



Study, Research, Intern Abroad with CoF



Gathering information - explore your options

Meet with CoF International Programs (CoF Intl) to learn basics about options, program selection/application as soon as possible!

Meet with academic adviser to establish academic goals for overseas experience and optimal time and duration of program.

Select program and term/semester

Meet with CoF Intl to discuss program details (fit with goals, application process, finances, etc.). Complete this step 6 months-1 year in advance of program.

If program has multiple course offerings (e.g., exchange), meet with academic adviser to select specific courses to be taken.

Apply to program

Complete application process via OSU GO portal. Most programs require transcripts, essays, and references. Many require interviews. Complete this step 3-6 months in advance of program.

Apply to both CoF sources and external funding sources for scholarships to support program. Keep an eye on deadlines, as they may be before program acceptance!

Student accepted into program

After OSU GO approval, complete secondary program application, if required (e.g. exchange). Confirm housing options and make travel arrangements the term before the program starts.

OSU GO sends program cost estimate to Financial Aid office, which determines aid amount for overseas study. Meet with Financial Aid office if necessary.

Pre-departure

Apply for visa (if required). Attend required orientations. Visit travel clinic, arrange for any needed medications/vaccinations the term before the programs starts.

Confirm payment arrangements. Plan your financial arrangements for your time abroad. Get PIN from academic adviser. Register with CRN provided by OSU GO. Pack!

While abroad

Understand academic requirements. Exchanges: send course syllabi to CoF Intl for establishment of equivalencies, prior to articulation by the OSU Registrar.

Exchanges and Internships: Get PIN from academic adviser so you can register for each term you're away and for the term you return to OSU.

Upon return to OSU

Attend any returnee meetings, debrief, and encourage others to go! Give feedback to CoF Intl and academic advisers.

Exchanges: host university will send transcript to CoF Intl or OSU GO. Once course equivalencies are approved, they will report credits and grades to registrar.

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This page is meant to provide a quick guide to the opportunities available to OSU students. For more complete information, visit our website at: www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/international

Program Types

On all programs offered by CoF or other units at OSU, students can normally use financial aid and scholarships to help cover program costs. All of the experiences below are credit bearing.

Faculty-led programs: Generally 1-4 weeks in length with a specific thematic focus, OSU faculty leads these programs during the summer, winter break, and spring break. Many include studying with peers or faculty from partner universities abroad. The College of Forestry offers several of these programs each year, including programs in Alpine Europe, Malaysian Borneo, Costa Rica and Chile.

International Internships: The College of Forestry has its own international internship program, with placements all over the world. Students may also consider IE3 Global Internships. Most internships are a minimum of ten weeks in length, and are available in all majors. These internships satisfy College work experience requirements

Exchange programs: Typically semester or academic year experiences, where students are integrated into host university academic models and student communities. Offer the broadest range of available courses, and are among the most affordable opportunities (for the number of credits earned/duration of time abroad), as cost is close to in-state OSU tuition. A few of our key exchange partners include the University of Canterbury, New Zealand; Fachhochschule Salzburg, Austria; École Supérieure Du Bois, France; and the University of British Columbia, Canada.

Conferences and Research: CoF also provides funding support through the Dean's Fund for International Engagement to students who are selected to present at conferences, or who are conducting independent research.

Other program opportunities exist – talk to Kerry Menn about all of your options.

Program Durations

Short-term: Faculty-led programs make up the majority of short-term programs (typically 1-4 weeks). These programs may have a single location, or travel to different sites. These are offered during winter, spring and summer breaks.

Term programs: International internship opportunities within the College of Forestry span 1-3 terms in duration and usually align with the OSU quarter system calendar. Outside of the College of Forestry, some providers have programs that last a ten-week term, and are designed to align with OSU's academic calendar.

Semester programs: As many universities worldwide are on a semester system, the majority of exchange programs (and many study abroad programs) are linked to this model. For OSU students, this generally means that students studying abroad in the Fall are away for part of the summer and one term, and those abroad for the Spring are away during Winter and Spring terms from OSU.

Year-long programs: Most exchanges and study abroad programs are able to accommodate students for an entire academic year.

Program Providers

College of Forestry: The College offers a range of exchanges, faculty-led programs and internships specifically designed for Forestry students. These are by far the most popular, and usually the most affordable, of your international options.

Oregon State University: Exchanges and faculty-led programs are also developed on a university-wide basis and by other Colleges within the University.

IE3 Global: IE3 Global provides internship, research, exchange, and faculty-led programs to students throughout the Northwest and beyond.

Co-Sponsored Program Providers: Organizations (profit and non-profit) external to OSU that have been approved by OSU to offer study abroad programs to OSU students. Providers offer the full range of program experiences listed above, with the exception of exchanges. These include SIT, CIEE, API, Semester at Sea, and several others.