Global experience: a world of opportunity

Experiencing the world first-hand opens doors and expands lives. Students with global experiences report increased self-confidence, tolerance for ambiguity, and greater respect for other cultures and economic systems. These are important skills for leaders in any career. Learn how you can plan your own global experience.

The College of Agricultural Sciences is committed to nurturing students as global citizens and future international leaders. Generous support from friends of the College helps make global experiences possible for all Ag Sci students.

Agricultural Sciences programs

Student exchange in New Zealand
The Lincoln University/OSU exchange is the flagship exchange program of the College of Agricultural Sciences. The two universities have similar programs, so credits transfer easily. More than 280 Kiwis and Beavers have “traded places” since this global partnership was established in 1975. Learn more at: international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/new-zeland/osu-new-zealand-lincoln-university

Exploring world agriculture
Each winter, the College of Agricultural Sciences offers a 2-credit seminar on contemporary issues in global agriculture and natural resources. An additional, 2-credit Educational Tour follows in late summer to explore those issues in a particular part of the world. Recent Educational Tours include trekking through agricultural systems in Italy; touring food systems in France; and understanding tropical agriculture in Costa Rica. Learn more at: agsci.oregonstate.edu/academic-programs/exploring-world-agriculture

Service learning in Puerto Rico
This global engagement began as an agriculture tour of Puerto Rico focused on food security and sustainability. The students saw many things, including ways in which they could be of service to the people of Puerto Rico. When they got home, the students immediately began planning their own service learning contributions to meet the needs they witnessed on their tour. Learn more at: agsci.oregonstate.edu/source/puerto-rico-group-tour

Faculty-led educational tours
Each year, AgSci faculty lead small-group tours to engage students in issues of international food, agriculture, and natural resources. Recent tours have taken students to Antarctica, Ghana, and England. Learn more from your major advisor or the AgSci Academic Programs Office.

More OSU programs

OSU’s Office of Global Opportunities (OSUGO) offers over 200 international opportunities for education, internships, and research in more than 70 countries around the world. In addition, OSU’s international internship program Get International Education, Experience, Employment (IE3) allows you to explore your professional goals in an international context. http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/study-abroad-programs
How to make it happen

Where do I start?
Check out AgSci’s Go Abroad in Your Major advising sheets at: international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/academic-resources/go-abroad-your-major

How can I afford it?
The College of Agricultural Sciences’ Global Experience Fund is an endowment to help fund international internships related to food, agriculture, and natural resources. The fund started with gifts from OSU alumnus Dr. Hiram Larew, retired director of International Programs at USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Generous support also comes from E.R. Jackman Friends and Alumni and the College of Agricultural Sciences Dean’s Office.

Learn more about AgSci’s Global Experience Fund at: agsci.oregonstate.edu/main/main/global-experiences-fund

Learn more about support for internships at: agsci.oregonstate.edu/academics/financial-support/internship-financial-support-program

Learn more about support for study abroad at: international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/finances-scholarships/scholarships

Who can answer my questions?
There are many opportunities for global experience, including faculty-led educational tours, study abroad, and service learning. The Academic Programs Office at the College of Agricultural Sciences can help you plan your global experience. Learn more at: agsci.oregonstate.edu/academics/global-cultural-opportunities

Plan your global experience with the College of Agricultural Sciences Academic Programs Office:

Paul Dorres
Manager of Student Information, Scholarships, and Education Abroad
Academic Programs Office, 147 Strand Agriculture Hall
541-737-5655
paul.dorres@oregonstate.edu

Katie Gaebel
Experiential Learning Program Coordinator
Academic Programs Office, 147 Strand Agriculture Hall
541-737-2580
katie.gaebel@oregonstate.edu