Cal Poly’s vision for internationalization is to provide foundational experiential learning, teaching, service and scholarship opportunities at home and abroad that will best equip graduates and the campus community at large to solve complex global challenges sustainably, ethically, and inclusively.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS**

The International Students and Scholars team provides visa advising, programming, pre-arrival assistance, and support to help international students and scholars have successful experiences at Cal Poly.

**CAL POLY WELCOMED**

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN FALL 2020

The Cal Poly International Center hosts cross-cultural events such as International Coffee & Tea, a cooking show, orientation and other events throughout the year.

International and domestic students can apply to be welcome ambassadors to assist new international students with adjusting to life at Cal Poly. Please go to @calpolyslointl or email intlservices@calpoly.edu for more information.

**STUDY ABROAD**

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IN NATION*

75

COUNTRIES

400+

PROGRAMS

1499

GLOBAL MUSTANGS

2019-20

*AMONG MASTER’S INSTITUTIONS IN OPEN DOORS IN NOVEMBER 2020

**CAL POLY FACULTY-LED GLOBAL PROGRAMS**

Cal Poly Global Programs provide faculty with opportunities to share their international expertise with students while teaching Cal Poly courses abroad or virtually. For more information on the application process and upcoming deadlines, please go to Cal Poly Global Programs.

**FACULTY FULBRIGHT**

Want to apply for Fulbright?

There are several potential sources of funding for faculty members interested in international research, teaching, consulting, or other activities. Please visit Faculty Fellowship Programs for deadlines and to learn more about the application process.
Faculty can use virtual exchange to enhance the classes they teach at Cal Poly, and/or they can design entire virtual exchange programs as alternatives to traditional faculty-led study abroad programs.

Virtual exchange activities that faculty can incorporate into their classes or programs include virtual guest lectures, city tours, museum and other site visits, language and culture peer exchanges, hands-on activities, collaborative learning, industry visits, problem-solving sessions, project-based collaboration, and more. To learn more, go to Virtual Exchange Resources, then contact the International Center for assistance (globalprograms@calpoly.edu).

GXC International Virtual Innovation Challenge— Hochschule München, Germany

“...There's nothing greater than allowing yourself to stumble upon new learning while gaining a holistic understanding of different cultures and backgrounds. [This program] has enabled me to make significant progress towards my educational goal of improving my communication skills in which I was exposed to new languages, communication styles, cultures, and cutting-edge technologies. ...After seeing George Floyd and many other Black people being victims of police brutality, it motivated me to expand my horizons internationally and become a student of the world. ...If people take the time out of their busy day and learn about other people's cultures, demographics, ethnicities and better understand the daily struggles that others go through, the world will be a much better place than it is now.”  -- Derek J. Russell

Derek J. Russell 3rd-year Computer Engineering student

The Cal Poly International Center manages the approval and execution of new and renewing international agreements. There are two types of agreements utilized for international cooperation:

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** - A general document that provides a framework for future collaborative activity.
- **Memorandum of Agreement** - An agreement outlining specific activities that typically include the commitment of university resources.

For more information on the proposal process, visit Cal Poly International Exchange & MOUs.

All international travel conducted as Cal Poly business (including travel to Canada) must be vetted by Cal Poly. Faculty and staff traveling without students are now required to use a Concur card. All international travel requests completed by faculty and staff traveling without students are now completed through Strategic Business Services (SBS). Please go to the Poly Travel website for more information.

Individual student travel and faculty/staff travel that include students will continue to be reviewed by the Cal Poly International Center. Be sure to submit complete international travel packets electronically through International Travel by the posted deadlines in order to have travel approved. Students are assessed a fee for Cal Poly student travel abroad. For more information, please contact Chuck Petranek, cpetrane@calpoly.edu, or International Travel, intltrvl@calpoly.edu.
Hello! My name is Leanna Jenkins, and I am a Study Abroad Coordinator at the Cal Poly International Center. I started working at the International Center in 2014 as a Graduate Intern while pursuing my Master’s Degree in Education at Cal Poly. In 2015, I was hired full-time as Cal Poly’s first International Student Advisor and served in that role for five years before becoming a Study Abroad Coordinator. I now coordinate all of Cal Poly’s international exchange programs, which has been a dream come true for me. I spent two years studying abroad in Japan as an exchange student myself and know first-hand the value of international exchanges. I feel immensely fortunate to be able to help students incorporate study abroad into their educational goals and believe these cross-cultural experiences to be essential to Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing philosophy. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my four-year-old and showing her all the amazing things our local community has to offer!

Hello! My name is Ingrid Almaguer and I feel incredibly lucky to have joined the International Center at Cal Poly! My role within the office as a Study Abroad Coordinator is to work with faculty and staff on campus to administer our faculty-led Global Programs such as Cal Poly in Australia, London, Spain, Peru, and Thailand. I am originally from NYC and have really enjoyed the change of scenery since moving out west. I have worked in the field of international education for a little over 5 years and my favorite aspect of working with students is helping them make sense of what at times can be a confusing process. I love watching students become confident and capable in what they’re doing. Studying abroad changes people, and it’s amazing to witness the transformation!

Hi everyone! My name is Bianca Silva and like Ingrid, I grew up on the east coast – Pennsylvania, to be specific. After graduating from Grinnell College with a Spanish major, I moved to Spain and then to South Korea where I spent six years teaching English and working with study abroad and international students. In between, I got my Master’s degree in International Education Management from the Middlebury Institute of International Education in Monterey, California. I love to travel and learn about different cultures and cuisine. Here in SLO, my hobbies are hiking, visiting the beach, and taking pictures of my cat.

I joined the International Center in July 2019 as an International Student Advisor. My role is to work directly with international students from the time they are accepted to Cal Poly through graduation and into Optional Practical Training. I help put on various events throughout the year such as Friendsgiving, soccer watch parties, and Coffee & Tea (not to mention International Student Orientation). I also help to answer students’ questions about everything from getting an internship off-campus to where to buy a SIM card. My favorite part of my job is getting to know our students and helping to ensure they are successful here at Cal Poly.