UM Has Hosted 100 Humphrey Fellows:

Only Long-Term English Training Program for the Humphrey Fellows in the U.S.

The Humphrey Fellowship is a competitive Fulbright Exchange Program which provides a year of non-degree graduate-level study in the U.S. Each year over
5,000 mid-career professionals from around the world apply for a Humphrey Fellowship; ultimately only 150 are chosen. Humphrey Fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and their dedication to public service. These Fellows are from countries undergoing development and/or political transition. They spend one full academic year at one of thirteen major universities. Cornell, American University, MIT, Vanderbilt, and UC Davis, just to name a few, are host universities that this year’s Humphrey Fellows will attend next fall.

The English Language Institute (ELI) at the University of Montana hosts a small number of these Fellows each summer. The Humphrey Fellows who study at the ELI are Fellows who are otherwise strong Humphrey candidates but need improved English to benefit fully from the Humphrey experience. The Fellows study at ELI 18–20 hours per week for four months. The English Language Institute (ELI) at the University of Montana is currently the only host of Long-Term English Training for the Humphrey Fellows in the U.S.

The University of Montana has been hosting the Humphrey Long-Term English Training Program since 2013, and this year brings a special milestone: with the addition of this year’s cohort, the ELI has hosted 100 Humphrey Fellows! The Global Engagement Office is happy to announce that this year’s Humphrey scholars have all arrived to the UM campus, and classes and cultural enrichment activities are in full swing. You may see our Fellows out and about on bicycles provided by Free Cycles, or you might even see them on one of the hiking trails around town.

This year’s cohort includes 15 scholars from 14 different countries: Togo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Russia, Ukraine, Tunisia, Yemen, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, and Chile. Although these scholars all have English language study in common, they represent a wide range of professional backgrounds. Professional fields include Agricultural & Rural Development, Urban & Regional Planning, Law & Human Rights, Contagious & Infectious Diseases, International Religious Freedom, Economic Development, Education Administration, Natural Resources, Environmental & Climate Policy, Human Resources Management, and Higher Education Administration.

Welcome 2021 Humphrey Fellows!

To learn more about the Humphrey Fellowship program, visit humphreyfellowship.org or UM’s Humphrey Fellows Long-Term English Program.

President's Welcome Reception
The 2021 Humphrey Fellows Cohort was warmly welcomed to Missoula and the University of Montana on Friday, May 14th. President Bodnar, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Reed Humphrey, and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Nathan Lindsay greeted the Fellows and shared a few words of welcome. The Fellows expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and the small gift presented to them.

**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 first set of presentations will be held on June 3, 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 [here](#).

To access the online zoom presentations click [here](#).
EducationUSA Spring 2021 Seminar

Donna Anderson, SIO & Executive Director of GEO, was a featured speaker at the EducationUSA Spring 2021 Seminar hosted by Boise State University on May 18th. The one-day virtual seminar advanced discussion about recruiting, hosting, and supporting international students, as well as issues of internationalization on U.S. campuses. Anderson served on a panel with international education professionals from the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), Boise State University, and Shoreline Community College to discuss "Strategies for Supporting Successful Internationalization on Your Campus."

Find out more here.

UM Represented at Two Important International Education Engagements

UM Featured in U.S. Embassy - Paris Webinar on "New University Partnership Models"

Donna Anderson was an invited speaker at a webinar on "New University Partnership Models" hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Paris on May 20th. French universities are eager to learn more about virtual/hybrid partnership models like UM has been using during the past year. Anderson shared reasons why UM has been developing collaborative online international learning (COIL) opportunities over the past year, our experience in launching our first COIL module in
partnership with Sophia University in Japan in the fall of 2021, and how we plan to sustain the COIL model moving forward through funding and training.

Montana International Educators Conference

You are invited to the 2021 Montana International Educators Conference (MIEC) being held on June 17 and 18, 2021. The last year has been a time of unprecedented and unique challenges in international education. Based off of feedback from the pre-conference survey, the focus of this year’s conference will be International Education During COVID-19 and Beyond. The event will be entirely online and hosted via Zoom teleconferencing software which is free to download and use. There is no fee to register, but registration will close on June 16 at 5 PM. More information can be found here.

Register 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: 
MarjaC@mso.umt.edu

Mansour receives Fulbright U.S. International Education Administrator Award

Deena Mansour, executive director of the UM’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, has received a Fulbright U.S. International Education Administrator award to Taiwan. Mansour will use this prestigious award to create connections between Taiwan and UM and their societal, cultural and higher education systems.

International Students Honored with Student Achievement Awards from GEO

The office of International Student and Scholar Services is pleased to recognize the following international students who recently received GEO student achievement awards for outstanding service, leadership, and ambassadorship. The awardees were recognized at the UM WorldFest and also at the ISS Semester-End Celebration. Three of the awards were bestowed retroactively
for AY 2019–2020, when the award season was cancelled due to the pandemic. We will be highlighting each of the award recipients in this and upcoming GEO newsletters. Please see the related article in this newsletter featuring Sofia Reis.

**GEO/ISS Retroactive Awards for Academic Year 2019–2020**

1. Anna Sofia Fialho Coelho Dos Reis – *Distinguished Service and Cultural Ambassador Award* (Graduate). Sofia is from Portugal.

2. Jiakai Lou – *Distinguished Service and Cultural Ambassador Award* (Baccalaureate). Jiakai is from China.

3. Aline Guy – *Outstanding International Student Award*. Aline is from Brazil

**GEO/ISS Awards for Academic Year 2020–2021**

1. Nonso Maxwell Obieyisi – *Outstanding International Student Award*. Nonso is from Nigeria.

2. Rasul Nazriev – *Outstanding Student Group Leader Award*. Rasul is from Tajikistan.

3. Diandra Mary Lewis – *Distinguished Service and Cultural Ambassador Award* (Graduate). Diandra is from India.


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Sofia Reis is a doctoral student from Portugal studying at UM in the International Educational Leadership program, which she joined in 2017. She is the graduate student recipient of the “*Distinguished Service and Cultural Ambassador Award*” from the International Student and Scholar office (GEO), awarded in April retroactively for AY 2019–20. Before joining UM, Sofia served for two decades as the Associate Director of the Portuguese Association of Private and Independent Schools (K–12). As a AEEP representative, she collaborated with the European Council of National Association of Independent Schools, where she had the opportunity to visit and work with schools in 24 European countries. Sofia’s specific area of interest in her UM program is in studying democracy and education. Sofia has been the recipient of numerous scholarships during her tenure at UM, including the 2020 Effie Koehn International Student Scholarship, the 2019–20 and 2020–21 Edwin Boon Craighead Scholarship, the 2018–19 and 2019–20 P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship, and the 2018 Bertha Morton Scholarship, among others. Sofia has been an active student leader on the UM campus. From 2018–2020 she served
on the Oversight Board of the Franke Global Leadership Initiative (GLI), in 2019–20 on the UM Mansfield Center’s Student Advisory Council, and from 2019 to present as a student board member of the Missoula International Friendship Program. She has also been an active student representative on the UM International Council, serving terms in 2019–20 and 2020–21. At the 2020 Montana International Educator’s Conference in June 2020, she assisted in the organization of the conference and presented on a panel of “Student Voices during the Pandemic”. Sofia has also been a dedicated long-term volunteer peer mentor in the UM Global Partners Program, with ad-hoc projects at the International Student and Scholars Office, with UM WorldFest, with Run Wild Missoula, and with the Jeanette Rankin Peace Center (where her fundraising dinners are legendary!). In her spare time, Sofia enjoys quilting, books clubs, and the Missoula running community. Please join us in congratulating and honoring Sofia for the recognition of her service and achievements as recognized with the “Distinguished Service and Cultural Ambassador Award”.

Inclusive Ireland Scholar 2021: Tyler Wilde

“It’s okay to be out of your comfort zone. [And] it’s okay if things are hard because we can do hard things,” expressed Tyler Wilde, a junior studying Management Information Systems within the College of Business at the University of Montana. Tyler is among seven students chosen nationwide as Inclusive Ireland Scholars for Academic Year 2021/2022.

As a Missoula native, Tyler learned to embrace his differences as an African American in the notably, racially heterogeneous state of Montana. Upon realizing that blending in would not be an option, Tyler grew to be comfortable in his own skin and became motivated to help and guide others who, too, aspire to embrace the lives they lead. By exploring outside of his own “safe dome,” Tyler has come to cherish an intrepid lifestyle of immersing into new cultures and developing knowledge of the world through the eyes of others. Now, Tyler wants to take the adventure to the next level by studying abroad at University College Cork in Ireland. “Studying abroad would show that I’m open-minded, resourceful, and driven,” he says. “Studying abroad [would give] me the tools to adapt to different environments [and] help me reach my academic goals by helping me learn differently, by adapting to different styles of teaching, [and] helping me adjust to different management styles, which would make me more versatile in the workforce.” As CEO and Founder of Diversity Abroad, Andrew Gordon, put it: “The opportunity for students to participate in meaningful study abroad programs positions them to gain the experience and competencies needed to thrive in our globally diverse society.”

The Global Engagement Office is so proud of Tyler for facing adversity with resilience and positivity. Congratulations for being chosen for this remarkable opportunity, Tyler. You deserve it!

Launched in January 2021, the Inclusive Ireland Scholarship Program is the initiative of organizations Education in Ireland and Diversity Abroad to diversify
the visiting student population and support BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) students wishing to study in Ireland by awarding 3,000 euros towards tuition and program costs. Moving forward, scholarships will be offered for each fall and spring semester, with Spring 2022 applications opening in August 2021.

Meet the other Ireland Inclusive Scholars here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NSGfuAfng&feature=youtu.be

For more information, please visit the Education in Ireland website or contact Education in Ireland Vice President Sara Dart at sara.dart@enterprise-ireland.com

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-speechers (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).

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**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](#)
Located in Seoul, South Korea, Korea University (KU) enrolls about 36,000 students each year. Over 2,000 of these students are coming from countries all around the world. KU is known for having one of the most diverse student bodies in South Korea. Courses taught in English are important to KU. Over 35% of KU's undergraduate courses are offered in English. The International Studies major offers all of its courses in English, as does the Graduate School of International Studies. Other popular majors and minors include economics, finance, international business, management, and marketing. If you're interested in the Korean Language, the Korean Language and Culture Center does offer intensive language courses.

KU's main campus is located in the center of Seoul, providing easy access to Seoul's City Hall, Myeong-dong shopping district, Seoul Tower, the Han River, intriguing foods of Namdaemun Market, Independence Gate, Itaewon, and the traditional Korean restaurants of Insa-dong. Although Seoul is the second largest metropolitan area in the world, it's easy to escape the fast paced city, by bus, to some of the countries national parks, mountain ranges, and nearby traditional villages. However, you don't want to miss out on what the city has to offer! Beautiful historic palaces, local cuisine, and modern architecture.
You don’t want to miss this opportunity to study among a diverse student body in a city with rich history.

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

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