

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2010-11

The Office of International Affairs provided leadership, management, and coordination to achieve NC State's goal of integrating global perspectives into all aspects of the University's mission in teaching, research, extension, and engagement. We made significant contributions in 2010-11 toward the University's mission in the following areas:

- 1) Developed strong international partnerships, hosted 58 delegations and signed 32 new MOU and Agreements covering student and faculty exchange, research, education and academic training. We continue to build and strengthen strategic partnerships to create integrated academic programs such as dual degree programs at the graduate and undergraduate level and accelerated master's programs whereby students can earn degrees from NC State and their home institution. The focus of our international engagement is to develop a network of strategic partnerships that brings together students, scholars, researchers and innovators to collaboratively address some of today's complex global challenges – i.e. health and technology, energy and the environment, agriculture and sustainability. These encourage new collaboration across academic disciplines and will enhance NC State's international academic programs and cultivate global competence and collaboration among our students, faculty and staff through providing necessary infrastructure and coordination to support academic exchange.
 - We awarded several seed grants to joint faculty teams from University of Pretoria in South Africa and NC State to support research collaboration, which has promoted meaningful collaborations among faculty members at the two institutions.
 - Seven faculty members from 4 colleges traveled to TERI University in New Dehli, India to teach classes in health, law, and science, technology and sustainability as a part of their new master's degree program in Sustainable Development Practice.
 - The University Global Partnership Network is formed to increase joint research collaboration, academic program development and entrepreneurial activities among consortium members – NC State, University of Surrey, Universidade de Sao Paulo, and Seoul National University.
 - To increase the international undergraduate students, an Intensive English Program is started this year to provide English language training as a gateway into degree programs for otherwise academically qualified students. We have signed cooperative agreements with several high schools in China and South Korea to recruit top students into undergraduate programs at NC State.
- 2) International enrollment increased this past year for the sixth consecutive year (2530 international students in Fall 2010 compared to 2372 international students in Fall 2009). Facilitating the success of international students and researchers from more than 100 countries makes a significant impact on elevating academic and research programs at NC State to becoming more global, diverse, and relevant.
- 3) The enrollments in study aboard programs continue to increase with a total of 1,348, comparing with 1,327 the previous year. In order to continue this increase, the curriculum integration project has been expanded to several colleges to develop college-specific brochures for incoming freshmen and existing students.
- 4) We have sponsored and promoted more than 100 international and cultural events on/off campus and impacted over 35,000 people. The NC Japan Center and Confucius Institute have experienced growth in their non-credit language and culture courses as well as provided educational and cultural activities to K-12 schools and local communities in North Carolina.