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July Newsletter



2021 MIEC Welcomed 60 Representatives

The Global Engagement Office was thrilled to host the 2021 Montana International Educators Conference (MIEC) this summer from June 17-18. Organized by Assistant Director of ISS and NAFSA Montana State Representative, Caroline McLean, the conference took place entirely online for free, open to international educators, students, and stakeholders across the state of Montana.

This annual meeting was the main venue for international educators in Montana working at public and private institutions with interests in international education. The primary goal was to connect international educators across the state who share similar interests, goals and responsibilities in order to benefit from one another's experience, networks and expertise. The conference included round table discussions and informational sessions that focus on relevant issues faced by international educators in Montana. This year, MIEC welcomed 60 representatives from secondary schools, community colleges, and universities, as well as local, state, and federal government and non-governmental organizations. The focus of this year's conference was International Education During COVID-19 and Beyond.

A range of topics were explored across 14 sessions including Education Abroad, International Student & Scholar Services, Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship, International Enrollment Management, and International Education Leadership. The highlight of the conference was a keynote address by Dr. Anthony C. Ogden, the founder and managing director of [Gateway International Group](#), a new organization focused on next generation international education.



Fellows Gather with Mayor Engen

On Wednesday, June 23rd, the Humphrey Fellows were warmly welcomed to Missoula by Mayor Engen. Many of the Fellows expressed their gratitude for the city of Missoula, mentioning that it will be hard to leave when the program comes to an end late July.



Humphrey Fellows Dialogue Presentation Series

The [English Language Institute](#) and the [Jeannette Rankin Peace Center](#) invite you to the Humphrey Fellow Dialogue series this summer. Each of our Humphrey Fellows will be giving a short presentation on their country, their culture, and their work.

The English Language Institute has been collaborating with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center since 2013 to bring these Humphrey Dialogues to the community. Each Humphrey Fellow will give a 15-minute presentation; the presentations are followed by a panel discussion in which we encourage community members to ask questions and engage in discussion with the Humphrey Fellows.

The last set of presentations will be held on July 8, at 5:30pm in the Gallagher Business Building Room 122 (UM Main Campus).

Please see the full schedule for the series here:

[Humphrey Dialogue Dates and Themes](#)

More information and to view previously recorded presentations, click [here](#)

To access the online zoom presentations click [here](#)



EXHIBITION AND ART MAKING SPACE

Grand Opening

Thursday, July 15th, 8:30 pm

Located at the 'International House' of University of Montana near the Clark Fork river (Madison Street Bridge) and the Adams Center.

We (the artists) open the Garage with a screening of the documentary "Garage People". Natalija Yefimkina (Germany) captures fascinating scenes of the eccentric and creative life that takes place in a garage community in rural Russia.

A garage is often more than just a storage space. It can be a refuge from the daily routine, a place where likeminded people get together in the enjoyment of making and tinkering. We found inspiration in this garage spirit and thus use a garage as headquarter of our art exhibition project. The garage is a space where you could come by, look at art, collect inspiration and if you like join us in making artistic projects together with international artists. We work with artists form Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Taiwan through virtual exchange.

More about the Garage [here](#)



5 UM Students Awarded Gilman International Scholarships

The prestigious awards help students fund study or internships abroad. The fact that UM received five of these scholarships speaks volumes about the academic excellence of UM students.

Congratulations Alec Bartell, Rosie Ferguson, Lucy Rath, Anya Smith, and Jewel Wicks

Read the full article [here](#)

Learn more about the [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#)



MONTANA LEADS EFFORTS TO DEFINE UN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PRINCIPLES

University of Montana Professor Cara Nelson is leading an international effort to define guiding principles for a new United Nations initiative that aims to reverse the degradation of global ecosystems.

Click [here](#) to read the full story

More on the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: Click [here](#)



**Help Promote International
Opportunities and Initiate Global
Engagement**

If you're interested in connecting with other globally-minded leaders across Montana to help promote international opportunities and initiate global engagement to students and communities across the Big Sky State, then please complete the committee sign-up form below. Anyone is welcome to join – from high school language teachers to university professors, or organizational leaders to international education professionals.

The committee will meet once at the beginning of each semester. Meetings dates, times and locations TBD. There will also be a monthly newsletter in production to come shortly after the first meeting.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulty, please contact McKennah Andrews at mckennah.andrews@mso.umt.edu

Sign up [here](#)



Continued Funding of Peace Corps Recruiter Position

UM has received funding for another

5 years for the Peace Corps Recruiter Position.

We are currently looking for the next UM Peace Corps Recruiter.

For more information and to review the job description click [here](#)

UM-Sponsored International Travel Protocol

Based on recent Commissioner of Higher Education guidance for the Montana University system, the following protocol related to UM sponsored international travel is effective immediately. Any UM sponsored travel to countries rated

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Level 4 is prohibited. Faculty, staff, and students wishing to travel to countries rated Department of State (DOS) levels 3 or 4 or CDC level 3 are required to petition permission for travel from the UM International Travel Review Committee (ITRC) by submitting a risk management plan with enhanced COVID-specific risk mitigation and contingency plans with final approval by the Provost. UM will conduct a program-specific review on UM-sponsored study abroad programs scheduled to start beyond July 31. UM is using a nuanced multi-factorial approach that considers, for example, host nation COVID-19 dynamics, travel and border restrictions, housing and food security, and host organization programming. Students participating in an approved program will be required to participate in an online health and safety orientation and will complete an enhanced risk management plan as part of this required orientation. Every approved traveler is also required to sign a COVID-specific additional agreement and acknowledgement of risk, register their travel, and purchase a GEOBlue International Insurance Plan.

The University of Montana acknowledges that the COVID-19 situation is evolving quickly around the world. As a result, CDC and DOS levels may change with very little notice. The ITRC is committed to reviewing petitions with a quick turnaround to accommodate these changes. We recognize the challenging conditions created for our community by the pandemic while acknowledging its uneven impact around the world.

NOTE: Native students, faculty & staff who have reserves on both sides of the US/Canadian border (individuals covered under Jay's Treaty) are exempt from the international travel suspension for travel to Canada.

For more information about this announcement, please contact Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, Associate Director, Global Engagement Office at:

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**Do you know about the
TESOL certificate?**



Students at the University of Montana and the wider community have the opportunity to earn a certificate in teaching English as a foreign language. The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate course is supported by English Language Institute of the Global Engagement Office. Students can register for this course through the University of Montana's School of Lifelong Learning (SELL). The course takes place on the online learning platform Moodle, while observation and practicum opportunities are available to students in-person and/or virtually. Earning a TESOL certificate qualifies English-speakers (native and non-native) to teach English-learners abroad or in the United States.

TESOL students at UM have several opportunities to put their skills into practice in the community and virtually to fulfill the course's practicum requirement. Virtual and in-person conversation partners are made available through conversation partners (virtual) and Humphrey Fellows (April/May).

Through 12-14 weeks of online instruction (120 hours: broken down into 100 instructional hours and 20 practicum hours) students learn a myriad of skills such as: teaching theories and methods; English pronunciation, words, and meanings; how to teach reading, listening, speaking, and writing; how to create a supportive classroom environment; materials, curriculum, and lesson planning and design. At the end of the course there is an evaluation and assessment week for reflecting and identifying goals as a TESOL professional.

Currently (Spring 2021) there are two TESOL interns, Kylie Stokes and Camryn Vaughn, who are getting credit at UM for their hours spent working on the TESOL certificate course.

Kylie is a graduating Senior pursuing a degree in Anthropology with a concentration in Linguistics. Alongside the TESOL certification, Kylie also received a Peace Corp Preparatory certification from UM. After graduation, she hopes to make a career of traveling abroad and being a positive force in the lives of others.

Camryn will complete her political science and Russian studies majors in the fall of 2021. Having previously studied abroad in Austria and Kyrgyzstan, she is looking forward to the opportunities a TESOL certificate will provide to live and work abroad while sharing language and culture.

If you are interested in learning more about the TESOL certificate program please contact Sara Schroeder (sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu).

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Education Abroad is accepting applications for Summer 2021:

Our internships for summer are open and now on Handshake. These summer internships will be virtual, and there will be flexibility around start date, end date, and time off for vacations:

[Faculty-Directed Programs Internship](#)

[Marketing and Communications Coordinator Internship](#)

[Terra Dotta Software & Database Internship](#)

[International Partnerships Assistant Internship](#)

Study Abroad Applications

Spring 2022 study abroad applications are now open! Students can get started by checking out our programs [here](#) or by [setting up an advising appointment](#) with the Education Abroad Coordinator. The priority deadline will be Friday, May 14th, 2021.

If you missed the Study Abroad Fair

Click on the button below to access the recordings of each event. You can also find the recordings on the EA Facebook page, as well!

[Click here](#)



Featured Partner University with the University of Montana:

Griffith University - Brisbane, Australia

By Carissa Luginbill

A large university, Griffith has five campuses with 50,000 students and is the 9th largest university in Australia. It is regarded as one of the most innovative universities in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region. There are over 300 degree areas of study with classes in Accounting, Biology, Law, Music, Tourism and many more.

Griffith is located in Brisbane, or Brissie as it's called, the capital of Queensland – making it the third largest city in Australia with 1.5 million people. Enjoy a beautiful city with tall skyscrapers, botanical gardens, and the Brisbane river running right through the heart of the city.

Queensland gains its name the 'Sunshine State' because of the record number of sunny days a year; around 300. As a state, Queensland has miles of sandy coastline with access to the Great Barrier Reef, along with tropical rainforests and some of the friendliest people.

You don't want to miss the opportunity to study in this stunning city with endless opportunities for exploration.

For more information visit the University's [website](#).

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