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January 2022 Newsletter

Congratulations Fall 2021 International Graduates!

Dina Merani
After graduating and earning a degree in Bachelor of Art, I will look forward to doing the Optional Practical Training (OPT) before continuing my graduate program at the UM for the Fall semester of 2022.

Christina Maria Salzmann
I will move to Bigfork Montana to use my gained skillset and knowledge in a GIS part-time job and will be interning at the Flathead Avalanche Center in February 2022.

Yulianus Kogoya
After finishing at UM, I will take two or three classes

Miyuki Hayashi
After graduation, I will be working as a postdoctoral

to get a certificate in Hotel Management from Missoula College.

research fellow in Philadelphia, PA.

Click here to read more!

Congrats to our Education Abroad Graduating Interns!

Gavin Graham and McKinley Biddulph

Gavin was our Software and Database Intern while McKinley served as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator.

Kevin Thropp

Kevin served as the Education Abroad Course Facilitator

Farewell Friends!

Study Abroad Made Possible for Spring 2022

UM is happy to announce that just under 40 students will be studying abroad this Spring semester in a number of different countries: Spain, Ireland, Greece, Germany, Japan, to name a few.

Along with sending students abroad, UM is happy to receive about 15 new incoming exchange students!

Pictured above: 3 UM students studying abroad this Spring.

(From left) Charles Gescher, Esther Lyon Delsordo, Reed Miller

The University of Montana is happy to welcome around 25 new international students to campus for Spring 2022! **We are glad you are here:** Pablo, Yoshi, Bruno, Ben, Pilar, Antonio, Anna, Benjamin, Anne, Kai, Alberto, Alessandro, Sabrina, Belen, Nayanjyoti, Dagim, Mayu, Lina, Aishwarya, Mehul, Phuc, Sakiho, Kathleen, Owen, Adishabrani, Alaa.

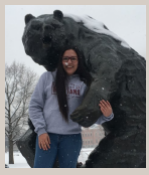
Meet the new I-House Managers

Nandini

Major: Graduate Degree in Counseling (Mental Health Track)

Home town and country: Dehradun, India

Languages spoken: Hindi, English and Punjabi



Vanessa

Major: Medical Assistant

Hometown and country: Valencia, Venezuela

Languages spoken: Spanish, English and a little of Portuguese

Dorian

Major: Geography

Home town and country: Nice, France

Languages spoken: French, English, Italian

International House

For more information click here

Funded Opportunities to Partner with Faculty from Another Country

The University of Montana Virtual Exchange (UMOVE)/COIL Initiative

Wednesday, February 2, 12-1 p.m. via Zoom

Learn how the University of Montana Virtual Exchange (UMOVE)/COIL methodology connects part or all of your course with a class in another country for intercultural applied learning. In this workshop, faculty will learn how to identify an existing course they teach as a good candidate for UMOVE/COIL, learn how to find potential global partners, examine a successful UMOVE/COIL program and discuss lessons learned, and learn how to apply for UMOVE/COIL funding and support. Join Professor Alessia Carpoca (Theatre & Dance), Jeanie Castillo (UMOnline), Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry and Donna Anderson (Global Engagement Office) to learn how to bring international exposure to courses taught at UM. Please send any specific questions you have in advance to Donna Anderson at donna.anderson@mso.umt.edu

Click here to register

The UGP Global Research Incentive Program awards grants of up to $5,000

International partnerships are essential to comprehensive research and creative scholarship. Transformational global partnerships usually begin with short specific projects aimed at generating longer-term collaborations able to sustain regular interactions and further develop common interests. Therefore, the purpose of the Global Research Incentive Program (GRIP) is to promote and foster comprehensive internationalization of the University of Montana through incentivizing international research collaborations through UM's existing global partnerships.

Click here for more information

Study Abroad Fair

February 9

10AM - 2PM

UC Atrium

Come learn about your study abroad options, why studying abroad is a beneficial experience, and hear from others who have gone through the process!

Apply Now!

Study Abroad Applications Open

Fall 2022 and Academic Year 22/23 education abroad applications are due Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 by midnight.

Deadlines can be found on our website HERE

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

Make an appointment

Education Abroad Internship Opportunities

Our internships for Spring 2022 are open and on Handshake. These internships will have flexibility around start date, end date, and time off for vacations:

Faculty-Directed Program Assistant

Diversity Advocate

Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Software & Database

Education Abroad Peer Advisor

Education Abroad Course Facilitator

Refugee Advocate

Minamata High School Continues Virtual Programming at ELI

By Sara Schroeder (Director of the English Language Institute)

In 2022 Montana will celebrate 40 years of sisterhood with Kumamoto Prefecture in Japan. Since 1982, Montana and Kumamoto have made many business, governmental, and educational connections. The English Language Institute (ELI) has been fortunate to be included in these exchanges. ELI has connected with Minamata High School in Kumamoto Prefecture to provide English courses centered on environmentalism and sustainable development. Beginning in 2020, programming shifted from in-person to virtual instruction and exchange. The change in course delivery has allowed this special program to expand from a two-week course to one that spans several months. More time between class sessions gives Minamata students more time to conduct research, complete coursework, and connect with conversation partners.

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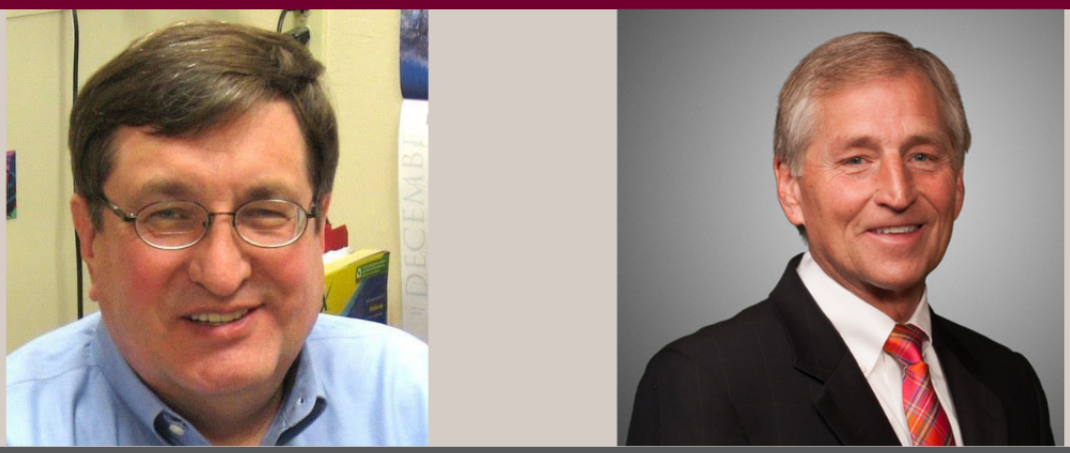
Fidelity to One Another, the Cause of Freedom, and the Country's Future



MANSFIELD DIALOGUES

January 26, 2022 at 7 PM MST via Zoom

Join us in a conversation with former Montana Governor and current Mansfield Board Member, Marc Racicot. Moderated by long-time political reporter Chuck Johnson. Introduction by Pardis Mahdavi, PhD, incoming Provost and Executive Vice President at the University of Montana.

Register for the event here

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GEO Open Houses

The Global Engagement Office is excited to announce our entire team it now housed in the International Center on campus and no longer split between the International Center and Lommasson Center. The centralized location of the GEO team allows us to move toward becoming a central hub for all things international at UM and better serve the campus and community. To celebrate our newly united space in the International Center, we are planning Open Houses for students, faculty and staff later this spring, possibly to coincide with WorldFest in April. Please watch for an invitation later this semester.

In the meantime, the GEO team is happy to meet virtually or in person with members of the campus community who would like to learn more about what we do and the programming and services we provide, such as:

- Develop a virtual exchange for one of your courses
- Invite an international scholar to teach or research in your department
- Learn how to lead a program abroad
- Discover ways to better support international students in the classroom

For more information, please contact Donna Anderson, Senior International Officer, at donna.anderson@mso.umt.edu

Campus Map

Schedule an Appointment

Education Abroad

Learn more about studying abroad, or set up an advising appointment for application assistance, exchange paperwork, or more!

Set up an appointment HERE

Int'l Students and 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.

Set up an appointment HERE

Featured Partner University:

Al Akhawayn University

By Carissa Luginbill

Al Akhawayn University Ifrane, AUI for short, opened in 1995 in Ifrane, Morocco. Although AUI is modeled in its organizational structure, curriculum, method, and language of instruction on the American system of higher education, there is a strong African, Arab, and Islamic influence. Undergraduate courses include, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Human Resource Development, International Studies, Science Engineering, & General Engineering.

AUI has a number of graduate programs as well. Around 2,000 students attend the school, with 160 international students from 28 different countries. Ifrane is one hour from the cities of Fez and Meknes, two and a half hours from the Moroccan capital, Rabat, and three and a half hours from Casablanca. Although you can travel out of the city of Ifrane, there are many opportunities right in town! Residents and visitors enjoy four seasons of the beautiful Middle Atlas mountains region which provide opportunities to see wildlife and waterfalls, take hikes, go horseback riding, skiing, fishing and much more. You also don't want to miss the rich city history, bazaars, hammams, markets, restaurants, and nightlife. There's a reason the city of Ifrane keeps growing!

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