International Scholars at Ohio State
IPA works with faculty to host scholars from around the world at Ohio State. Many of these scholars visit through scientific exchange programs funded by USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service, USAID, and the U.S. State Department, where they come to work with faculty for 3-6 months, or may come in groups for intensive training programs of 1-2 weeks, before returning home to apply their newly acquired skills. IPA specializes in developing and coordinating these programs, in addition to assisting with immigration and living arrangements so that scholars are productive throughout their research and training programs.

Short-Term Training Programs
- Norman Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program
- Cochran Fellowship Program
- Faculty Exchange Program
- Scientific Cooperative Exchange Program
- Mandela Washington Fellowship Program
- Fulbright Scholars Program
- Higher Education Commission Fellowships, Pakistan

Mission Statement
“We support the globalization efforts of the College by engaging Ohio State faculty and students in international agricultural research, extension, and learning. Employing the land grant model, we work with international partners to build capacity in sustainable agriculture throughout the world and to increase competitiveness at home.”

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2017 Highlights

✓ 25 international agreements with institutions in 14 different countries
✓ 412 international interns and trainees placed from 40 countries
✓ 6th ranked U.S. institution in number of alums serving as active Peace Corps volunteers
✓ 219 international students enrolled in CFAES
✓ 19 Distinguished International Scholars hosted through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Scientific Exchange Programs

Research & Capacity Development

Integrated Pest Management - Innovation Lab, funded by USAID, provides funding to land grant universities to strengthen the agricultural sector of developing countries. IPA is currently active in the IPM-IL’s project for East Africa, which is led by Ohio State to improve small holder production of high value vegetable crops in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania.

Office Specialties

- Development of proposals for international activities for faculty, staff, and students in the College and administration of awards
- Support for international scholars and students, in addition to the management of short and long-term degree training programs
- Student guidance for international internship, research, and Peace Corps opportunities
- Coordination of international agreements between the College & international partners

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Youth Engagement

Ohio Youth Institute: through the collaborative efforts of Ohio State Extension and IPA, this program for Ohio high school students is designed to foster curiosity in issues surrounding global food insecurity and hunger. The one day event on the Ohio State campus provides a dynamic forum for interested youth to come together to discuss innovative solutions and to interact more closely with Ohio State faculty experts to promote a greater exploration of global food security.


Ohio International Intern Program

Since 1979 this unique international exchange program has specialized in placing students in internships in the horticultural, agricultural, and turfgrass industries. In 2017, the program hosted internships for more than 412 interns and trainees from 40 countries. Throughout its 38 years in the College, the program has hosted over 10,000 participants for training, established more than 40 agreements with colleges and educational organizations from around the world, and has contributed greatly to the diversity of the U.S. horticulture and agriculture industries. Upon completion of their internship, participants return home with well-honed skills and a new global perspective.

For more information, visit www.ohioprogram.org

The Peace Corps

Since 1974, recruitment at Ohio State for the Peace Corps has been coordinated through the IPA office. More than 1,821 Ohio State graduates volunteering in the Peace Corps have served in areas of agriculture and natural resources, education, health care, and youth development since the program’s founding in 1961. Ohio State ranks 6th among universities in number of volunteers produced in 2017.

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