

Washington State University | INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS Framework Plan

Mission Statement: WSU's **Office of International Programs** will **lead, champion and enable global engagement** and outreach activities of our students, staff, faculty, and communities to further the university's land grant mission and integrated, metrics-driven priorities **in research, education, service and economic development**. International Programs will **work collaboratively** across the institution and beyond to **enrich the global culture on our campuses** and brand WSU's strengths and capabilities across the globe.

Global Learning and Services

Lead and champion goal of **providing every student** at Washington State University with a meaningful and intentional **globalization experience**

- Facilitate the **acquisition of global competencies** through on-campus and off-campus modalities including education abroad, intercultural programs, experiential and service learning, the Global Studies certificate and minor, and activities that foster **awareness of our local/global interconnectedness and global citizenry**
- Partner with WSU colleges/programs and friends of WSU (including corporations and NGOs) to provide our students with global competencies for **workforce marketability**
- Launch events linking undergraduate and graduate students across colleges and campuses to enhance **interdisciplinary learning and team skills** in finding **innovative and realistic solutions to complex local/global challenges** (e.g. Global Case Competition)

Work with colleges to recruit, retain and serve a **diverse and high quality population of international students, faculty, and visiting scholars**, who in turn enrich the learning, diversity and cultural spectrum of the WSU community

Increase recognition, enrollment, and diversity of **language and training programs** of the Intensive American Language Center in partnership with other units including Distance Education

Enhance awareness of **current and future global trends** through dialogue, debate and intercultural activities bridging domestic and international students, staff, faculty, and our communities, with the International Center

Research, Engagement & Economic Development

Collaborate with Office of Research and colleges to **increase international research collaborations and sponsored projects** aligned with university priorities

Establish **strategic partnerships** aimed at multiple, overlaying objectives (research, education, exchanges, recruitment, engagement) with select **prestigious academic institutions, governmental and non-governmental organizations** and the **private sector** in target geographic zones (through WSU's physical or virtual presence)

Target **entrepreneurial partnerships** with the **private sector** and the WSU Small Business Development Center to enhance outreach and **economic development opportunities relevant to the state of Washington**

Facilitate faculty-to-faculty collaborations and international opportunities through interest groups (region/issue), interdisciplinary programs, sabbaticals, fellowships, professional workshops and invited presentations

Maintain database and **cultivate relationships with alumni and visiting scholars** through the Global Cougar Network, and other enriching programs to sustain research, academic, and professional networks, and support WSU ambassadors around the globe

Pursue **grants and philanthropic funding** in partnership with colleges and units to support internationally-related activities

Provide access to **resources, professional development and international learning opportunities** for the WSU community