

# 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 support students' global experiences.

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-zealand/osu-new-zealand-lincoln-university](http://international.oregonstate.edu/education-abroad/programs/new-zealand/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](http://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](http://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.



Above: Trynity Alvarez spent three weeks in Thailand with a small team of pre-veterinary students. As part of Loop Abroad, she worked directly with elephants at a sanctuary for rescued animals and provided animal care at an urban dog shelter. "It's not every day you get to learn and practice the profession you love while being immersed in another culture," she said

## 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>



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## How can I support global experiences?

**Where do I start?** The College of Agricultural Sciences' Global Experience Fund is an endowment to support student engagement in international opportunities related to food, agriculture, and natural resources. The fund was initiated by 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.

**How can I give?** There are several ways to support the Global Experience Fund.

You can make a gift online, using this secure link: [osufoundation.org/gef](https://osufoundation.org/gef)

Or you can send your gift by mail: please make checks payable to "OSU Foundation," note the Global Experience Fund in the memo line, and send to: OSU Foundation, 850 SW 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333-4015

### Who should I contact with questions?

Contact any member of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences Development Team; see below.

*"Offering life-changing global experiences across all College programs is one of the best ways to strengthen the critical work that the College does. I encourage other donors to contribute to the Endowment."*

Hiram Larew, OSU alumnus

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Above: Chris Derrickson chose the Lincoln University exchange program as an opportunity to explore the world. Beyond his university classwork, he found time to flyfish amid the natural beauty of Lake Pukaki on New Zealand's south island. *"In my experience, I now understand how much there is to explore out there, as well as here back home,"* he said.



Above: Sarah Griffiths was part of a student-planned service learning trip to Puerto Rico, where she helped develop, translate, and deliver agriculture-based lesson kits for school children. More service learning opportunities are planned as Puerto Rico recovers from severe hurricane damage.



Above: Is there a relationship between land use change, biodiversity, and disease? Stephanie Schmidt traveled to the central-west Brazil on a research internship to study that question. *"Without support from the Global Experience Fund, I would not have had this incredible opportunity,"* she said.