



# OFFICE OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS

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## 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT



Working collaboratively to foster socially-engaged global citizenship.

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## Video Projects

Visit the [UW Tacoma Study Abroad YouTube channel](#) for reflections by study abroad participants and impressions from their time abroad.



## Thank you to the Bamford Foundation

Thanks to generous support from the Bamford Foundation, we were able to award twenty \$1,000 scholarships to students who participated in study abroad programs last academic year. You can read profiles of the recipients [here on our website](#).

## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I reflect on the 2018-19 Academic Year, I find myself once again deeply grateful for the hard work, passion, and commitment that my colleagues in the Office of Global Affairs (OGA) exhibit as they work with students, faculty, staff, and administrators across campus and our partners here in Tacoma and around the world.

As you will see in this report, OGA's service reaches across nearly all aspects of the campus. From direct student services to supporting faculty, staff and administrators, to facilitating international partnerships for research and teaching, OGA strives to provide exceptional services and transformative learning opportunities.

In addition to reading the data presented in this report, I invite you to take time to read the stories of members of our campus community who have joined in the effort to make UW Tacoma a global campus. We are so very proud of their successes and happy to be able to facilitate those successes as the Office of Global Affairs. If you find their stories as inspiring as we do, don't hesitate to reach out to me or my OGA colleagues to learn more about how we can support your work.

If you would like to support our innovative global learning programs, help us offer student scholarships for study abroad, support our international students, or contribute to international research collaborations, please consider donating to the [UW Tacoma Office of Global Affairs Fund](#).

*Jeff W. Cohen*

### 2018-19 BY THE NUMBERS

265 international students from 27 different countries were enrolled at UW Tacoma (Autumn 2019).

155 UW Tacoma students participated in study abroad/away programs between early fall 2018 and summer 2019.

142 international alumni were engaged in Optional Practical Training in the U.S. (Autumn 2019).

89 students and alumni submitted applications to competitive fellowships.

32 students participated in our informal Korean lessons.

21 students attended our informal Arabic lessons.

18 students and alumni were awarded fellowships.

10 students participated in our Global Ambassadors Program.

8 J-1 Exchange Visitors and 2 J-2 dependents came to UW Tacoma.

7 faculty members from 4 different academic units participated in our second COIL Fellows cohort.

"If you are considering studying abroad and the fear of the unknown is holding you back, I can confidently say it is so worth doing. You may have a few awkward or uncomfortable moments but the personal growth, cultural awareness, and overall appreciation of differences will be an incredible (and FUN!!) learning experience. "

- Georgia Riffle,  
2019 study abroad student

## Student Awardees



### Fadumo Diriye

The Global Citizen Award recognizes students who work to expand global learning opportunities in alignment with the mission and values of the Office of Global Affairs and the urban-serving mission of UW Tacoma. Fadumo studied abroad in South Korea in the summer of 2018 with support of the Gilman Scholarship. Since her return, she has been sharing her study abroad experience with the campus community, helping other students see study abroad as an attainable goal.

### Kuniya (Kuni) Yoshikawa and Misaki Seto

The International Student Leadership Award is given to an international student who has shown outstanding leadership and has been meaningfully involved in campus life. Both recipients, Kuniya Yoshikawa and Misaki Seto, have proactively created more opportunities for international students to meet one another and build community at events such as UWTea Time, International Talks, and other OGA events.



## 2019 OGA Campus Partner Awards

We could not do our work without amazing colleagues across campus. In 2019, we awarded two inaugural campus partner awards to these two offices:



### Office of Student Financial Aid

Our colleagues in the Office of Student Financial Aid work tirelessly to make sure study abroad participants have access to funding for their international experiences. They offer study abroad financial aid workshops, assist with disbursing the OGA Study Abroad Scholarship, and meet with students to help them financially prepare for study abroad. Thank you for your support!

### Career Development and Education

Career Development and Education has collaborated with us on multiple initiatives to better support international students. We have increased outreach to international students who are applying for internships or jobs and helped them prepare their resumes, cover letters, and professional platforms. We commend Career Development for recognizing this need and helping students navigate opportunities in a country with unfamiliar professional expectations and processes.



## 2018-19 OGA Fellows

Congratulations to our terrific OGA Fellows. All four of them graduated in the spring, and we so appreciate their hard work, thoughtful contributions, and collaborative spirit. You rock!

An Nguyen (Global Studies, BA '19)

Taylor Steedman (Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, BA '19)

Syndra Feng (Psychology, BA '19)

Misaki Seto (Biomedical Sciences, BS '19)



## Faculty Fulbright Scholars

**Dr. Yonn Dierwechter**, a professor in Urban Studies, was awarded a Fulbright research grant to Canada to study the social and environmental implications of “smart cities” at the University of Calgary.

**Dr. Mary Hanneman**, an associate professor of history in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, spent four months at the University of North Bengal in India. She studied the work of two Bengali icons of the Indian independence movement, Rabindranath Tagore and Subhas Chandra Bose.

If you're interested in applying to the [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#) to support research or teaching abroad, be in touch. The Office of Global Affairs supports faculty in their applications.



You can find out more about their Fulbright projects on the [UW Tacoma website](#) and [Dr. Hanneman's blog](#).

## Student Spotlights



### Misaki Seto

Misaki Seto is an international student from Japan who graduated with a degree in Biomedical Sciences in spring 2019. Misaki was also a student worker in the Office of Global Affairs, creating a welcoming environment for fellow international students and supporting them during their time at UW Tacoma. She also worked with UW Tacoma faculty Dr. Lisa Hoffman and Dr. Mary Hanneman on their oral history project about Japanese and Japanese Americans in Tacoma. Find out about what inspired Misaki to study Biomedical Science and more in this [UW Tacoma feature](#).

### Kazuaki Suhama

Kazuaki Suhama (Global History, BA '20) is an international student who participated in the China: Past and Present program this summer. As part of the program, he traveled to Guangzhou (Canton) and Hong Kong and learned about Chinese history, philosophy and culture. "To anyone who is considering attending a study abroad program, I will borrow Nike's slogan: Just Do It. It will take you on an unforgettable journey that expands your horizons and perspective on the world, and you will have something to talk about in your life experiences." You can read more about his study abroad experience on [our Study Abroad blog](#).



### Amari Davis

Amari Davis (Criminal Justice, BA '20) traveled to the Netherlands in summer 2019 to learn about the criminal justice system, mental health, and substance abuse. "During visits [to the Anne Frank House, the Van Gogh Museum, and the Rijks Museum], I experienced a variety of emotions which were informed by my own social positions as a Black, female, U.S. citizen... I [also] experienced feelings of community and understanding derived through forms of expression such as art and history." You can read more about her study abroad experience on [our Study Abroad blog](#).

### Jennifer Hoffman

Jennifer Hoffman (Sustainable Urban Development, BA 2018) studied abroad in early fall 2018 on the Argentina: Urban Field Experience program. Jennifer grew up with four siblings, and her dad was the only working parent. She hadn't had any travel experience before coming to UW Tacoma and initially didn't think study abroad was going to work. Receiving the OGA Study Abroad Scholarship (generously supported by the Bamford Foundation) made it possible for her. Says Jennifer, "For students like me that think study abroad is completely out of the realm of possibility, you should think again. Study abroad can be made possible; it just takes a little bit of work, but, oh, is it worth it!"

### Tina Van



Tina Van (Business Administration BA'19) studied abroad twice: First in the 2019 Business in the Global Economy program to Spain and then in a language focused program in Quito, Ecuador. She received the nationally competitive Gilman International Scholarship for her study abroad to Ecuador. "My identity was definitely one of my biggest lessons that carried over... I am Vietnamese-American, but ... I was not what people were expecting for a Vietnamese, an Asian person, or an American person... It was definitely realizing that I have multiple identities, was my biggest lesson for myself [while studying abroad]."

## International Research Collaborations



**Professor Orlando Baiocchi**

UW Tacoma Endowed Professor in Engineering Systems, Dr. Orlando Baiocchi, is leveraging international connections to harvest energy from trees. He is collaborating with a group of researchers in Brazil and Portugal on projects involving wireless network sensors and energy harvesting. If you're curious about what that work involves, you can learn more in [this UW Tacoma story](#).



**Visiting Scholar Elsa Muñoz Garcia**

Elsa Muñoz Garcia, a Ph.D. student at the Universitat de Barcelona, is one of the eight visiting scholars UW Tacoma hosted in the last academic year. She has been working on her dissertation research with Drs. Ariana Ochoa Camacho and Alex Miller.

She is pursuing a Ph.D. in gender studies, and her dissertation focuses on the philosophy and activism of Kurdish women who grew up in Europe. "I'm interested in how they adapt to the country where they live while also retaining their ideology and culture."

You can read more about Elsa's background and dissertation research in [this UW Tacoma story](#).

## Student Fellowship Awardees



### Robert Gillis

Robert, a Writing Studies major who graduated in spring 2019, was selected for the prestigious Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. He will be an Assistant Language Teacher in Hitachiota in Ibaraki Prefecture. "I've been living in Washington all my life, and ... since I was young, I've been interested in visiting Japan and in becoming a Japanese-to-English translator and English teacher there. My goal is to immerse myself in the culture and language of Japan and become a cultural ambassador between Japan and the U.S. This will be the first time I travel outside of the United U.S."



### Adán Espino Jr.

Adán Espino Jr. (Law & Policy, BA '19) was named a 2019 Mary Gates Leadership Scholar in the spring of 2019. Adán was born and raised in Washington and has felt a passion for his community since high school. Adán has served as UW Tacoma's student lobbyist to advocate for State Need Grant funding, student loan reform, and investment into UW Tacoma. He was also one of the students who successfully advocated for student apartments in the new micro-apartments on Market Street.

The following fellowships were awarded to 18 students who received assistance through the Office of Global Affairs.

Fellowship Name	Number of Recipients
Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program Participant	1
North American Language and Culture Assistant to Spain	1
Gilman International Scholars	1 (declined) and 2 Alternates
Mary Gates Research Scholars	3
Mary Gates Leadership Scholar	1
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander	5
Husky 100	6
Fulbright U.S. Student Program	3 semi-finalists
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 (and 5 alternates/semi-finalists)</b>



# OGA Partners and Initiatives

## Global Ambassadors Program

The Global Ambassadors Program brings together domestic and international students to discuss social justice issues through an international lens. The program also assists new international students with their transition to life as UW Tacoma students and provides current domestic students with opportunities to connect with and learn from international students.



## Free Language Lessons

The Office of Global Affairs has been offering free Arabic and Korean lessons facilitated by student workers. This program is generously funded by the Strategic Initiative Fund. Below we are recognizing two students who worked as language facilitators.



### Maryam Al Darraji

Maryam, a native Arabic speaker, has been facilitating informal Arabic lessons at UW Tacoma since fall 2018. As a child, she lived in Iraq and Jordan, and came to the United States as a refugee. “When I teach Arabic, I focus on creating an immersive environment... I look for ways to fuel [students’] passion for learning a new language.”



### Grace Kim

Grace is a Korean American student, born and raised in Spokane, WA. Before facilitating Korean lessons at UW Tacoma, she volunteered as a tutor for beginner to intermediate level students in her hometown. Grace hopes to “offer a chance for any student of any level to learn or receive help in learning the Korean language and culture.”



In 2018-19, international students were supported in 276 advising appointments and with 609 transaction requests. International Student & Scholar Services offered 25 activities, workshops and orientation sessions.

## Partner Spotlight: Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi

Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, a Maori university in New Zealand, is one of our international partners. Drs. Jutta Heller and Jane Compson (both in SIAS) were able to visit in February 2019 to connect with community elders, the Chief Executive Wiremu Doherty, the Director of the Nursing School, and faculty members.

Since then, Dr. Heller proposed a multi-day laboratory experience for pre-college Maori students interested in healthcare, and Dr. Compson is in communication with a faculty member for an online course to help prevent burnout among nursing students.



If you're interested in establishing a collaboration with a university abroad, please reach out to us!

## Sister Cities Initiative



The Office of Global Affairs extends sincere thanks to Gonzalo Delgadillo and other members of Tacoma's Boca del Rio Sister City Committee for their hard work in connecting UW Tacoma with Universidad Veracruzana and Universidad Cristóbal Colón. Through partnerships with these two universities, we are working to expand global learning opportunities for our students and faculty, including COIL classes and student and faculty exchanges. We hope to use this initiative as a model for partnerships with universities in other Tacoma sister cities in the future.

## Global Classroom: Video Chat with Vietnam



The UW Tacoma COIL Fellows program supports faculty in linking our university courses with classes in different countries through a variety of real-time and asynchronous technologies.

Senior Lecturer Ellen Moore participated in the program and partnered with faculty at two higher-ed institutions in Vietnam—Huế University College of Law and Nha Trang University—to develop a collaborative course that addresses environmental issues, specifically plastic pollution in water.

If you are curious what students in the course had to say about the experience, take a look at the [Global Classroom: Video Chat with Vietnam article](#). Two students from Dr. Moore's class will also be presenting during the [2019 International Virtual Exchange Conference](#) held at UW Tacoma this October.

*"[The Office of Global Affairs] stresses the importance of the skills gained ... and [the staff] work hard to make sure that you understand how to incorporate those skills in other areas of your life. I always feel supported by this office."*

*- 2018 fellowship applicant*

# Advisory Council Members

Thank you to the faculty, staff, and students who support our work by serving on the OGA Advisory Council:

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# Our Mission

*The Office of Global Affairs works collaboratively to foster global citizenship by promoting global learning opportunities, building international partnerships, and supporting international students, scholars, and research at the University of Washington Tacoma. We extend our university's urban-serving mission, its commitment to access, and our strengths in community-engaged learning and partnerships into the global sphere.*



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