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Giving Thanks: Service Learning Abroad and at Home

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Not Just Study Abroad

Giving back with Education Abroad

Ever wanted to go abroad, but weren't sure what options were available to you besides international study? Keep reading to find about all the opportunities Education Abroad has to offer!

What other options does Education Abroad offer besides study abroad?

Education Abroad provides multiple opportunities: teaching, researching, volunteering, service-learning, and even interning!

Why should I volunteer or do an internship abroad?

Working and volunteering abroad allows you to interact with and learn from diverse populations around the globe! You'll be able to foster your cross-cultural communication skills, expand upon your team-building and conflict-management experiences, navigate unique and challenging situations in an international context, and learn more about the humanitarian issues that impact the global community. This is particularly important for today's ever more globalized economy and workforce. For example, the Institute of International Education has [recently reported](#) that many employers have reported that they view candidates with

international experiences more favorably because of the "soft skills" they have acquired internationally, such as cooperation, critical thinking, problem solving, and time management.

Where can I complete a service learning project abroad through BGSU?

We offer opportunities for service learning through our [BGSU Spain](#) and [BGSU Austria](#) programs, as well as in South Africa, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Argentina, Brazil, China, Thailand, Ireland, Peru, Morocco, Chile, and Ghana! Many of these opportunities are provided by our faculty-led trips, as well as partnerships with affiliate programs such as [API Study Abroad](#), [International Studies Abroad](#), [AIFS Abroad](#), and [Semester at Sea](#).

When can I participate in some of these programs?

In addition to our semester and year-long programs, we also offer opportunities during the summer, spring, and winter breaks. Want to find an Education Abroad experience that's right for you? Attend an [Information Session](#), and check out our [Advance Search](#) for programs. Spread your wings with Education Abroad today!



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Hoskins Scholar Highlight

Michaela Schrum, BGSU Winter '17

1) What is your year/course of study at BGSU?

I will graduate this December with a degree in International Studies and a Minor in Middle Eastern and North African Studies.

2) How did you choose your project?

I have been passionate about the Palestinian story and Indigenous peoples' rights for a while now. Media representations of the Israel-Palestine conflict tend to be very one-sided, and I knew that the only way I was going to learn more was to go to Palestine and experience life there first-hand.

3) What did your daily work with Project Hope entail?

Three times a week in the morning, I taught English to kindergarten age children, about 60 to a class. We learned numbers, colors, and body parts together. Twice a week in the afternoon, I taught an adult English class in a nearby village, as well as two dance classes to 11-16 year olds. Most of the kids I taught

lived in the largest refugee camp in the West Bank, Balata camp. Balata has over 30,000 residents living in under 1 sq. mile. There is an Israeli soldier outpost less than 1 mile away. The tension between the residents and soldiers runs high, with frequent conflicts, and I could often hear bullets from my house. The results of this trauma were evident in my students—a lot of what I did was making sure that they knew that I understood what they were going through, and that I was seeing some of their problems and that I valued them, their lives, and their abilities. My students needed solidarity so I tried to give them that and distractions from the violence.

4) What about your experience with Project Hope impacted you the most?

My experiences in Palestine showed me how big of an issue Israeli presence is for people in the West Bank—the situation was terrifying for me, a 21 year old, so what is that like for a child? This has made my resolution to fight for their rights even stronger, which has now become my life-long goal.

5) What would you like to say to other students considering applying for the Hoskins scholarship?



If you are thinking about applying—go for it. Make sure that you have a good advisor for your Hoskins project—someone who knows the area that you will be

looking into well so that they can help you with the little things that you didn't think about. Meet with Education Abroad—get to know the people that help in the Hoskins selection and learn about what makes your application stand out. If you think that they won't allow you to go to a location—think again—they sent me to Palestine. Non-traditional study abroad places are the places US-Americans need to know about more, so go somewhere different!

--Michaela Schrum has also recently been granted an internship with the General Delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United States.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Keep reading below for more information about the Hoskins Scholarship, eligibility and how to apply.

READY TO APPLY?
[Click here](#) to start your application today!



To apply, students must submit:

- The Hoskins Global Scholars Program [online application](#)
- A current resume
- A statement of purpose
- A statement of risk analysis/mitigation
- A recommendation from the faculty or staff member who will serve as mentor and evaluate the enrichment experience
- HSRB approval for research involving human or animal subjects

Hoskins Scholarship

How to fund your service learning, research, or education abroad experience

What is the Hoskins Scholarship?

The Hoskins Global Scholars Program will provide \$5000 for up to 3 students per year to participate in a 3-4 week international experience during Winter Session 2019 or Summer 2019, to a country that is not native to the student.

What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship will cover transportation costs to and from the study abroad destination; any additional housing/board/tuition costs above that which would be paid if they were staying at BGSU, and financial support to allow the scholar to participate in an immersive academic experience.

What type of projects do recipients participate in?

Students can consider an international internship, research project, service project or creative activity. Recipients must share their experiences upon return to campus by participating in the Hoskins Global Scholars presentation day and additional formal and informal presentations. This could be an exhibition, a publication, presentation or some other competitive submission.

Who is eligible to apply?

Full-time students in good standing (min. GPA of 3.2 or Honors College student) may apply, with preference given to sophomores, juniors or graduate students. Preference is given to non-traditional destinations abroad.

Student Ambassador Highlight

Featuring: Kody Korbias



Which program did you participate in?

I participated in the AYA Spain Program in Alcalá de Henares, Spain!

What was one of your favorite experiences during your time abroad?

One of my absolute favorite experiences, aside from learning about the very different Spanish culture, was a trip I went on to Mallorca, Spain, which is an island in between Spain and Italy. Mallorca was absolutely incredible!! From the food, to the incredible people, it was perfect! One of my favorite memories from this trip was renting kayaks to kayak on the Mediterranean and go explore all of the small islands near the mainland. Many of the islands were the perfect spot for rock climbing and cliff jumping as well, and with me being deathly afraid of heights, I'm sure it was a very funny experience for all parties involved! After pulling myself together, I decided I did not come all this way to just watch people jump off these cliffs. So I jumped, and I am just so glad I did!

How did Education Abroad help you grow personally/academically/professionally?

This Education Abroad experience helped me grow as a person in many different ways. First of all, being immersed in a completely different culture was an incredible learning experience. It taught me to appreciate diversity and the differences that some cultures have. Also, it helped me realize that America is a great country, but there are many countries out there that have a wealth of history to share. My Spain trip also helped me realize that change is good, whether it be in the workplace, in your life, or whatever it may be. Being open to change allows you to expand your horizons, while also opening you up to new experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

What was one of the challenges you faced while abroad?

Every student experiences their education abroad experience differently, and for me, I did not experience many challenges. Obviously I struggled sometimes with communicating, but I do not view that as a challenge, but more of a learning experience. One difficult part of the program was the homework, not because it existed, but because you were mere hours from some of the world's most

incredible landmarks! So, motivation was a bit difficult, but I kept reminding myself that schoolwork was still a big part of the trip.

What would you like to say to students interested in Education Abroad?

Working in the Office of Admissions, I get many questions about education abroad and one of the most frequently asked questions is, "Why study abroad?" So, why should you study abroad? Where do I start!? The main reason I advocate for education abroad is because this has indeed been one of the most fulfilling life experiences I have had thus far in my life. From using the Spanish language to communicate, to interacting with the locals, to traveling foreign places, and most importantly, sharing incredible experiences with some amazing people is something I will remember for a lifetime. So what do I say to the person debating about studying abroad? When life gives you cliffs, jump! You will never know what you would have missed if you do not partake in amazing, life-changing experiences such as this one, and this experience is something that you will keep with you forever.

International Education Week: 11/13-11/18

A celebration of diversity and international cooperation

International Programs and Partnerships and Education Abroad are proud to once again be hosting the annual International Education Week. This 6-day long event fosters global engagement, discussions of important international issues and current events, as well as celebrates the diversity and contributions of our international students. Curious about which events will be happening around campus? Check out the schedule:

Monday 11/13

11am-12pm—Naturalization Ceremony, 206 BTSU Theater
10am-2pm—Student Organization Fairs and Tables, 1st floor BTSU
6pm-7pm—Diversity & Education Abroad Student Panel, Room 314 BTSU

Tuesday 11/14

1pm-5pm—Hoskins Global Scholars Presentations, Room 201 University Hall
5:30pm—Hoskins Global Scholars Reception
7:30-9pm—Global Open Mic Night

Wednesday 11/15

3:30pm-4:30pm—International Career Panel Discussion, Room 208 BTSU
TBA—International Night at the Doyt Perry Football Stadium

Thursday 11/16

7pm-8:30pm—Globetrotting with the Vagabrothers, Lenhart Grand Ballroom (202 BTSU). Check out their [YouTube Channel](#) and [Website](#)

Friday 11/17

10:30am-12:30pm—ELS Passport to Diversity, Room 201 BTSU
7pm—Bowling Green Community Tree Lighting Ceremony, [Wood County Public District Library](#)

Saturday 11/18

6pm-9pm—International Dinner, Ballroom BTSU

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Check out Pages 5-7 for more
fliers and information about
upcoming events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates:

11/13-11/17—International
Education Week (see pg.3,
pg. 5-6)

11/14—Tuesday Table,
Bowen-Thompson
Student Union, 11am-1pm

11/22-11/24—
Thanksgiving Break

11/28—Tuesday Table,
Bowen-Thompson
Student Union, 11am-1pm

Pre-Departure

Orientation Meetings:

11/30—308 BTSU, 4pm-
6pm

12/1—115 Olscamp, 4pm-
6pm

12/8—115 Olscamp, 4pm-
6pm

HOSKINS GLOBAL SCHOLARS PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 210 University Hall



Welcome

1:00 p.m. John Fischer, Vice Provost

Hoskins Global Scholars' Presentations

- 1:15 p.m. Michaela Schrum
- 2:00 p.m. Andrea Danziger
- 2:45 p.m. Lillian King
- 3:30 p.m. Lily Murnen
- 4:15 p.m. Wing Sze (Kai Lee) Liu

Closing

5:00 p.m. John Fischer

AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK SPECIAL EVENT: DIVERSITY & EDUCATION ABROAD



Monday, November 13th

6:00-7:00 pm

314 Bowen-Thompson
Student Union

EDUCATION ABROAD AND THE
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
PRESENT A STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION

Learn directly from a diverse student panel
who successfully participated in an education
abroad experience and how they
overcame barriers.



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Who: All graduate and undergraduate majors; non-BGSU students eligible if space permits.

What: *Ireland! Crossing Borders and Building Bridges* is an off-campus course for those who want to investigate the process of individual and social development through expeditionary learning. We will focus on research around meanings of democracy, concepts of leadership, and choosing to act as vehicles to deepen knowledge about our own personal histories and the histories of those we encounter on our trip. Come explore Irish history and culture in context with us on this two-country adventure, from ancient stone circles of the Republic of Ireland to the political wall murals of Northern Ireland.

- **Dublin and Environs** (1916 Tour, Phoenix Park, Trinity College and Book of Kells, Glasnevin Cemetery, Croke Park, Newgrange)
- **Belfast and Environs** (Falls Road Mural Tour, Peace Wall, Queens University)
- **Galway and Ennis** (The Burren, Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands)

When: Sunday, May 13-Thursday, May 24, 2018

Pre-Trip Sessions: Mid-April, TBA; End of April, TBA

Post-Trip Session & Project Sharing: Mid-June, TBA

Total Cost: 13 days for approximately \$1,600 not including airfare and tuition. Total cost may vary, and additional scholarships may be available.

Registration: \$500 deposit due by Friday, 12/15. Get on our interest list here: <http://goo.gl/foms/TjyjqvJRX> or email Nancy Patterson at ncpatte@bgsu.edu

Informational meeting Monday, 11/13, 3:30-4:30pm Ed 113. Raffle and Snacks!

