



VCU

Global Education Office

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IMPACT REPORT

Together we make a difference

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A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

EDUCATION ABROAD

\$210k

awarded in financial support for study abroad

754

students studied abroad in credit-bearing programs

48

programs offered by GEO

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

206

new students enrolled in semester, short-term and special programs

143

students graduated from the program

95

students transitioned to academic programs

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

\$66k

awarded to academic units

300

special and sponsored program students

\$577k

external grants and contracts received

GLOBE

113

new students enrolled

1,761

hours of community service

98.41%

program completion rate by graduating cohort

STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

1,600

international students, scholars and faculty supported

1,258

Friendship Family and Cultural Exchange, Conversation Partners and Global Cafe participants

136

volunteer hours completed by international students



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

VCU GLOBE IN OAXACA

It doesn't take long to make a big impact. Since it launched in 2014, more than 30 students have studied abroad in Mexico through the VCU Globe in Oaxaca program.

What's more, program alumni have gone on to make an even bigger impact at home and abroad. Alumni of the program include:

- 2 Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship recipients
- 2 Peace Corps volunteers
- 1 recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
- 1 Teach for America member
- students who have studied abroad a second time



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

There's no mistaking our impact.
Our programs leave a lasting impression on students,
faculty, staff, alumni, friends, partners and many more.
But don't take our word for it. Here's what they had to say.

"The Faculty Development Seminar was an opportunity to build friendships with people who share common professional interests and personal values...I feel grateful to have been able to spend so much time with such an INCREDIBLE group of people. The FDS has been the most empowering and meaningful experience that I have been afforded as a VCU faculty member."

Shelby Elaine McDonald, PhD, MSW
Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
201 Faculty Development Seminar participant

"I attribute a lot of my current educational and professional direction to the VCU service-learning program and faculty and the VCU Global Education Office. For the future, my goal is to continue to seek out satisfaction and pride in the service and work I'm doing, focusing on the fields of international education and development."

Sanjay Iyer '10
Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program intern

In the ELP, I met people from different countries and that's what I liked the most about it, the rapport between the diversity of countries

Youssif Alrashdan
English Language Program student

"Studying abroad was an academic learning experience that included a life lesson. I learned more about my ethnic identity as well as my own personal identity. I gained confidence in my foreign language skills as well as in my own personality. It was the best of both worlds."

Andrea Garcia Plata
Study Abroad through API to Grenoble, France

"It is a true cultural exchange from both sides. I was able to teach my friendship family about some of my customs as well as learn a great deal about authentic American culture."

Pulkit Kashyap '1
Friendship Family and Cultural Exchange participant

"This experience is one of the most exciting, stimulating, and rewarding things you'll ever be involved in, but it also very well may be one of the most challenging and demanding...the new perspectives and knowledge you'll gain, the places you'll explore, the strange yet exciting things you'll try, the friends you'll make and the lives you will touch and be touched by in the span of just five weeks will impact you for the rest of your life."

Hannah Nguyen '20
VCU Globe in Oaxaca participant



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Join the mission

The Global Education Office serves to advance three overarching institutional global priorities distilled from Virginia Commonwealth University's Quest for Distinction:

- to improve the recruitment and retention of international students and scholars
- to increase the global engagement of VCU students and faculty
- to expand VCU's global footprint through our research, teaching and service

For ideas about how you can get involved, visit us at global.vcu.edu.

