Go Abroad in Animal Sciences

Many exciting options are available for you to add an international component to your degree. An international experience can provide you with necessary skills to work effectively with an increasingly diverse U.S. population. Employers in animal health and welfare; teaching and research; animal products, breeding and production; industry and local, state, federal and international agencies value the skills and experiences gained by students who go abroad. There is an international experience that will work for every student.

What types of international experiences can I participate in?

• **Study Abroad:**
  Student can study abroad at a variety of international English-speaking schools where they can focus on their major requirements and interests. Students can also elect to study abroad for intensive terms to work on a foreign language. Students who achieve a high enough proficiency in another language can choose to study animal sciences in several other languages around the world.

• **IE3 Global Internships:**
  IE3 Global Internships facilitate international internships for Animal Sciences students around the world in such areas as animal production systems, behavior, conservation, equine sciences, veterinary medicine and many others. Students can generally do an internships starting in their junior year, and most financial aid and scholarships can be used to pay for these internships. During internships, students can earn up to 12 credits per term at OSU.

• **International Degree:**
  Students planning to study a foreign language may want to consider the prestigious OSU International Degree. The International Degree (ID) is a unique undergraduate major obtainable only as a second degree. In addition to the students’ major requirements, the ID candidate must: (1) take an additional 32 credits; (2) demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equal to the completion of the fourth year; (3) spend a minimum of one ten-week term abroad on an approved program (IE3 Global Internships, study abroad, or independent research projects can count for this), and (4) complete a senior thesis. International Degree students can also get special funding for their research abroad.

"We must take adventures in order to know where we truly belong"

-Kelsie Allen, Australia, Deakin University
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES CAN HELP YOU...

- Gain research experience in different animal species, production strategies, and specialties
- Learn about international perspectives in the animal sciences
- Gain new professional skills
- Improve your language skills
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Globalize your world view and prepare for work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace

Can I afford an international experience?
Yes! If going abroad is a priority, there is generally a way to make it affordable. Early planning for international experiences helps students make cost-effective program decisions, and it also helps them prepare their finances through savings, scholarships, and financial aid. There is a great deal of variation in costs between programs, and students should carefully consider all of their options before making a decision. Students can apply financial aid and scholarships to approved international programs and, in some cases, financial aid eligibility will increase to cover additional expenses. When comparing the cost of programs abroad, be sure to look at the estimated costs of attending OSU for living and tuition. In many cases the cost of an international opportunity can be comparable or not much more than attending OSU, and the difference can be made up with scholarships or financial aid. The latest estimates for attending OSU can be found at [http://oregonstate.edu/financialaid/cost-attendance](http://oregonstate.edu/financialaid/cost-attendance)

Will it take me longer to graduate if I go abroad?
With planning, students can complete an undergraduate degree in four years which involves up to a year of study abroad.

STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO GO ABROAD MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Students can apply for scholarships through the International Programs Office ($500-$1,000).
- Students who meet certain criteria such as studying specific languages or being from a small town in Oregon can apply for additional scholarships.
- All OSU students can apply to the OSU Research Office for URISC (Undergraduate Research, Innovation, Scholarship, & Creativity) grants to support their undergraduate research abroad ($1,000 for 1 term; $1,800 for 2 terms; and $2,300 for the full academic year). See the URISC Website [oregonstate.edu/research/incentive/urisc.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/research/incentive/urisc.htm) for details.
- International Degree students can seek additional funding through the International Programs Office ($1,000-$2,000) for their experience abroad. More information about these scholarships can be found at [http://oregonstate.edu/international/degree/scholarships](http://oregonstate.edu/international/degree/scholarships)
- All OSU students can apply for numerous national awards that offer bigger scholarships ($3,000-$20,000). These scholarships are competitive and often have early deadlines so planning ahead is essential. Contact the International Programs Office for more information.
When should I go abroad?

- **Freshman Year**: Students should begin planning for a future study abroad or IE3 Internship.

- **Sophomore Year**: Students can study abroad for the entire year. Planning or for a single term.

- **Sophomore/Junior Summer**: Students can study abroad for the entire year or a single term.

- **Junior Year**: Students could do an international experience for a single term or a year. Students planning to do an IE3 Internship or study abroad for one term should plan in advance with guidance from their academic advisor.

- **Junior/Senior Summer**: Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship.

- **Senior Year**: Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship. Consultation with their advisor prior to participation is strongly recommended. In general, students may determine it is easier to go abroad for a single term or the year. It is generally not a good idea to go abroad the last term of senior year.

- **Senior Summer**: Some students choose to go abroad during their senior summer. In particular, students have done an IE3 Global Internship to cap off their undergraduate career. Students can still walk in the Spring as long as they complete their coursework for graduation over the summer.

How do I select an international program?

- **Start planning now.** Begin to plan at least six months in advance of going abroad. Give yourself time to research programs and talk to advisors and students who have gone abroad to the site(s) you are interested in. It is never too early to start planning.

- **Set goals.** There is not one program best suited for all students -- there are good study abroad programs and international internships -- the best one for you depends on what you want. If you plan to study abroad, one important consideration is whether you want to study a language or focus on major, minor, elective, or Baccalaureate Core courses.

- **Prioritize your goals.** Consider your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements. Study abroad courses may count toward courses in your major, while internships give you elective credits that count toward the 180 required for graduation, as well as giving you a valuable professional experience.

- **Prepare academically.** You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program. You should also talk to your academic advisor about the timing of when you take sequences or single-term courses related to progress in your major. IE3 Internships are open to juniors and seniors, while students can study abroad as sophomores.
What are my first and next steps?

**IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS STEPS**

1. View the online First Steps presentation: [oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/](oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/)
2. Research internships
   - Check the list of IE3 Global Internship positions at the back of this brochure.
   - Research IE3 Global Internships: [international.oregonstate.edu/ea/students/international-internships/ie3-global-internships](international.oregonstate.edu/ea/students/international-internships/ie3-global-internships)
   Use the descriptions to find out more about the internship site – type and size of organization, position requirements, length and timing, etc.
   - Come up with a list of several internship options that look good to you.
3. Talk to an academic advisor in your department
   - Make a plan for the timing of your internship, based on your program requirements and availability of your major courses.
4. Complete the **pre-advising form** by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and email with your availability or bring to your Pre-Advising meeting with an International Ambassador.
5. Meet with an education abroad advisor (to be scheduled following your pre-advising appointment) in the Office of International Programs to discuss questions, applications and other information about each program.
6. Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the ‘apply now’ button on the **OSU GO internship page**.
7. Application
   - Take note of application deadlines. Deadlines for IE3 Global Internships are generally two terms prior to departure.
   - Applications typically include recommendation forms, essays, a current resume and college transcripts.
   - Plan to start your application one month before it is due.

“If New Zealand and the Kiwis taught me anything about life, it’s that you shouldn’t have everything planned out. If you [do], you have no room for adventure.”

-Lauren Eyrich, New Zealand, Lincoln University
STUDY ABROAD STEPS

1. View the online First Steps presentation to learn the basics of education abroad: types of programs, credits, scholarships and financial aid. oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/

2. Check the list of study abroad options in this document, research programs you are interested in at the International Programs website: international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/programs/search and/or come to University Plaza for any questions to be answered by ambassadors.

3. Talk to an academic advisor in your department
   • Make a plan for the timing of your study abroad, based on your program requirements and availability of your major courses.

4. Complete the pre-advising form by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and email with your availability or bring to your pre-advising meeting.

5. After you’ve attended a pre-advising meeting, schedule an appointment with an advisor in the International Programs Office by calling 541-737-3006 or following your Pre-advising meeting with the help of an ambassador. The advisor can answer your questions regarding further site specific information, financial aid and scholarships, and the application process.

6. Application
   • Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the ‘apply now’ button on the specific OSU GO program page.
   • Take note of application deadlines. Each program has a specific application deadline. Deadlines are typically six months before the start of the program. Application deadlines can be found on each program webpage. Plan to start your application one month before it is due.
   • To apply for your program, follow the application link listed on the program page on the OSU study abroad website. Follow the instructions outlined on the Mandatory Application Checklist for your chosen study abroad program in order to ensure that you complete all parts of the application.

7. Final Course Selection
   • Research specific courses that would be offered at the foreign university during your time abroad. Find out what an average course load is for students at the foreign university.
   • Fill out an Academic Planning form found at: international.oregonstate.edu/ea/academic-resources/academic-planning-form and make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to discuss what you have come up with.

Finalize your course plan before you leave and keep in contact with your Academic Advisor if you have any questions while abroad.
DEFINITIONS:

Program provider: Company providing international experiences to US college students [CIEE, IFSA-Butler, AHA, API, SIT, SFS, IE3-Global, SAS, SEA Semester]

OSU Exchange: OSU students take classes with host-country students; these can be more competitive, but allow Oregon-residents to pay in-state tuition while studying abroad

Direct Enrollment: OSU students enroll in university courses with host country students and pay host university tuition or program provider rates [OSU, IE3 Global, IFSA-Butler]

Departmental/Faculty-led: Program led or sponsored by OSU department

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
Contact International Programs
541-737-3006 or study.abroad@oregonstate.edu

AUSTRALIA

Charles Sturt University OSU Exchange
Take courses in equine studies, animal production, or veterinary medicine in New South Wales – home of the largest sheep selling center in the world! Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

CIEE: Murdoch University
In a program best suited for pre-veterinary and zoology students, take courses in physiology, medical immunology, anatomy, biochemistry, and pharmacology. Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

IFSA-Butler: University of Sydney
Students interested in veterinary studies will be pleased to find a diverse program including: animal behaviour and welfare; biotechnology; genetics; nutrition; reproduction; and cattle, equine, pig, poultry, and sheep science, management and production. Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

GHANA

CIEE: University of Ghana
Study ruminant production, immunology, breeding, digestive physiology, anatomy, and many other animal sciences courses in Western Africa. Available: Fall, winter-spring, summer, or year-long. Language: English

INDIA

CIEE: Hyderabad Arts & Sciences
The University of Limerick is situated on the banks of the River Shannon with 11,500 students. Study animal sciences. Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

IRELAND

IE3 Global: University of Limerick
Study equine studies, and many other sciences. Available: Fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

IFSA-Butler: University College Dublin
Study animal nutrition, animal husbandry, breeding/genetics, and many more animal sciences. Available: Fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

NEW ZEALAND

IFSA-Butler: Massey University
Study veterinary and equine science, animal breeding, genetics and many more animal sciences. Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

Lincoln University OSU Exchange
Study farm management, animal production, and many more animal sciences. Available: Summer-fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

SOUTH KOREA

Dankook University
This a program in which a student can study as an exchange student. Study animal sciences. Available: Fall, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.

UNITED KINGDOM

ENGLAND

IE3 Global University of Sheffield
Sheffield is a great place to hike, rock climb or enjoy the scenery. Sheffield offers over 400 programs over 42 academic departments. These are organized under 7 faculties or colleges: Architectural Studies, Arts, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Pure Science and Social Sciences. Available: Fall-winter, winter-spring, or year-long. Language: English.
“A good way to determine which aspects of an experience benefited you most is to think about what parts of that experience make you the most nostalgic. For me, the most nostalgia inducing thoughts of Namibia come from remembering the people I worked with and the habitat in which my internship was set.”

-Ben Spearing, Namibia CCF

### CHILE

**CODEFF - Comité Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora – Concepción:** Interns work on tasks such as campaigns, projects, presentations, and research. Option to work with a project that receives injured animals. Language: beginning-intermediate Spanish. Available: calendar year. Duration: 3-6 months

### CHINA

**Abroad China:** Internships with a wide variety of organizations are possible. Language: 1-2 years of college level Mandarin. Available: academic year. Duration: 3-9 months

### COOK ISLANDS

**The Esther Honey Foundation, Inc. - EHF Animal Clinic:** Gain valuable experience working for a busy veterinary clinic in the Cook Islands! The purpose of EHF is to improve the health conditions of domestic animals in the Cook Islands. Language: English. Available: spring or fall term. Duration: 6 months minimum (possible 3 months for qualified candidates)

### GABON

**Gabon Biodiversity Program, Smithsonian Institution:** Contribute to the Smithsonian Institution’s biodiversity research, conservation and educational efforts in an area with high biodiversity. The interns work on research and education projects studying the very high biodiversity of this stunning region. Language: 2nd year French. Available: academic year. Duration: 3 months

### NAMIBIA

**Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF):** Assist in education programming, animal care, research and non-profit administration at this preeminent research and conservation center in rural Namibia. Work to preserve the habitat and future of the cheetah in the Kalahari bush. Language: English. Available: academic year. Duration: 10 weeks

### SPAIN

**Neiker-Tecnalia - Basque Institute for Agricultural Research and Development:** Be a part of cutting edge research to improve productivity, competitiveness and management technologies in agricultural and animal production systems. Protect and enhance our food systems and the agri-food industry. Language: Minimum second year Spanish. Available: academic year Duration: minimum 6 months

### THAILAND

**Save Elephant Foundation:** Increases awareness about the endangered Asian elephant, educates locals on the humane treatment of their elephants, and provides sanctuary for rescued elephants at their nature park. Language: English Available: Academic year. Duration: 3-6 months

**Highland Farm Gibbon Sanctuary:** Sanctuary is devoted to the rescuing, care and protection of any rejected or abused gibbons. Join a team providing love, good shelter, an excellent diet, medical attention, socialization with other gibbons, and human interaction. Language: English. Available: academic year. Duration: 10-24 weeks