

THE EXPLORER

Promoting connections across borders



Hello from the Office

By Angelica Rackow

The school year of 2022-2023 was an important one for our Office. It felt like getting back on our feet after getting new shoes: it took a bit of time to adjust our walk, but a joy learning all the new features we now have.

This past year, we were finally able to run a comprehensive year of international programming and efforts, and it felt so good. We resumed all kinds of Study Abroad and supported over 30 participants both in long and short-term programs; recognized four students with the Global Scholar Distinction; established a formal partnership and welcomed faculty, administrators, and staff from the Universidad de Costa Rica - Campus Sarapiquí; hosted the remarkable Fulbright Scholar Dr. Rabia Ali, from Pakistan, for a whole semester; attended virtual and in-person events and conferences in the global education field, and resumed so many international programming on campus, such as the International Education Week. Seeing so many students engaged with our Office was an amazing accomplishment, and we hope you join us in our efforts and spreading the word about our mission. And while celebrating last year feels great, please know we are ready for what's coming next. This Summer was busy and fulfilling, with much planning and outreach.

We are looking forward to highlighting new opportunities and partnerships, so stay in touch. We hope that during your time at Harper, you will have many chances to engage with our initiatives; and that these opportunities support your continuous development into a global citizen and an agent of change.

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This past Summer, Harper and Heartland Community College collaborated on a Study Abroad opportunity focused on the Health Careers field. The program, scheduled to run again in the Summer of 2024, brought 5 students and 4 health career professionals to Cape Town, South Africa. Participants visited health clinics and service learning organizations and attended lectures in addition to exploring local history and culture. Elda Holbrook, one of the Harper students participating in this experience, shared this picture close to the end of the trip and wrote: "It's fun to see the difference between day 1 and now. The growth as individuals and as a group. We are more together."



check out Elda's (and Heihei) experience here



We were so excited to celebrate the 2022 International Education Week in person. We hosted 7 student-focused events, and we are looking forward to an engaging and informative event again this year. Highlighted here was the event Culture in Motion: Exploring India through Dance. Other events were also highlighted on our Instagram. Follow us.

They are Global Scholars!!!! Congratulations to Lydia Schultz (picture), Rahi Dasadia (picture), Prince Bahadour and Ada Velazquez for earning the distinction.



OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO: STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

*You
did
it!*

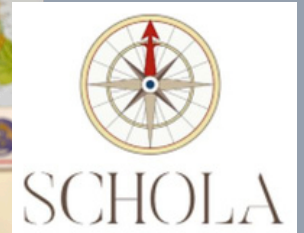
"I always wanted to study abroad since studying for my first degree; however, study abroad courses seemed random and generic gen-eds. As a scholarship student, I couldn't prolong my degree and participate in those. When I came back to school as an adult learner and heard another student was studying abroad, I knew I wanted to pursue that too. It was great to hear that his courses would count towards coursework in his major. I asked my department head about available programs, and they pointed me to KEL.

I participated in the apprenticeship program in Florence, Italy, for one month. We met Monday through Friday from about 9-5:30 or 6. Those were long days with a lot of work, but it was so much fun. My course was called "Sustainable Leatherbag Making." It also included field trips and lectures from Italian fashion professors engaged in sustainability. I would go out to lunch with my classmates at really nice restaurants and then meet afterward for aperitivo. We don't really do that here. The day was about twice as long, but it literally flew by.

I learned so much during this experience. I knew Florence was the place for leather, and I learned that Florence and its neighbors in Italy are responsible for almost 80% of the leather goods production in the world. I learned how to use leather splitters, skivers, sanders, industrial walking foot machines, glue booths, knives, punches etc. I learned about all the prep work and support you must do to leather to make something from it.

I also learned so much about being an American. It takes stepping back and seeing yourself from a different cultural perspective to understand that better. My classmates were from other parts of the world, and it was great to hear their views on both the US and their own countries.

I encourage other students to consider study abroad programs. Everyone should spend time outside their comfort zone to learn about others and themselves."



-Sarah Tzakis, Fashion Design

Opportunities Near and Far

Study Abroad Info Sessions

On September 14th, from 11 am to 2:30 pm, the Office of International Education will host 30 min sessions, each focusing on a different kind of program available through our college. Students are encouraged to sign up but feel free to walk in and ask questions.

Sign-up form: [Study Abroad Interest Form \(office.com\)](#).

Tentative Schedule:

11 am: Faculty-Led Programs (study abroad programs linked to specific Harper classes, taught by Harper professors, focus on Cuba, England and Mexico)

11:30 am: Semester Abroad (focus on ICISP)

12 pm: Summer Programs (focus on ICISP)

12:30 pm: Graduation Distinctions

1pm: Faculty-Led Programs (study abroad programs linked to specific Harper classes, taught by Harper professors, focus on Honors Kenya/BIO and GEO and South Africa/Nursing)

1:30 pm: Semester Abroad (focus on Partners)

2pm: Summer Programs (focus on Partners)



When: September 14, from 11 am to 2:30

Where: Cultural Center

Study Abroad Fair



September 12, 2023 From 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Building D Rotunda

Faculty, partners, alums, and allies will all gather in the Avante Hall for a Study Abroad Fair. Stop by the tables to learn about the different opportunities for global engagement. Want to dive deeper into the different programs? Join the info sessions on September 14.



Opportunities Near and Far

New Program Destination: Greece

CIS Abroad, Harper's Study Abroad partner, has just launched a new destination for semester programs abroad: GREECE. Students can now choose from over 1,000 courses in English at The American College of Greece in Athens. Discover the timeless wonders of this city, and immerse yourself in rich heritage and vibrant city life, all while experiencing the warm hospitality and captivating beauty of the Mediterranean.

For more information, check our partner's website (www.cisabroad.com) or reach out to the office.



Study Abroad and Global Exchange Scholarships

Various scholarships are available to students pursuing Study Abroad or Global Exchange programs. Here, we are listing four, but visit our website for a comprehensive list.

- Benjamin A Gilman International Scholarship (up to \$5,000) focuses on supporting students with limited financial means to study or intern abroad.
- Fund of Education Abroad (up to \$5,000) focuses on increasing the number of underrepresented American college students studying abroad.
- CCID Funders Scholarship (up to \$1,000) focuses on supporting students attending a CCID member institution
- Castle International Studies (up to \$1,500) and WorldView (up to \$1,000) are both institutional scholarships managed by the Harper Foundation. Contact One Stop for more information.



Full List:



SAVE THE DATE: DEADLINES

Study Abroad Spring 2023 Application deadline: OCTOBER

Opportunities Near and Far

U.S. Foreign Service Internship



The U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program (USFSIP) consists of participation in two consecutive summer internships between June and August. The first summer participants come to Washington, D.C., for three weeks of orientation and professional development training. Following the training, interns work for seven weeks on policy desks in regional and functional bureaus at the U.S. Department of State. The second summer students are placed in ten-week assignments at a U.S. embassy or consulate overseas. In the internship year, USFSIP interns take the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) to better understand the Foreign Service assessment process.

This is a merit and need-based opportunity to expose undergraduate students to U.S. diplomacy. The U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program is not a job program. It consists of two temporary appointments for experiential learning. USFSIP is NOT a Pathways program for paid students and recent graduate trainees.

How to Apply: Students must submit an online application via USAJOBS. The application announcement opens in late August for the following summer. The application includes a personal statement, a short essay, current academic transcripts, and a PDF copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report, if applicable.



International Students' RECEPTION

September 7, 2022 From 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Starbucks Atrium D-190

Join us to welcome the new and returning International Students on campus. This reception is a great way to make these students feel welcome and a part of our campus.



CREDIT OR NOT CREDIT, THAT IS THE QUESTION

Many global experiences and study abroad opportunities that Harper offers allow students to receive credit. On some occasions, it will be the student's choice to receive credit for the experience or not.

Things to consider when deciding:

- will this credit help me to fulfill academic requirements at Harper?
- will this credit help me to fulfill academic requirements at another institutions?
- are there costs attached to bringing this credit

Opportunities Near and Far

Global Student Leadership Summit



The Global Student Leadership Summit (GSLs) 2023 will be in Chicago!

This Summit is the premier leadership conference for students interested in further developing skills related to global diversity, equity, and inclusion. This will be the 9th annual GSLs, which attracts dozens of students from colleges and universities nationwide with a simple goal: to develop the skills essential to being a successful and inclusive leader in a global society. Students will participate in interactive student leadership sessions, engage in critical dialogue centered on self-reflection and identity, establish and maintain relationships with like-minded student leaders, and connect with professionals from higher education, the public sphere, and

the private sector. Participation in the GSLs will help students strengthen their leadership and develop global competencies, including self-awareness, communication, team building, embracing diversity and difference, and more. For more information, check the [official website](#) or contact our office.

Virtual Internship: Global Learning Collective

The Global Learning Collective is a 8 week **virtual team-based internship** over the Summer, contributing to a sustainable future for all.



The main objective of the Global Internship Program is to connect talented students to solve real-world organizational challenges related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), giving students a platform to professionally and personally develop their intercultural competencies and prepare to become global leaders with the know-how to successfully navigate in a multicultural environment.

what to expect?

The Global Virtual Internship program is structured as a series of team-based consulting projects.



8 WEEK INTERNSHIP



MULTIDISCIPLINARY
EXPERIENCE



REAL- WORLD
CHALLENGES

Small groups of 4-6 students from different regions and backgrounds will be assigned to a project with a specific organizational partner from the GLC network (in Asia, Africa, Europe or South America) to develop a solution that corresponds to the SDG(s) assigned as a thematic focus. The consulting teams will work with actual companies to develop new policies, present ideas, and explore strategies to propel global leaders and companies toward fulfillment of the United Nations SDGs.

Opportunities Near and Far

International Education Week

At Harper College, the International Education Week is an event that promotes and celebrates international education by providing students and employees the opportunity to engage in a wide array of globally themed programs and intercultural exchanges.

This year, the celebration will include fun and informational sessions hosted by student groups, speakers, and faculty, through panels, presentations, poster sessions, and engaging activities. More information will be coming out soon, but for now, save the date: **NOVEMBER 13 to NOVEMBER 17**



International Education Week

International Students Club

Experience global perspectives right here at Harper College! The International Students Club promotes friendship and understanding among students from the United States and around the world, and creates a cultural learning experience for its members through activities on and off campus.

The Club meets on Thursdays, at 3:30 pm, in D-195

[Join the email list to receive the schedule and location for the next meetings.](#)



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