Making Connections

Donna Anderson and Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry met with Oliver Schramm, Consul General of the German Consulate, San Francisco, during his recent visit to
Missoula. Montana World Affairs Council arranged the meeting for the Global Engagement Office to share about UM's current partners in Germany and explore additional ways to expand collaborations between UM and German institutions of higher education.

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The new Gilman Scholars (pictured above from left) are Ethan Seiler, a junior from Missoula, who will spend a full academic year in Japan; Samantha Boutte, a senior from Nampa, Idaho, who will head to Spain for an internship; Stephanie Kowal, a junior from Great Falls, who has her sights set on studying in the United Kingdom; and Quemarr Moatamedi, a junior from Wintergarden, Florida, who hopes to study in Spain. The Gilman Scholarship is offered by a U.S. Department of State program that enables students who may face financial barriers to study or intern abroad.

UMOVE/COIL Grant Recipients

Congratulations Dr. Jinyang Du and Dr. Kim Reiser!

Two UM faculty members have been selected by the International Council and approved by Provost Mahdavi to receive the University of Montana Online Virtual Exchange (UMOVE) COIL grant for 2022-2023.

- Dr. Jinyang Du will be partnering with his faculty colleague at Henan University of Economics and Law in China to offer a COIL module in GBLD 194: Extreme Climate Events: Observations, Vulnerability and Preparedness in Spring 2023.
- Dr. Kim Reiser will be partnering with a colleague at the American College of Greece to offer a COIL module in COMX212X: Introduction to Intercultural Communication at Missoula College in Spring 2023.
The UMOVE COIL grant provides faculty with a $500 stipend and instructional design support to develop a COIL module with an instructor from an international partner institution. The Global Engagement Office provides partnership matching and administrative support as needed.

The inaugural recipient of the UMOVE COIL grant was Dr. Hayley Blackburn and Dr. Peter McKonough who partnered with a faculty colleague at Monash University in Australia to offer a COIL module for Planetary Health in Spring 2022. Hayley and Peter plan to offer the COIL module again next year.

The first faculty member to offer a COIL module at UM was Dr. Alessia Carpoca who partnered with her faculty colleague at Sophia University to offer a COIL module for her Costume Design course in Fall 2020. The COIL module resulted from UM and Sophia University being chosen to participate in the ACE/IIGE Rapid Response Virtual Exchange/Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Transformation Lab in the summer and fall of 2020. Alessia plans to offer the COIL module again next year.

To learn more about the UMOVE COIL initiative at UM, please visit: UMOVE – University of Montana Online Virtual Exchange – Global Engagement Office – University Of Montana (umt.edu)
students off to the next legs of their academic journeys. In July and August, our Humphrey Fellows will be departing Missoula. After having finished four months of intensive English training, our 14 Fellows will be dispersing to nine top universities all around the U.S., including Cornell, M.I.T., and UC Davis, to name a few.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship brings mid-career professionals to the U.S. from all around the world. Each year, over 4,000 professionals apply for the Fellowship, and ultimately, only 150 are selected – the selection is based on the applicants’ leadership potential and demonstrated dedication to public service, among other skills and qualifications. These 150 scholars complete a year of graduate-level study in their fields. The English Language Institute receives a small cohort each summer, who come to improve their English skills before the academic year begins. Humphrey Fellows spend 16-18 hours in class each week, writing essays, studying academic vocabulary, learning grammar rules, and most importantly, increasing their confidence. Currently, ELI offers the one and only long-term English training program for Humphrey Fellows – a fact we are very proud of.

The Humphrey Fellows have spent four months not only studying English, but also getting to know Missoula and the region. The Fellows arrived in Missoula in April and were able to experience blizzard-like conditions within their first week here. The final week of their program, we took advantage of 90-degree weather and got out on the river for Missoula’s favorite pastime – floating the Clark Fork. During the program, Fellows also hiked to Holland Falls, had a picnic at Flathead Lake, got drenched in a rainstorm at the Garden of 1,000 Buddhas, and spotted a black bear (from a safe distance!) at Glacier National Park.

The Fellows have also been immersed in their new culture. This year’s group of Fellows, in particular, quickly began to explore the community – thanks to the kind of folks at Free Cycles, who set the group up with bicycles! We were thrilled to learn that the Fellows were taking it upon themselves to visit and attend events at the Missoula Public Library, the Missoula Art Museum, and even the Kettlehouse Amphitheater! Additionally, each Fellow completed service learning hours at a wide variety of organizations around town. ELI itself is also very fortunate to have a wonderful network of volunteers who are Community Partners for the Fellows, taking time to invite Fellows into their homes, take them on hikes, and generally show them the best parts of Missoula.

The first group of Humphrey Fellows came to Missoula in 2013, and each summer, we at ELI are touched by how many people in the community and on campus go out of their way to welcome the Fellows to our community and help them succeed. We are proud to invite the Fellows into Missoula and onto the University of Montana campus. We know that even as they move on to their next universities, Missoula will stay in their hearts. We also know that Missoula will be a better place for the contributions the Fellows have made during their time here. We wish the Fellows all the best as they continue their Fellowship year!
Conversation Partners Needed

The English Language Institute is running several virtual programs with Japanese partners this summer and fall. We are looking for conversation partners to help Japanese high school and university students practice their English speaking & listening skills.

This volunteer experience (held completely on Zoom) is a great way to increase your intercultural competence skills, and it looks great on a resume!

Below are the programs, dates, and times we are looking for partners. If you are available, please email Sara Schroeder (sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu) to indicate which date(s) you would like to volunteer. If you have any friends or family who may be interested, please feel free to share this message to them as well.

- **Kumamoto High School, each evening 8:30 – 9:00 p.m.:**
  - August 2
  - August 3
  - August 4

- **Konan University, each evening 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.:**
  - September 7
  - September 9
  - September 12
  - September 13
  - September 15
Study Abroad Reflection
Reed Miller, Spring 2022 semester, Universidad de Granada (Partner University) - Granada, Spain

"By stepping away from my home, my community, I learned so much about my community and my relationship with it. Relationships and experiences I had only dreamed of before have come true since coming to Granada, and it’s even better than I imagined. Getting here was incredibly hard and I felt very stressed and nervous, but I cried tears of joy many times as I overcame the challenges I encountered on my journey to where I am now."

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Get started by searching the 200+ universities available to choose from or scheduling a ‘Getting Started’ appointment with the Education Abroad Coordinator.

Spring 2023 study abroad applications are now open! Get Started by visiting our website, or attend one of the group advising sessions!
International Students and Scholars: A Month in Review

It is hot hot hot here in Missoula! This month our students and scholars beat the heat with ice cream from Dairy Queen and a relaxing evening at Bonner Park watching the Missoula City Band perform. This was followed by some fun cooling off in one of the city’s many splash pads.

Wish to join ISS for future events? Email iss@umontana.edu

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University of Eastern Finland

The University of Eastern Finland's three campuses, Joensuu, Kuopio, and Savonlinna, merged January 1, 2010. Joensuu and Kuopio are main campuses and Savonlinna, a medieval city famous for its castle and Opera Festival, has a smaller campus. Currently the University has over 14,000 students, making it one of the largest universities in Finland.

The language of instruction at the UEF is Finnish. However a number of courses are offered in English in the following areas: Karelia, Russia and the Baltic Area (history, geography, literature etc.), Environmental Science and Forestry, Social Sciences (includes business and economics), and Educational Sciences.

Finland is a Nordic democracy and a member of the European Union. In terms of area, Finland is the seventh largest country in Europe but it has a very low population density. The population of Finland is 5.5 million. The capital of the country is Helsinki, and there are two official languages, Finnish and Swedish. The currency used in Finland is the euro.

Forests cover over two thirds of the country. Finland is also a land of a thousand lakes and water covers 10% of the land. Finland is a land of four distinct seasons.

In the summer, there is daylight almost around the clock whereas in the winter there are only a few hours of daylight. In the autumn, the first snow often settles in November and the landscape will often be covered in snow in December. The first signs of spring can be seen in March and the snow gradually starts melting away in April.

Interested in studying at the University of Eastern Finland?

For more information visit the University's website.
Learn more about studying abroad, or set up an advising appointment for application assistance, exchange paperwork, or more!

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Scholars

Book an appointment with an ISS staff member if you have questions regarding your immigration status, OPT application, orientation, or general life at UM.

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