



Study Abroad Returnee Involvement Opportunities

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Your international experiences don't need to end when you re-enter the U.S. From involvement opportunities through the Office of International Programs to volunteering in the community, you can continue to broaden your international experiences. Call or visit the OIP for exact dates and times of events.

Think Globally Apply Your Experience on Campus:

Classroom Presentations:

Fall semester – Contact IP Office by Sept. 1st, Spring Semester – Contact IP Office by Feb 1st

Spark study abroad interest in first year students by presenting on your international experiences during University 101 courses. Many first-year students cite these presentations by study abroad returnees and exchange students as how they initially heard about studying abroad.

Get Published: [Bods Abroad Newsletter](#)

Submit an article (700 words or less) and picture (in digital format) to the International Programs Office (tina.williams1@washburn.edu) to be featured in the “Bods Abroad Newsletter”. Deadlines: Aug. 1st

Win \$100: [Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest](#): Deadline Sept 1st Do you have the perfect photos to describe your study abroad Experience? If so we want them, and we may be willing to pay you for them. The WU Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest was established to recognize the importance of WU students' international experiences and promote studying abroad to other WU students and the community. Monetary awards of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be awarded to the top three entries received.

Study Abroad Fair Fall & Spring:

Volunteer to help with larger on-campus study abroad events. Welcome students to the events and share your own student perspective on studying abroad with prospective study abroad students.

Pre-departure Orientation Fall & Spring:

Answer questions from students preparing to study abroad by serving on question and answer panels at the pre-departure orientation. Questions range from what host families are like to must-see attractions or destinations. You'll have the opportunity to share your best pieces of advice!

Study Abroad Scholarship Awards Ceremony Presentation Fall & Spring:

Share your Study Abroad Experience with future participants in a formal presentation at the Study Abroad Awards Ceremony.

International Student “WU Buddy”:

Remember how your first few days were in your country abroad? Become a “WU Buddy” and help welcome new international students to campus and help them get adjusted to life at WU by volunteering during orientation week.

Study Abroad Peer Advisors:

Put your international experience to work by promoting study abroad to your peers! The Office of International Programs hires volunteer returnees for 3-6 hours per week to assist in the International Programs Office with advising, programming, and promotion.

Conversation Partners - English for the Foreign Born Community Classes: Located in the International House, Fall & Spring, Tues. & Thurs. afternoons.

Visit the International Programs Office and ask for a Conversation Partner Application to become a language exchange partner with an international student for a minimum of one hour per week. Practice language skills acquired abroad while helping an international student improve their English skills!

International Student Club & other international student groups

Meet WU students from all different countries, including the U.S., by joining WU International - Club and other cultural groups on campus.

Applying Your Experience in Your Community:

Topeka Friendship Network

If you're interested in providing hospitality to new international students, join TFN, a volunteer group dedicated to serving WU's international students. Contact the Office of International Programs.

Topeka Literacy Council

Volunteer as a literacy tutor with an emphasis on ESL (English as a Second or New Language). Work with internationals in the community to help them with their reading and language skills. Phone: 785-234-2806

Learning IN the Community (LINC) Listings for other community service organizations are available from The Learning IN the community (LINC) Office. Benton Hall Phone: 670-1027 Contact: rick.ellis@washburn.edu

If you are interested in participating in any of these programs or have ideas for other programs please contact the Office of International Programs.

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