USF World created **DISCOVER THE WORLD**, a digital resource, to highlight undergraduate funding sources for studying and traveling abroad:  [http://educationabroad.global.usf.edu](http://educationabroad.global.usf.edu)

**USF Education Abroad Mission Statement**

The mission of the USF Education Abroad Office is to provide the USF community with high quality educational experiences abroad. Our goal is to create programs with a strong comparative element that emphasizes sustained engagement with foreign academics and professionals, community members and fellow students.

The Education Abroad Office promotes global competency by supporting and creating high-impact, innovative, and accessible international experiences for students that:

- Expand their understanding of the world around them;
- Provide a comparative context for their US studies resulting in a deeper understanding and appreciation of these subjects;
- Prepare them for an increasingly international workplace; and
- Create more thoughtful and understanding citizens of the world
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**Education Abroad Advising Online:**

[https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BKmH2VEdDmWEGF](https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BKmH2VEdDmWEGF)

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[http://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/](http://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/)

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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

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Traveling Internationally?

Students must be attending a USF Education Abroad program for program insurance to be active. Students who decide to extend their study abroad or travel independently, will still need to purchase insurance separately.

International Risk and Security Staff:

- Ben Chamberlain, International Risk and Security Officer
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In Case of an Emergency while on an USF Education Abroad trip:
Emergency Assistance Line: 813-317-5815
Emergency Assistance Email: EAAssist@usf.edu

General Information Email: Globaltravel@usf.edu

Dear USF Student,

Are you planning on traveling internationally this year? The USF International Travel Authority Policy #10-507 requires that all students register their student related international travel with the USF World Education Abroad Office or with USF Health.

Student-related travel is any international activity tied to an individual’s status as an active USF student, regardless of the source of funding for the travel. This may include international travel related to a conference, a student organization, program requirement, elective, research project, service-learning project or study abroad. However, it does not include leisure travel.

Once you are registered, you will be enrolled in USF’s mandatory International Health and Evacuation Coverage offered by United Healthcare Global, a leading industry provider. Insurance coverage is provided while abroad. You will automatically benefit from USF World’s 24/7 International Assistance Line and International Risk and Security Office services. A nominal one-time charge is assessed for security and safety monitoring. To learn more, contact USF World Education Abroad Office contact: GlobalTravel@usf.edu

With our best wishes for successful travel,
Dr. Kiki Caruson
USF Interim Vice President, USF World
More information: https://www.usf.edu/world/for-global-travelers/index.aspx

TRAVEL & COVID-19

Please review the Guidance for University Travel. Essential Travel Abroad may still be approved in Spring and Summer 2021. Make sure you understand the new Terms and Conditions for Traveling during this pandemic. Stay up to date with conditions in the country you hope to travel to.
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EDUCATION ABROAD

TAMPA

Education Abroad offers a variety of study abroad opportunities for students and faculty in over 25 countries, these include: semester exchanges, dual degree programs, summer and short term programs, international internships, and service learning. Programs range from one week to one year and award academic credit. Education Abroad facilitates the incoming and outgoing exchange process and works closely with our international partner universities to develop new academic programming and exchanges.

The Education Abroad Office provides extensive planning assistance for both students and faculty program leaders, including pre-departure orientation sessions. The staff members have extensive experience in study abroad and are able to offer seasoned, insightful advising and information to anyone considering or planning a study abroad experience.

USF Tampa Education Abroad Gateway Office:
Marshall Student Center 3301
Email: EducationAbroad@usf.edu
Web: https://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/
Virtual Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Advising Online: https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BKmH2VEdDmWEGF

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For information regarding USF Health Programs:
USF Health International
Web: https://health.usf.edu/international
As a part of the GloBull Ambassador’s program, students have the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge with other students who are thinking about studying abroad, or those who have already decided and are in the process of preparing for their study.

In addition to quality conversations about overseas destinations and issues, students will get to experience the study abroad industry from the advisor’s standpoint, network within the study abroad community, and add a great experience to your résumé!

Also, all students who successfully complete the program will receive an official certification of completion and be acknowledged at our end of year banquet...it’s kind of a big deal! All graduating seniors will be provided with commencement recognition (medals, sashes, etc.) to show off their study abroad experiences on USF’s biggest stage.

For more information, email Chris Haynes: HaynesC@usf.edu

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EDUCATION ABROAD

SARASOTA-MANATEE

Nestled along beautiful Sarasota Bay, the scenic University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee Campus offers a true sense of place. Between world-renowned beaches, abundant nightlife, and the best in arts and entertainment, there’s never a lack of things to do or places to explore in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Likewise, Sarasota-Manatee Campus offers a variety of global opportunities for students and faculty.

USF World at Sarasota-Manatee staff members support international students and scholars, promote study abroad and other types of global experiences, and support faculty global engagement on USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus. The office manages USFSM Campus faculty-led programs and provides extensive planning assistance for both students and faculty involved in study abroad.

Upcoming events at USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus:
• Virtual Study Abroad Info-Sessions (Wednesdays starting 8/24/2020)
Please RSVP by emailing: amela@usf.edu

• Virtual Study Abroad Fall Fair: September 24th from 10am - 3pm
For updates on the Virtual Fall Fair see Announcements:
https://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/index.cfm

For more information, please visit our website:
http://usfsm.edu/academics/global-engagement/study-abroad/

Other useful links:
• Student Engagement Office @USFSM:
• Multicultural Affairs @USFSM:
• Community Engagement @USFSM:
https://www.sarasotamanatee.usf.edu/engage/service-learning/community-partners.aspx

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For scheduled appointments on specific programs at USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus contact Dr. Amela Malkic:
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USF Sarasota-Manatee Website:
https://www.sarasotamanatee.usf.edu/
The Education Abroad team located on the USF St. Petersburg campus develops and manages high impact education abroad programming for all USF students. Education Abroad advising appointments with our professional staff are available to discuss options for your major in many exciting destinations. Email us or schedule an appointment online today!

**Upcoming Events at USF St. Petersburg Campus:**
- Virtual Study Abroad Fall Fair: September 24th from 10am - 3pm
For updates on the Virtual Fall Fair see Announcements: [https://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/index.cfm](https://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/index.cfm)

**Fall Social Media Programming:**
- Monday- #MotivationalMonday
- Tuesday- #TriviaTuesday
- Wednesday- #WhereintheWorldWednesdays
- Thursday- #TastyThursdays
- Friday- #FridayFunWords

Embark on a journey around the world every week this fall, with USF World via social media. Learn highlights every day from a different country each week. Follow Instagram and Facebook for more interactive learning and fun.

**For more information, please visit our website at:**
[www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/student-services/usf-world-st-petersburg](http://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/student-services/usf-world-st-petersburg)

**Other useful links:**
- Multicultural Affairs @ St. Pete: [https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/student-life/student-life/multicultural-affairs/](https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/student-life/student-life/multicultural-affairs/)
- Civic Engagement Office@ St. Pete: [https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/student-life/center-for-civic-engagement/](https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/student-life/center-for-civic-engagement/)

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**USF St. Petersburg Website:**
[https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/](https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/)
National scholarship opportunities support many different facets of your USF education – from study and language learning abroad, to research projects, to internships and graduate study (domestic and abroad). Candidates for prestigious national scholarships should envision, engage, and excel.

Envision
• Research national scholarship opportunities which align with your academic, professional and personal goals.
• Create an ONS Student Profile to keep track of opportunities and share your credentials with ONS advisors.

Engage
• Schedule an appointment with an ONS advisor on eScheduler to discuss goals and opportunities.
• Attend the scholarship workshop series for your intended scholarship(s) to learn about the application components and start the process.

Excel
• Work one-on-one with an ONS advisor on the components of the application, such as: essay writing, selecting recommenders for reference letters, and mock preparatory interviews.
• Attend an information session series, not just one information session.
• Schedule an advising appointment with the ONS advisor who works with students on that scholarship application.
• Come to the advising appointment prepared to speak about why you want to apply for the national scholarship.
• Complete the required reading for your scholarship, and scholarship application.
• Develop knowledge on current national and international events.
• Complete the required reading for your scholarship as assigned by your ONS advisor.
• Develop knowledge on current national and international events.

Begin Your ONS Student Profile Today:
https://www.usf.edu/ons/first-steps/firststeps.aspx

Please contact the USF Office of National Scholarships (ONS) for more information: https://www.usf.edu/ons/
USF OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Spotlight Scholarships

Please contact the USF Office of National Scholarships (ONS) for more information and how to apply: https://www.usf.edu/ons/

David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships for Study Abroad
Open to undergraduate students studying in Africa, Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, Central and South America, and the Middle East. All Boren scholarship recipients must seek employment with a federal agency or office involved in national security affairs. This program focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad. Funding opportunities are available to both undergraduate and graduate students. USF Nomination Required.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Scholarship is based on financial aid one is already receiving and the study abroad location. Student must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant to be eligible for this scholarship. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. Must be a Pell Grant recipient to apply.

Fulbright Scholarships
Open to recent B.S./B.A. graduates, master and doctoral candidates, and young professionals and artists. The Fulbright US Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students. USF Nomination Required.

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program
Funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, the Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship Program provides undergraduate and graduate students with financial support, mentoring and professional development to prepare them academically and professionally for a career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply.

The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program
The Rangel Program is a U.S. State Department program administered by Howard University that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. The program seeks individuals interested in helping to shape a freer, more secure and prosperous world through formulating, representing, and implementing U.S. foreign policy. The Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need, information and guidance.

USF’s Office of National Scholarships (ONS):
EMAIL: NationalScholarships@usf.edu

Contact ONS to:
• Study a Foreign Language
• Learn more about 3-Week Study Abroad Programs
• Find Funding for International Internships

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Candidates for prestigious national scholarships should envision, engage, and excel.

Begin Your ONS Student Profile Today!
https://www.usf.edu/ons/first-steps/firststeps.aspx
PARTICIPATE

Being a global citizen can mean many things, but at the heart of it all is being able to engage meaningfully and effectively with diverse people, places, events, challenges, and opportunities.

For the purposes of the Global Citizens Project, USF has identified three primary qualities possessed by a global citizen:

- **Global Awareness:**
  EXPLORE your role in the world. Prepare to change your world!

- **Global Responsibility:**
  CONNECT with diverse people, places, and issues. Live beyond your borders!

- **Global Participation:**
  PARTICIPATE to make a difference locally and globally. Do something that matters!

More Information: http://www.usf.edu/gcp/
Peace Corps and the University of South Florida have a partnership centered on an undergraduate program called Peace Corps Prep (PC Prep). Students who join the PC Prep program will combine targeted coursework with hands-on experience, building the competencies needed to be strong Peace Corps volunteers or other international development specialists.

PC Prep is an interdisciplinary program that provides students opportunities to hone their leadership skills, intercultural competencies, foreign language ability, and career readiness. Completion of the program will give students a competitive edge when applying for Peace Corps service or for jobs in the international arena. PC Prep graduates will be able to engage meaningfully and effectively with diverse people, places, events, challenges, and opportunities.

In order to complete the Peace Corps Prep program, students co-enroll with the Global Citizens Project (GCP). Undergraduate students build upon their global engagement across the university and community by attending 8 GCP-Approved Events, completing 2 GCP Certified Activities, and documenting their Personal Reflections. To complete the PC Prep program, they then select Sector Specific Coursework, document their Volunteer work, and complete a CV and a website profile to have the opportunity to then apply to Peace Corps after they graduate from USF.

More information:
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students-global-engagement-on-campus/pc-prep/index.aspx
**Volunteer**

**Eligibility:**
- You must be 18 or older to volunteer.
- You must have completed your Bachelor’s Degree.
- You must be a US Citizen.

**Peace Corps Website:**
www.peacecorps.gov

**USF Peace Corps Contact:**
Kristen Vogel, USF’s Peace Corps Recruiter

**Email:**
PeaceCorps@usf.edu

**About Kristen Vogel:**
Kristen is USF’s Peace Corps Recruiter and a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV). She served in the Education Sector of Peace Corps Ghana from 2014 until 2016. She is currently attending USF in the Master of Arts program for Applied Anthropology as their Coverdell Fellow (see page 13-16 for other USF Coverdell Fellows). If you have any questions about Peace Corps, Kristen is here to assist you! Please feel free to reach out to her if you would like more information on her service and how to apply to Peace Corps at: PeaceCorps@usf.edu

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**Peace Corps**

Contact USF’s Peace Corps Recruiter, today for an appointment or virtual classroom visit at: PeaceCorps@usf.edu

Peace Corps provides an unparalleled opportunity to learn about other people, develop language and career skills, and help improve the quality of life for people in developing countries. The goals of Peace Corps are to promote peace and stability through education and training; foster understanding of other peoples among Americans; and enhance other peoples’ understanding of Americans.

About 7,000 volunteers currently serve in more than 70 countries around the world, and to date about 170,000 Americans have volunteered since its establishment in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. Peace Corps is a government-funded non-profit organization with a headquarters in each respective partner country.

**More information:**
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/peace-corps.aspx

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**Promote Peace and Exchange**

USF Peace Corps Recruiter Kristen Vogel (middle) with her students in Ghana.

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The Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program at USF is a Graduate Fellowship program awarding financial assistance to selected Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). USF currently has five different colleges that offer various Coverdell Fellowships:

- **College of Public Health Fellows** successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Public Health (MPH) or Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH). More information: [https://health.usf.edu/publichealth/peace-corps](https://health.usf.edu/publichealth/peace-corps)

- **College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Anthropology Fellows** successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology or a PhD in Applied Anthropology. More information: [https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/anthropology/graduate/coverdell.aspx](https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/anthropology/graduate/coverdell.aspx)

- **College of Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Fellows** successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Science or PhD in Civil Engineering or in Environmental Engineering with an International Concentration. More information: [https://usfmi.weebly.com/pcfellows.html](https://usfmi.weebly.com/pcfellows.html)

- **The Patel College of Global Sustainability Fellows** successfully completing the program will receive a Master of Arts in Global Sustainability, with a concentration in Building Sustainable Enterprise, Climate Change & Sustainability, Coastal Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, Food Sustainability & Security, Sustainable Energy, Sustainable Tourism, Sustainable Transportation, or Water. More information: [https://www.usf.edu/pcgs/student-resources/peace-corps/index.aspx](https://www.usf.edu/pcgs/student-resources/peace-corps/index.aspx)

- **College of Nursing Fellows** successfully completing the program will receive a degree in the Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree program and professional licensure as a Registered Nurse. More information: [https://health.usf.edu/nursing/peace-corps](https://health.usf.edu/nursing/peace-corps)

See the following pages that highlight some of our USF Colleges’ 2020 Coverdell Fellows. Stay tuned for upcoming events where they will be sharing their service abroad working with Peace Corps!
Leah Mowery (left) in Nepal during her Peace Corps Service with her students.

Leah Mowery is the 2020 recipient of the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellowship from the Patel College of Global Sustainability at the University of South Florida. Leah holds a B.S. in Conservation Biology from University of Minnesota with two minors in Sustainability Studies and Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management. She began her Master’s studies at Patel in Fall of 2019 with a concentration on Climate Change and Sustainability.

While pursuing her undergraduate degree, Leah had numerous experiences that heightened her passion for her field including a naturalist and sustainability internship, organic farm internship, and a native wildflower garden horticulture and education internship. She felt a great drive to experience as much as she could, making the most of her time and resources available to her in undergrad. Her first experience overseas was for a tiger conservation field study in Thailand. While she was there, she stayed in bungalows with a research team in a national park in a jungle for two weeks, getting her first genuine experience of living along with people in a developing country. She remembers sitting on a barge in the Chao Phraya River and seeing all of the development and pollution along the waterway and envisioning a future of creating more sustainable development practices around the world.

Peace Corps was always her dream. She served as president of the Peace Corps student group on campus for two years. After she graduated, she left Minneapolis and joined the Peace Corps in Nepal as a Food Security Volunteer. She fell in love with the people of Nepal as soon as she arrived and remembers the early days of adjustment met with warmth, acceptance, curiosity, and many cups of tea. During her service, she created an example permaculture garden at her site and spoke to community farmers to educate about sustainable agricultural practices and diversified nutrition. She held community trainings educating women and girls, the Number 5 Project Drawdown Solution to reduce global warming. She enjoyed drawing, playing volleyball, and laughing with the children in the community who made her feel at home.

Leah returned from the Peace Corps and knew she needed to continue to do work she felt was making an impact in the world, which led her to PCGS. She is new to the Tampa area and is enjoying the nature and constant sunshine, a welcome change after growing up in Chicago. Currently, she is studying and working with PCGS and hopes to continue to build relationships in the community for a career in conservation and sustainable development.

Full article here: https://www.usf.edu/pcgs/student-resources/peace-corps/fellow.aspx
Gabriela “Gabby” Cruz is a 2019 USF Alum who studied Health Sciences. She participated in the Peace Corps Prep program and departed for her service in September of 2019 to Peru. She would be a Community Health Facilitator in the rural Andes mountains of Peru.

The focus of her program was to help the Ministry of Health tackle issues related to anemia, adolescent pregnancy, and malnutrition through a capacity building framework. Due to COVID-19, she was evacuated from her service early along with the thousands of others volunteers worldwide and returned to Florida to decide what was next.

Pursuing her Masters degree was a clear next step and there was no other place she wanted to return to than her Alma Mater. She will be starting Masters of Public Health this Fall and will be concentrating on Global Health Practice.

She is excited to have been selected to be a Coverdell Fellow and eager to do more hands on local to the Tampa Bay area.
Tracy Gates is an incoming MPH student who enjoys travel, adventure, the outdoors, playing games, sharing cultures and ideas, as well as working with and empowering others. Tracy grew up on the West Coast with four siblings, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Morningside College in Iowa, swam competitively through college, and studied abroad in Wales.

She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania for two years where she developed her passion for empowering others to enhance the quality of their lives through their health. Living in a rural village sharing life, culture, knowledge, ideas, and perspectives with Tanzanians was an amazing experience and really opened her mind and heart to the diversity of this world and the people who share it.

Gates worked on many projects during her service including chicken raising, bee keeping, and orange flesh sweet potato planting as well as creating youth and student groups to learn about health, HIV/AIDS, and respect while playing soccer, and supporting meetings with men in the village about how to best care for their and their family’s well-being.

It was challenging at times, trying to learn the language, adapting to new cultural norms, carrying water on my head, and cooking with a charcoal stove, but the experiences and relationships were so incredibly worth it.
Taylor Clark was born and raised in Florida. She actually never left the country until she joined Peace Corps. She went to USF for her undergraduate education and graduated with Bachelor degrees in Criminology and Psychology. It was after this that she found herself in the Public Health field and her passion was ignited! She worked as an HIV tester for a local non-profit and realized that she wanted to further explore this field.

She then applied to the Peace Corps, and was accepted. Her time as a volunteer was spent in the pearl of Africa, also known as Uganda. As a Health Volunteer with a passion for the HIV field, she was able to see firsthand all of the difficulties Uganda faces because of the virus. She found out that stigma was one of the biggest challenges. She stated that, “One of my most rewarding moments was when I was able to attend the World AIDS Day Celebration and meet the Vice President of Uganda. It was incredible to see a community that faces continuous stigmatization from within come together as a unit in order to call out for change.”

Within Peace Corps, her community’s organization had a local group of young women who attended World AIDS Day. The group of women displayed various income generating items that she and her cohorts taught them how to create. By learning how to make money on their own, the group of local women were able to become more self-sustaining and sell items that would help them and their community. Taylor stated that, “Joining the Peace Corps and going to Uganda was probably the most challenging yet most rewarding thing I’ve ever done and I wouldn’t change that experience for anything!”
A Michigan native, Lucas Hicks received his Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from Michigan State University in 2017, shortly after which he began his 2-year service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Benin, West Africa. He worked in the sector of Rural Community Health with students and community members to combat malaria, fight malnutrition, and promote good sexual health habits in a small town. He learned all about a small country in which he had never heard of growing up. His only time out of the United States before his service was a week-long civic engagement project in Jamaica during his senior year. He knew to truly understand the Public Health field, he could, “not look at it only from an America-centric lens, so I jumped in headfirst into Peace Corps!”

Lucas stated, “My time in Benin cemented my passion for promoting equity in health outcomes across all communities back home. I’ve learned consistently about the merit of building strong personal relationships from my eight siblings, and strong relationships made my tour in Benin a successful one. I know that to be a credible Public Health official, you need to foster trust and respect with the communities in which you’re working. I have my family to thank for teaching me how to go about that, and I look forward to honing these and other skills at USF in a time where Public Health officials must have the complete trust of communities more at risk than ever of health disparities during a global pandemic, deepening income inequality, and infrastructure failings putting minority communities disproportionately in harm’s way.”

Outside of school and work, he is a huge sports fan, an avid reader, and has improved his culinary skills in the last few months thanks to guidance from YouTube, Pinterest, and his aunt. Lucas stated, “I try to run at least four times a week and can often be found fawning over cats and dogs, of which I hope to have my own in the near future.”
Naomi Hayes graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Wanting to expand her perspective and strengthen her ties to her Japanese roots, she worked as an English Teacher in Japan for three years through the JET Program. It was during that time working with students, Naomi oftentimes realized lack of accessibility to resources and opportunities could significantly affect one’s quality of life. The experience steered her towards Public Health as a career.

Naomi worked as a Health Extension Volunteer in Tanzania to gain practical public health experience while also experiencing a new culture. She cooperated with local Tanzanian nationals and pulled from her previous teaching experience to prepare educational lessons on topics such as HIV/AIDS prevention, infectious diseases, and nutrition. She also worked with farmers in her village to introduce Vitamin A rich sweet potatoes to diversify the carbohydrate-heavy local diet.

The highlight of her Peace Corps experience was being able to work alongside talented Tanzanians who are passionate about bringing meaningful change to their communities. Throwing ideas back and forth made her realize many challenges, such as poverty and food security, are universal. Though some differences exist between countries, the needs of our global community are the same. Naomi plans to use everything she learned towards elevating her experience at USF as a graduate student of the College of Public Health in order to one-day address health challenges that span the globe.
Connor McCarley graduated in 2018 from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Health Science with a focus on Public Health. After graduating, he served as an Adolescent Health Promoter in Guyana through the Peace Corps.

There, he partnered with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education by working in a Secondary School and a Health Center to help tackle the issues of high suicide and teen pregnancy rates in Guyana through education and practical experiences.

Some of the projects that he completed include hosting a regional teacher workshop focusing on health education, establishing an adolescent health clinic, and the designing and creation of a health-centric classroom.

He will be attending the University of South Florida starting in the Fall while working towards his Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Global Communicable Diseases.

Connor stated that, “I hope to one day be able to work to help eliminate global health disparities and improve access to healthcare around the world.”
PROGRAMS

iBuddy
iBuddy is a free 9-week program that takes place during the fall semester. The program partners international and domestic students to increase cultural awareness and build lasting friendships through a series of campus events and social programs. iBuddy enhances and encourages out of classroom student engagement that assists participants in becoming global citizens.

ISLC
The Intercultural Student Leadership Conference (ISLC) is designed to strengthen engagement and retention of underrepresented students at USF by providing inspiration, co-curricular connections, and campus resources to support their path to success.

Safe Zone
Safe Zone Training Program is the USF’s institutionally recognized Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Trans+, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) diversity training program offered through the OMA. Safe Zone aims to educate participants on advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community by promoting understanding, support, and inclusivity through interactive conversations and activities.

Stonewall Suites
Stonewall Suites is a residential Living Learning Community (LLC) catering to LGBTQ+ and allied students. This is a space where students can find and create an environment of awareness, respect, and advocacy for all sexual orientations and gender identities. This LLC is open to all students, regardless of year or major.

UndocuALLY
Modeled after UndocuALLY training at other institutions of higher education, this training was created to educate the USF community on the history, relevant legislation, and current realities of the undocumented community. This training strives to cultivate a more supportive environment for undocumented students in higher education and USF.

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Welcome to the Office of Multicultural Affairs, commonly referred to as OMA. We are located on the third floor of the Marshall Student Center in the Student Life Tower and offer a variety of programs and services that prepare students for a global society.

Mission Statement
The Office of Multicultural Affairs coordinates educational, cultural, and social programs to foster experiences which create interculturally mature global citizens who are prepared to thrive in diverse environments. While promoting intercultural dialogue, awareness, advocacy and respect for diversity, OMA helps students understand and appreciate a multitude of identities. Through programming, trainings, and direct connections with our staff and services, OMA creates an inclusive environment enabling students to become conscientious global citizens.

More information:
https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/multicultural-affairs/
The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) develops students into leaders who will make a positive difference in the world. These programs help each student discover their passion and talents, while developing their skills and understanding of leadership and active citizenship.

What Can You Gain by Participating In Our Programs?

• Build your knowledge, skills and confidence as a leader in order to achieve greater success in every area of your life.

• Explore current, relevant and global issues that will spark your engaged citizenship.

• Gain a community that values you for who you are and empowers you.

• Practice strategies for leading positive change, such as forming organizations, planning events, volunteering, fundraising, and creating awareness campaigns.

• Learn concepts and skills that will help you achieve greater success in every area of your life: interpersonal communication, goal-setting, conflict resolution, team-building, time management, ethics, critical thinking, project planning, and cutting edge leadership practices.

• Become more aware of issues that require your leadership and service: i.e. social justice, professional ethics, environment challenges, politics, education, healthcare, international relations, and much more.

• Learn and practice effective strategies for creating positive change in your communities: Service, philanthropy, intergroup dialogue, peer education, organizational leadership.

• Receive recognition for your accomplishments in leadership and civic engagement: Certified Student Leader Distinction, Service Awards, Golden Bull Awards, Leadership Awards.

More information:
https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/leadership-civic-engagement/
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Activate your HANDSHAKE account to search for internships and jobs: www.usf.edu --> log in with Net ID --> My Resources --> Find a Job/Handshake --> log in with your USF Net ID


CAREER EXPRESS for resume assistance and other quick help: https://www.usf.edu/career-services/about-us/career-express-hours.aspx

CAREER QUESTIONS: CareerCoach@usf.edu

CAREER CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT: https://www.usf.edu/career-services/students/appointment.aspx

CAREER FAIR SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION: log into HANDSHAKE and click on the FAIRS tab

CAREER READINESS BADGING PROGRAM ACCESS/HELP or INFORMATION: email us at sacsCRBProgram@usf.edu, or email Eric Rivera at erivera4@usf.edu

CPT, CO-OP, and INTERNSHIP COURSE (IDS 3947 or IDS 6840) INQUIRIES: email us at sacsinternships@usf.edu or email Diane Mellon, Coordinator of Experiential Learning at dmellon@usf.edu

ENGAGED STUDENT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION: email us at sacsstudentemployment@usf.edu or email Justin Hultman, Assistant Director of Enaged Student Employment at jhultman@usf.edu

FACULTY or EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE: Lynn Chisholm, Director - Office of Internships and Career Readiness, lychisholm@usf.edu

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION: https://www.usf.edu/career-services/students/internships.aspx (for assistance searching for an internship please make an appointment with your Career Consultant)

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (FWS or OPS, of-campus or off-campus): email us at sacsstudentemployment@usf.edu for student employment assistance or Eric Rivera, Coordinator of Student Employment at erivera4@usf.edu

USF CAREER SERVICES WEBSITE:
Career Services website - with updated resources and information: www.usf.edu/career-services

PHONE:
The front desk office line is monitored and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate team member: (813) 974-2171

EMAIL:
For general questions and/or assistance: CareerServices@usf.edu

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USF Career Services will be working remotely until further notice and are supporting “normal” business operations in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Please use USF's website resources to stay updated on USF's response to COVID-19: https://www.usf.edu/coronavirus/index.aspx

In the meantime, our team is here to assist you!
INTERNSHIPS AND CAREER RESOURCES

GOINGGLOBAL

GoinGlobal is an online website that gives students and faculty access to career resources in more than 40 countries and 53 cities in the United States and Canada.

GoinGlobal career and employment resources include more than 10,000 pages of constantly updated content on topics including: job search sources, work permit/visa regulations, resume writing guidelines, employment trends, salary ranges, networking groups, cultural and interviewing advice - and more. In addition to job resources, each country profile contains cultural advice and guidelines.

Students will also benefit from the USA City Guides which contain career and employment resources for the 40 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. Included in this database are: job search resources, employment outlook, professional networking groups, cost of living, and major employer listings by industry sector, non-profits and volunteer opportunities. Additionally, H1B employer listings are listed for all 50 states.

To access the GoinGlobal portal you must be a current student, faculty, or staff member and have a valid USF Net ID. For more information: https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/going-global.aspx
Thinking about studying abroad? Want to know what it’s really like to live in another country? Want to know what classes are like overseas?

Talk to an Education Abroad GloBull Ambassador! These students have been on our programs and are excited to tell you about their study abroad experiences. Stop by the Gateway Office to meet and greet our GloBull Ambassadors.

And, the Blog also features students from the Global Citizens Project (GCP), too!

USF World Virtual Hub:
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/virtual-hub/index.aspx

For Students:
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/index.aspx

Education Abroad:
https://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/index.cfm

Office of International Services:
https://www.usf.edu/world/international-services/index.aspx

Global Discovery Hub:
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-faculty/global-discovery-hub.aspx

Student Fulbright:
https://www.usf.edu/graduate-studies/funding/fulbright-information/

Research and Funding section:
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/funding-scholarships/index.aspx

Education Abroad Scholarships and Funding Sources:
https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/funding-scholarships/research-resources.aspx

This Newsletter, Discover the World – digital version:
In support of USF’s mission as a globally engaged university dedicated to student success, USF World has developed an online application that maps the institution’s international partnerships, as well as the global mobility of faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

The Global Discovery Hub presents a comprehensive portrait of the university’s global footprint. USF is one of only a handful of organizations around the world able to provide a comprehensive, data-driven, interactive system for highlighting how the USF community impacts the world.

The Global Discovery Hub houses the university’s international partnership agreements, more than 1,200 faculty profiles from across USF, and allows for searches based on geography, discipline, or keyword. Take a look at the university’s global presence as you’ve never seen it before.

Students are encouraged to create their profiles and update their international activities.

To access the Global Discovery Hub: www.usf.edu/gdh

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Virtual Internships are remote internship opportunities that allow you to work for a wide variety of organizations based abroad. Facilitated and vetted by trusted affiliate providers who are leaders in education abroad, these internships provide a unique opportunity to gain valuable skills and enhance your resume. Students participating in the international virtual internship program, will work on projects specifically designed to be completed remotely and will help to prepare them to enter the global workforce after graduation. Students will have regular meetings with internship staff on site including regular progress meetings, professional development.

Benefits of an International Virtual Internship
• Gives you the opportunity to have an international experience without traveling
• Gives you real-life professional experience in our new virtual world
• Students can acquire important intercultural skills
• Creates a global network of personal and professional contacts
• Builds your résumé with unique experiences that sets you apart
• Satisfies international/global requirement for graduation

Interested in learning more? Contact us to discuss your interest by completing our Advising Form: https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BKmH2VEdDmWEGF

Virtual Study Abroad Fall Fair: September 24th from 10am - 3pm
For updates on the Virtual Fall Fair see Announcements: https://educationabroad.global.usf.edu/index.cfm