

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2011-12

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) supports the University's overall mission of being locally responsive to the needs of our community while promoting globally engaged research, education, and economic development programs that address the grand challenges of society. OIA and its sub-units have developed a comprehensive strategic plan with newly defined goals that align with overall goals of the University Strategic Plan *Pathway to the Future*. OIA made significant contributions in 2011-12 toward the University's mission in the following areas:

- 1) **University strategic partnership building:** OIA hosted more than 40 delegations to NC State, facilitated the Chancellor's and UNC Board of Governors' Trips to Asia, and led 3 university delegations (6-18 faculty per trip) to visit partner institutions (University of Botswana; University of São Paulo, Brazil; University of Surrey, U.K.); We renewed and signed 30 MOUs and Agreements covering student and faculty exchange, research, education and academic training. We established partnerships with FAPESP (State of São Paulo Research Foundation) and the University of São Paulo to provide funding support for research collaborations in Brazil; We hosted 4 undergraduate students through the Brazil Science Without Borders (SWB) program.
- 2) **Global engagement for Faculty/Staff:** OIA funded a total of 30 international projects including 19 Internationalization Seed Grants, 6 UGPN Research Collaboration Grants, and 5 University of Pretoria - NC State Research Collaboration Grants. The Global Health Initiative (GHI) led interdisciplinary faculty teams in developing several large competitive international grant proposals. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outstanding Global Engagement Awards were made to three recipients chosen from a group of six exceptional nominees. Several Regional Receptions were organized to facilitate networking between faculty working in Latin America, Africa and China. We continue to expand the Database of International Connections and Expertise (DICE) to enhance international collaboration (with 300 faculty profiles, a 50% increase over the previous year). A Joint Tobacco Biotechnology Research Laboratory was set up in collaboration with Zhejiang University and the Yunnan Academy of Tobacco Agricultural Sciences in China.
- 3) **Global engagement for Student/Scholar Success:**
  - International enrollment: Enrollment increased for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year (2854 international students in Fall 2011 compared to 2372 international students in Fall 2009, a 20% increase over the past two years). Over the same period, the number of J-1 Research Scholars and Professors arriving in a given year nearly doubled (from 170 in 2009 to 313 in 2011). As part of our strategic priority to increase the enrollment of international undergraduate students, OIA launched the Intensive English Program (IEP) and partnered with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to establish relationships with foreign language high schools in South Korea and China. Enrollment in the IEP grew from 8 students in the spring of 2011 to 67 students in the spring of 2012. The Global Training Initiative (GTI) placed 25 foreign students in on-campus supervised research internships and provided cultural and social opportunities for 370 SKEMA students and 150 NC State student volunteers. Through our partnership with the Beijing Royal School, a \$50,000 scholarship fund was set up to support Chinese student enrollment at NC State. Academic recruiting organization, New Mind, provided an additional \$12,000 in scholarship funds for Chinese students.
  - Study Abroad: The number of incoming exchange students continues to increase (from 150 in 2010-11 to 180 in 2011-12), opening more low-cost opportunities for our students to study abroad. However, after dramatic increases during 2007-2010, the number of outgoing NC State students has declined slightly over the past two years (from 1113 in 2009-10 to 1104 in 2010-11 and to 1029 in 2011-12) likely due to the stagnant economy, limited scholarship funds, and changes in financial aid policies.
  - Internationalizing the Curriculum: NC State is one of 8 nationally-selected institutions participating in the At Home in the World Initiative, a Henry Luce funded project through ACE to increase the number of underrepresented minority students studying abroad by 25%. The GHI worked with faculty across campus to develop a Global Health Minor.
- 4) **International Outreach & Programming:** OIA has sponsored and promoted more than 100 international, cultural and professional development events both on and off campus. These include the tri-university Global Health Case Competition (with 30 NC State students participating), the Global Issues Seminar Series (with more than 650 attendees at 6 seminars featuring panelists representing all 10 NC State Colleges), and International Month (with more than 35 activities, featuring the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Passport Fair with record participation). GTI also conducted 7 training programs for Chinese groups on topics from higher education administration to food and drug safety, and 1 program on Public Administration for a group from Lebanon. The Confucius Institute (CI) opened two new Confucius Classrooms and held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual NC Chinese Speech Competition (with 96 students competing). Both the NC Japan Center and CI experienced growth in their non-credit language and culture courses and provided educational and cultural activities to K-12 schools and local communities in North Carolina. The Japan Center also led the Kokoro Disaster Relief effort in response to the March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, building a middle-school gym in Minami-souma and a firehouse in Yamada-machi, Japan.