



EDUCATION ABROAD
ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

## September 2022 Newsletter



#### **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 (<a href="mailto:sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu">sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu</a>) 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!

- Konan University, each evening 8:00 9:00 p.m.:
  - o September 7
  - o September 9
  - September 12
  - o September 13
  - o September 15

## Save the Dates: Yellowstone National Park Trip!



ISS is partnering with Chi Alpha to host a field trip for any interested international students or scholars to Yellowstone National Park!

Departure will be mid-afternoon, Friday, October 14, and return Sunday the 16th in the evening. Spaces will be limited, so please watch your email for more information.

Itinerary details and cost are being worked out now, and details and sign-up will be available soon. New international students and scholars who arrived Spring, Summer, or Fall semesters of 2022 will have first priority. Please note that to reduce the cost substantially to you for this experience, we will be doing "indoor camping" in a modern church facility, which will host us for free in Bozeman, Montana. We did this

last year and everyone loved the experience. Please contact Mona.Mondava@umontana.edu if you have questions.

# GLOBAL PARTNER PROGRAM

UM Global Partners is a service program to provide a personal UM friend to help new international students during their first few months on campus. During their first semester here, international students often feel loneliness, culture shock, and stress. As an experienced UM student, you can volunteer to ease their cultural adjustment by being a Global Partner.

To be a Global Partner does NOT require expert knowledge of all facets of campus life, life in Missoula, experiences with international students, nor foreign languages. You DO need to:

- Have spent at least a semester at UM
- Be a registered UM student during the semester you become a Global Partner
- Have an interest in international cultures and be open-minded to different cultures
- Meet regularly with a international student during the first two months
- Spend time getting to know the international student over coffee, lunch or dinner
- Attend up to three events sponsored by International Students and Scholars
- Help answer questions about UM, Missoula, or US culture
- Introduce the international student to services on campus and in the community such as library, driver's license facilities, bus routes and shopping centers
- Invite the international student to social, cultural, and athletic events on campus and in Missoula area
- Introduce the international student to other friends and just be a friend yourself





#### **Work With UM Education Abroad!**

Internships are a great way to gain work experience and build up your resume! Join the Education Abroad team through one of their 8 internship opportunities.

Click **here** for more information.

For questions, email Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry at

marjac@mso.umt.edu

Below, in the box, put a link to the position postings on Handshake



#### **MWAC Accepting Internship Applications!**

#### **UM Students**,

The Montana World Affairs Council is looking for interns for the 2022-2023 year. If you are interested in the world and want to gain some real experience in the

nonprofit sector, please apply. We are looking for motivated, self-starters who can take the initiative.

Click **here** for more information.

For questions, email Nikki Geiszler at

ngeiszler@montanaworldaffairs.org.

Students Can APPLY HERE



## **Study Abroad Reflection**

Kenney Delap, Spring 2022 semester, Nottingham Trent University (ISEP) - Nottingham, England.

"[Studying abroad was] the best thing I have ever done, it is scary to jump into something so foreign and new, but something I nor anyone would ever regret. I come back with a whole new perspective on the world."



**Apply Now!** 

## **Study Abroad**

Deadlines can be found on our website HERE

Get started by <u>searching the 200+ universities available</u> 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 <u>visiting our website</u>, or attend <u>one of the group</u> <u>advising sessions!</u>

Make an appointment



# Global Engagement Big Sky Experience

The Global Engagement Office (GEO), Global Leadership Initiative (GLI), and Mansfield Center co-hosted a Big Sky Experience for new freshman during orientation week. This two-day experience provided 40 new UM students from across the U.S. with an opportunity to develop cross-cultural communication

skills and practice their skills with emerging leaders from the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) who recently arrived at UM.

## International Students and Scholars: A Month in Review

This month UM welcomed over 50 new international students from 22 countries to begin their studies Fall semester. Over the course of week these students were greeted at the airport by volunteers, participated in a special International Student Orientation organized by the Global Engagement Office staff, participated in evening cookouts co-sponsored by the Missoula International Friendship Program and Chi Alpha, had fun at Splash Montana, and various shopping trips to get everything they needed to start the semester. After this, they joined UM's New Student Orientation & Big Sky Experience where they had the opportunity to mix and mingle with their American cohort. Our office will also host a Welcome Back Party at the UC on September 8.

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







#### What is it?

An accessible house located on the edge of campus used for international activities and events. It is a smoke-free and alcohol-free house, and a great place to make friends and share cultures.

#### Where is it?

The International House
- University of Montana
659 South 5th St East

Missoula, Montana

#### Who can use it?

Any UM affiliate can reserve the I-house.

## Making a reservation:

To submit a reservation request, email international.house@mso.umt.edu











## **Mansfield Center**

Find more information about Mansfield Center events **HERE.** 



# Montana World Affairs Council

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# Peace Corps Strategic Recruiter Position

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### **Featured Partner University:**

#### **University of Pecs**

The University of Pecs is located in Pecs, Hungary, an ancient city with a rich history. The university was established in 1367 making it the oldest university in Hungary, and one of the first institutions in Europe. Today it is one of Hungary's

largest institutions for higher education with over 23,000 students, 2,500 of which are international.

The University of Pecs has more than 500 programs to choose from in the following fields: Education, Human Resource Development, Business, Economics, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law, Music, Visual Arts, Science, Medicine, and Engineering. There are over 350 different courses offered in English.

Please visit the host institution's website for more specific information.

Pécs is a beautiful place to study. Not only because it is simultaneously a friendly village and a very active city, in which you never have to be bored. You can be sure you will find everything that a student could wish.

Ancient and beautiful, Pécs is considered Hungary's second most popular tourist destination behind its capital, Budapest. The city lies on a scenic plain between the Danube and Dráva Rivers, two of eastern Europe's most famous rivers, and the region boasts mild weather and a long summer season. Pecs is a city with a long history beginning with the Romans, who are thought to have been the first to settle the region. During the middle ages Pécs developed into a cultural and intellectual center, and its reputation became further solidified with the founding of the University of Pecs.

The city had agriculturally focused beginnings, due to the fertile plains on which it was founded, but more recently it is known for producing more luxurious products such as gloves, sparkling wine, and porcelain. The city's ancient past can be seen in its architecture and it's crumbling fortress walls, but Pecs still remains current and vibrant. It has managed to maintain its long standing reputation as an intellectual epicenter, and with a large, innovative University at its center, Pecs will continue to do so.

Interested in studying at the University of Pecs?

For more information visit the University's <u>website</u>.

Learn more!

## Schedule an Appointment



#### **Education Abroad**

Learn more about studying abroad, or set up an advising appointment for application



Int'l Students and Scholars

Book an appointment with an

assistance, exchange paperwork, or more!

Set up an appointment **HERE** 

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

Set up an appointment **HERE** 

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