (arrive at 7:30 am for check in) or 8:00 am from the Lewis and Clark Villages Transfer Center. We will return in early evening to Missoula.

This trip is funded by Foreign Student and Scholar Services and by a generous donation from MIFP: The Missoula International Friendship Program.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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Remember FIRST FRIDAYS @ FSSS. Come join us the first Friday of every month from 2-4 for free coffee, tea and conversation.