USF World leads the university’s involvement in the international arena engaging with the world and in the world. Its goals promote a global culture at USF, globalize student success, enhance global initiatives within the university system, and deepen global engagement. Learn more at usf.edu/world.
The USF Education Abroad Office had an increase of 18% in the number of students (Tampa campus, unduplicated) who participated in a credit bearing international experience during 2016-17. However, this is just part of the story...
A group of students working with the local deaf communities in Belize. USF was the recipient of the 2017 Institutional Award from Diversity Abroad.

Number of International Travelers Supported by USF Education Abroad, 2017

Source: Open Doors, USF System Credit-Earning Unduplicated 2012-13 to 2016-17
From Paris (France) to Pisac (Peru), students can participate in an international academic experience around the world including: semester exchanges, dual-degree programs, summer and short term programs, international internships, research experiences, and service learning.
$167,750

in USF World scholarships to aid study abroad students in 2016-17.
The USF Education Abroad Office held an average of one event every day across the USF System, including the Diversity Abroad series, large-scale study abroad fairs, funding workshops, and weekly Getting Started sessions.
The total enrollment of international students in Fall 2017 included 4,856 students from 146 countries, equating to more than 10% of the USF System student population.

In 2017, a total of 6,493 students, scholars, and employees from 150 countries were served by the Office of International Services.
Each Spring, Summer, and Fall semester, the Office of International Services hosts the International Sash Ceremony for students to celebrate graduation and gift them with a sash from their home country.

**Fall 2017 International Student Enrollment by Academic Level**

- Master’s: 1,558 (31%)
- Doctoral: 689 (14%)
- Non-Degree: 20 (0%)
- Exchange: 32 (0%)
- Pathway: 744 (15%)

**Total Number of Countries Represented at USF**

146 COUNTRIES represented at USF
Each November, USF World celebrates International Education Month across the university with other campus partners. A signature event is the International Festival, which includes a Parade of Flags and opportunities for multicultural student organizations to celebrate their heritage.
International students and scholars were able to attend 6 different adventure trips in 2017. These included a day trip to Tarpon Springs, Florida, and a volunteer trip where the Office of International Services partnered with the Saudi Student Association to collect items for Metropolitan Ministries. A group of students and scholars dropped off the donations, prepared holiday meals, and coordinated activities at the organization’s annual holiday party.
Wednesdays with World is an international coffee hour program designed to create a space for cultural exchange between international students, scholars, faculty, staff, and other members of the USF community. In 2017, Wednesdays with World began partnering with different multicultural student organizations to co-host the event each month.
multicultural organizations

USF World hosted the inaugural luncheon for multicultural organizations on campus as a chance to listen to the student voice and develop new ways to partner and work together throughout the year.
The Confucius Institute (CI) supports USF academic programs by providing Chinese language instructors, assists K-12 schools with Chinese programs through three Confucius Classrooms, and facilitates cultural exchange and community engagement. The CI has contributed to globalization of our System by providing CI Scholarships to USF students, bringing visiting scholars from China, offering non-credit classes, and extending outreach to K-12 schools and Tampa Bay communities.

Students from Hillsborough County schools learn martial arts during Confucius Institute Day, September 2017.
In the last year, the Confucius Institute sponsored events across USF and the broader community attended by a total of nearly 8,000 people, including USF students, faculty and staff, and local community members.
In 2017, the Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies hosted 10 experts on campus for 3 conversation series and 1 conference.

Dr. Graham Allison visited campus in November 2017 for a conversation regarding his new book “Destined for War: Can American and China Escape Thucydides’s Trap?” Dr. Allison is a professor of government at Harvard Kennedy School and former Assistant Secretary of Defense under the Clinton administration.
Ambassador Christopher Hill was on campus in December 2017 for a conversation with Dr. Milani discussing the possibility of the U.S. and North Korea moving toward war. Ambassador Hill is the Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, a position he has held since September 2010. He is a four-time ambassador; he served as ambassador to South Korea and was the head of U.S. delegation to the Six Party Talks on the North Korean Nuclear issue.
USF World hosted the inaugural International Travel Risk and Security Symposium in 2017 featuring Mario Vittone, a retired U.S. Coast Guard helicopter rescue swimmer, who for 22 years rescued boaters in distress from the turbulent waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico.

Mario Vittone reminding us all: be prepared and safety first!

The USF System has two international risk and security officers who advise USF World and the Education Abroad Office. They oversee our USF travel and health insurance and provides support to any students, faculty, and staff participating in university sponsored programs or other USF affiliated travel outside of the United States.
As of December 2017, there are 36 Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with 32 university partners from 23 countries.

MOUs foster deeper, more sustainable partnerships. They ensure faculty and/or staff develop multi-dimensional partnerships in their colleges and are fully supported by the USF System.
The University of South Florida was ranked as the #1 producer of Fulbright Scholars in the United States for 2016-2017.

Past and upcoming Fulbright Scholars and students attend a Fulbright Welcome Reception about “Cultural Communication” hosted by USF World.

With an outstanding 12 faculty members named as scholars, USF doubled its number from last year surpassing other top research institutions, including the Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and the University of Southern California.
USF Muma College of Business professor and Distinguished Fulbright Scholar in Finland James Stock with a former Ambassador. Betty Castor, former president of USF, meets with USF St. Petersburg professor and Fulbright Scholar Judithanne McLauchlan during a Mid-Florida Chapter Fulbright Association event at USF.
The 2017 USF World Global Achievement Awards recognized the remarkable ongoing work of our faculty, staff, administrators, and university organizations as together we raise the global reputation of the USF System.

ADMINISTRATOR CATEGORY
- Award for Outstanding Global Engagement: Dr. Moez Limayem

STAFF CATEGORY
- Award for Outstanding Global Engagement, USF St. Petersburg: Wendy Baker
- Award for Outstanding Global Engagement, USF Sarasota-Manatee: Amela Malkic
- Award for Outstanding Global Engagement, USF Tampa: Cristienn Joudaane

GROUP CATEGORY
- Award for Outstanding Global Engagement: Center for Integrated Analysis of Gulf Ecosystems
- Award for Global Support: Transfer Articulation Team, USF Registrar’s Office

FACULTY CATEGORY
- Award for Outstanding Global Engagement: Dr. Asa Oxner and Dr. Andrew Myers
- Award for Outstanding Global Student Success: Deidre Orriola
- Award for Outstanding Global Student Success: Dr. Christian Wells
- Award for Outstanding Global Research: Dr. Jody McBrien
- Award for Outstanding Global Research: Dr. Cesario Borlongan
- Global Visionary Award: Dr. Yogi Goswami

SPECIAL AWARDS
- Award for Outstanding System Leadership: Dr. Darlene DeMarie
- Award for Lifetime Achievement: Dr. John Sinnott
In 2017, the Peace Corps Prep program was launched at the University of South Florida. The Peace Corps Prep Program aligns with the strategic goals of the university and its efforts provide students with high-quality global experiences—on campus and across the world.

Wilnie Merilien, the USF Peace Corps Recruiter and a returned volunteer in Ethiopia for HIV & Community Health, presents on campus to interested students. In 2017, USF ranked number 3 among graduate schools and number 18 among large schools on the agency’s Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities list.
USF World promotes and supports international scholarship and global engagement by students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

The USF Global Discovery Hub comprehensively maps and documents the University’s global footprint. Search the interactive web application to learn more about our 280+ international partnerships; explore the depth and breadth of faculty activities in more than 235 locations including discipline, geographic, and language expertise; or take a look at the diversity of our international students and the varied destinations of students choosing to study in places near and far. Search USF’s international engagement by country or region, college or department, or by keyword. Discover how USF connects with the global community: www.usf.edu/gdh
Connecting alumni around the world through meaningful events and digital engagement is an important part of USF World’s global outreach. In 2017, five USF alumni events were held around the world.

**USF alumni living abroad***

*Includes both international and domestic students living outside of the U.S.*
To celebrate diversity and promote cross-cultural understanding, USF World sponsors the annual International Photo Competition, designed to offer USF students, faculty, staff and alumni an opportunity to share their international experiences with the university.

“Titled ‘Recrudescence,’ this photo was taken in Mingora, Pakistan, the home place of Malala Yousafzai. Due to the destruction after the military operation and war between the Taliban and Pakistan, this beautiful valley looks like deserted ruins. After restoration of this area, a young boy has ambitions to bring back the lost color of his valley though education and knowledge and light up the future of his people. I want this photo to be displayed on campus to portray the ambition and determination of people to fight against terrorism with education, that is also the motto of Malala Yousafzai.” — Azad Saleem, USF Student, Grand Prize Winner