

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021 – 2022 | Office of Global Affairs

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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Office of Global Affairs recognizes that at UW Tacoma we learn, teach, and live on or near the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people. The UW Tacoma campus is specifically situated on the traditional territory of the Puyallup. We have a responsibility to acknowledge our Indigenous connections, as well as histories of dispossession and forced removal that have allowed for the growth and survival of this institution.

## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Cindy Schaarschmidt

Because our work is collaborative, I would like to begin this annual report on a note of gratitude. As you likely saw, Dr. Jeff Cohen stepped down as OGA Executive Director to take a faculty position on the East Coast. His compassionate leadership will have a lasting impact on the office and the campus community, and I want to thank him for his tireless advocacy and commitment to equity in global learning. I would also like to thank the staff in the Office of Global Affairs for their outstanding work, which led to some notable achievements during this past academic year:

- Courtney Kroll and Kelsey Crain were instrumental in implementing our first formal student exchange programs with partners in Germany and Brazil.
- Akane Yamaguchi led the implementation of a new International Student Portal that will streamline communication with and services provided to our international students.
- Camren Bleiler has been providing additional support for international students while one of our staff members is on parental leave.
- As you will see later in this report, we also secured a grant from the U.S. Department of State for a virtual study abroad workshop series.

We also rely on many campus partners and are especially grateful to our [2021-22 Campus Partner of the Year awardees](#), Dr. Marion Eberly and the Registrar's Office, who have supported global learning in meaningful ways. And finally, thank you to all the members of the [OGA Advisory Council](#) who are thinking partners and advocates of the work we do in OGA.

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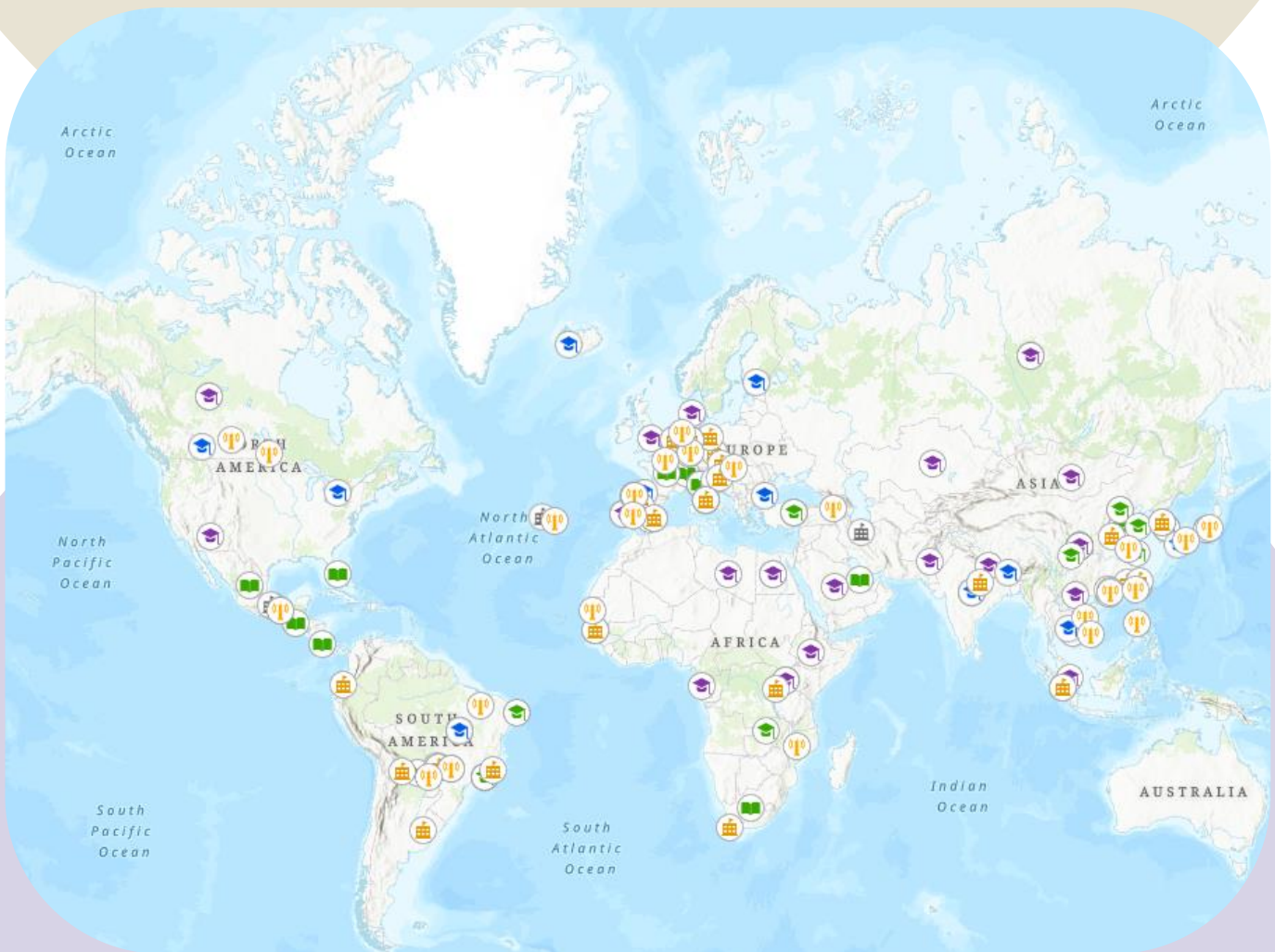
# MAKE A GIFT

The Office of Global Affairs at UW Tacoma works with campus, community, and international partners to internationalize our campus through innovative initiatives and programming. Students, faculty, and staff rely on the Office of Global Affairs in a variety of ways, including in applying for competitive fellowships, study abroad programming, international student and scholar services, and on-campus global learning. Please consider making a donation to support our students, faculty, and staff, whether by directly funding student scholarships or funding OGA initiatives and programs. Please visit the [OGA Make a Gift page](#) for more information.



# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS MAP

We added a new interactive map to our website that shows UW Tacoma's global connections: [Visit our website](#) to learn where our international students are coming from, where our students study abroad, where faculty are conducting research, with whom faculty are engaging in Collaborative Online International Learning courses, and more!



## 2021-22 BY THE NUMBERS

**202** international students from 27 different countries enrolled at UW Tacoma in Autumn 2021.

**118** international alumni engaged in Optional Practical Training in the U.S. (Autumn 2021).

**4** J-1 visiting scholars and 6 dependents were hosted by UW Tacoma.

**11** OPT and CPT workshops were offered to international students.

**431** advising sessions were conducted with international students.

**48** students participated in study abroad programs from Autumn 2021 to Summer 2022 in the Czech Republic, England, Germany, Italy, Peru, South Korea, and Spain, and virtual programs in Bolivia and Kenya.

**57** students and alumni submitted applications to competitive fellowships.



## 2021-22 BY THE NUMBERS



**29** students and alumni were awarded fellowships.

**27** fellowship workshops were offered to students and faculty.

**35** students and staff attended informal Japanese & Korean language lessons.

**30+** students participated in our Global Ambassadors program this year. With the return of on-campus programming, Global Ambassadors was able to host 12 social events in addition to weekly meetings throughout the academic year.

**3** faculty members participated in our fifth COIL Fellows cohort.

**82** students were enrolled in COIL courses.

**4** exchange students from Brazil and Germany attended UW Tacoma in winter and spring quarters.



# AWARDEES

## Global Initiatives Fellowship

The Office of Global Affairs awarded Global Initiatives Fellowships to four teams of faculty and their international partners this year. Each project received up to \$5,000 in funding to support the design of resources and/or programming related to campus internationalization and global learning. This year's brilliant awardees are listed below.

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### **Margaret Griesse**

*Associate Teaching Professor*

*Project: Global Perspectives on Human Rights and Anti-Racism*

The project provides opportunities for students and faculty to engage with scholars and community activists from Latin America, North America, and Europe to discuss their understandings of racism and anti-racism practices. The project encourages self-reflection on the limits of our own situated understanding of race, provides students with access to international scholars and discussions via Zoom seminars and in-person discussions, and supports the HI-NORM Cluster, a tri-campus inter-disciplinary human rights focused research collaborative.



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### **Ji-Hyun Ahn**

*Associate Professor*

*Project: Study Abroad in South Korea*

Dr. Ahn seeks to expand study abroad programming for UW Tacoma students to a country that has been underrepresented in study abroad, but where students consistently express interest. The fellowship supports Dr. Ahn's travel to South Korea to develop partnerships with scholars, media industry insiders, and university study abroad managers in Seoul and at Busan National University.



# AWARDEES

## Global Initiatives Fellowship

### **Vanessa de Veritch Woodside**

*Associate Professor*

*Project: COIL Experience: "Perspectives on Gender, Immigration, and Psychology from Both Sides of the US-Mexico Border"*

Dr. de Veritch Woodside is developing an innovative and interdisciplinary COIL seminar that enables students from UW Tacoma and la Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Campus Morelia) to delve into issues related to gender, immigration, and psychology from intercultural and transnational perspectives. Intended to complement current course offerings related to transnational migration at both of our institutions, students from both countries will regularly interact in pairs and small groups to discuss the course content. Students will also hear from invited guests who work firsthand with immigrants as licensed practitioners, faculty, and representatives of key immigrant-serving organization in or near Morelia and Tacoma, both home to immigration detention centers.



### **Michael Kula**

*Associate Professor*

*Project: Study Abroad in Namibia*



### **Tyler Budge**

*Associate Teaching Professor*

*Project: Study Abroad in Namibia*



This project aims to develop partnerships with universities, artists, and arts organizations in Namibia. Professors Kula and Budge, together with international partners, propose to create a new study abroad program examining the role of place in community centered art making. Themes will include landscapes of urban and desert environments, and the importance of water from a social and climate justice standpoint

# AWARDEES

## International Student Leadership Award

The International Student Leadership Award is given to one or two international students who have shown outstanding leadership and have been meaningfully involved in campus life. This year's awardees are Samuel Halim and Hikari Motoishi.



**Samuel Halim** has been coordinating events and activities, such as weekly UWTea Time and local day trips around the Tacoma area, for international students throughout the academic year. Thanks to Sam's work, the participants have formed strong friendships and developed a sense of belonging at UW Tacoma.



**Hikari Motoishi** has been leading informal Japanese lessons at UW Tacoma, and it has been inspiring to see how she has helped UW Tacoma students learn about Japanese culture and language.



# AWARDEES

## Global Citizen Award

The Global Citizen Award recognizes students who work to expand co-curricular global learning opportunities in alignment with the mission and values of the Office of Global Affairs and the urban-serving mission of UW Tacoma. Awardees are exemplars of global citizenship in that they practice cultural humility and selfless service to their peers and the broader campus community. This year's awardees are Orié Kimura and Angel Reddy.



**Orié Kimura's** passion for standing up for her beliefs shone brightly in her work as Global Ambassadors Coordinator. She expertly facilitated dialogue on topics like immigration and ability, and inspired students to get involved in the local community.



**Angel Reddy** used her own study abroad experience to develop programming tailored to UW Tacoma's diverse population. The study abroad programming could not be run without her.

# AWARDEES

## Campus Partner Awards (2021-2022)

The Office of Global Affairs is proud to announce our 2021-22 Campus Partner of the Year awardee, Dr. Marion Eberly and Office of the Registrar.

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**Dr. Marion Eberly** has been instrumental in the development of our first ever exchange program with the University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld in Germany. She spearheaded the course approval process, reviewed applications, and spread the word about this study abroad opportunity to UW Tacoma students.

### Office of the Registrar



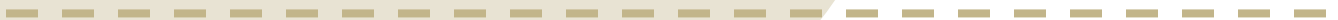
**The Registrar's Office** has gone above and beyond to offer support with international student issues, study abroad registration and fee structures. We could not do our work without the personalized and timely support of our colleagues in the Registrar's Office.

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We deeply appreciate all of our meaningful collaborations with colleagues across campus and celebrate the work of not only our annual awardees, but all those who support students, staff, and faculty at UW Tacoma.

**On behalf of the Office of Global Affairs, thank you  
and congratulations to this year's awardees!**



# OGA STAFF



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**Cindy Schaarschmidt**  
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Study Abroad Manager



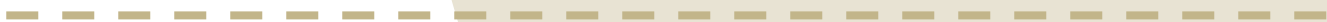
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# OGA STUDENT STAFF



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Senior OGA Fellow  
Biomedical Sci  
BS '23



**Samuel Halim**  
OGA Fellow  
Information Tech  
BS '22



**Samyak Jain**  
OGA Fellow  
CSS  
BS '22



**Orié Kimura**  
Global Ambassadors  
Coordinator  
Social Work, BA '22



**Hikari Motoishi**  
Japanese Language  
Facilitator  
Accounting, BA '23

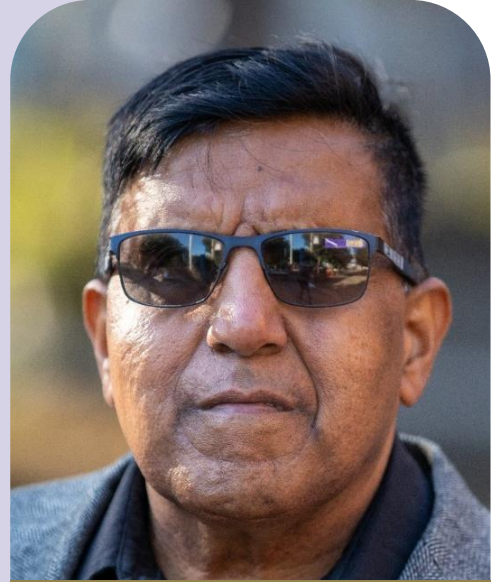




# FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

## COIL

Dr. Sushil Oswal, Professor, Human-Centered Design and Accessibility, in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, has taught several Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses with colleagues at universities in Belgium, Hungary, and in the Midwest. In these three-way virtual exchanges, student cohorts from Business and international studies, website development, and human centered interaction design and accessibility courses partner to create a plan for new entrepreneurial businesses, build websites for the proposed businesses, and provide accessibility knowhow and critical consultations to these organizations. Dr. Oswal and his collaborators have published the results of their multi-year teaching collaborations in several peer-reviewed journals:



Dr. Sushil Oswal

- [Designing virtual team projects with accessibility in mind: an illustrative example of cross-cultural student collaboration](#)
  - [Reimagining business planning, accessibility, and web design instruction: A stacked interdisciplinary collaboration across national boundaries](#)
  - [Empowering cross-disciplinary learning through online collaboration among students and faculty from Business English, Website Building, and Accessible Design Fields](#)
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# FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

## International Research Collaborations

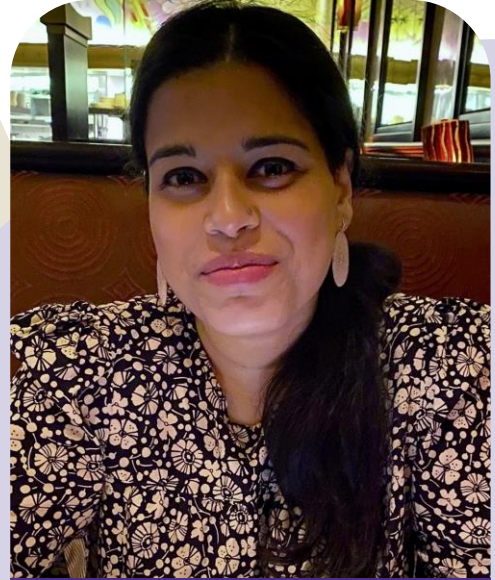
Dr. Anindita Bhattacharya is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work & Criminal Justice and has been conducting community-engaged research on domestic violence in India. We asked her to tell us more about this project:

In India, which has one of the world's highest rates of domestic violence, women's narratives of distress are rooted in familial violence and discriminatory social contexts. My current research project is in collaboration with a community-based agency in Kolkata, India, that serves a community of women confronting interpersonal violence and living with mental illness.

The project invites providers to identify best practices, needs, and challenges in delivering gender-sensitive and culturally responsive care to women from minoritized communities. My next step is to integrate the voices of women who are current recipients of services and invite them to share their experiences in seeking services and recommendations on how they can be better supported.

Global Mental Health discourse has predominantly treated community members as passive recipients of knowledge and services, and more importantly, traditional research partnerships between Global North-Global South are inequitable. This project moves away from a western imperialist approach. Grounded in principles of equitable collaboration, I acknowledge that the West has much to learn from the East. I intend to disseminate my community partner's innovative strategies with a broader network of non-profit agencies, government entities, and advocates/experts including the United States.

The **most rewarding aspect of international research collaborations** is learning from communities about how despite limited resources, they collectively organize to design and implement impactful mechanisms to tackle systemic social problems. On a personal level, international collaborations with communities in India have enabled me to stay connected to my home country, my community, my language, and my cultural roots.



Dr. Anindita Bhattacharya



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

## Exchange Students

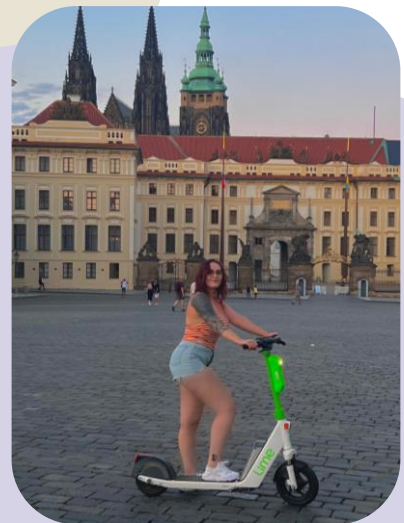
UW Tacoma welcomed exchange students for the first time during the 2021-22 academic year. Thales Dantas da Silva Passos and Ana Carolina Almeida Victório joined us from the Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul (Brazil) in winter quarter. Felix Castrup and Piet Kling joined us from the University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld (Germany) for spring quarter. The students took classes from a range of disciplines, including philosophy, business, and mechanical engineering. They especially enjoyed attending UWTea Time and exploring all that the South Sound has to offer.



# FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD SCHOLARS

The mission of the [Fund for Education Abroad \(FEA\)](#) is to provide scholarships and ongoing support to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population. FEA makes life-changing, international experiences accessible to all by supporting students of color, community college, and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs.

**Gabriela Romero** (Psychology, BA '23) applied for the Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship last year but was unable to travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Luckily, she was able to defer her scholarship and used it in the summer of 2022 to participate in the Czech Republic: Psychology of Culture, Food and Human Development in Prague program.



**Brooklyn Jennings**, who also received the Office of Global Affairs Study Abroad Scholarship, participated in intensive Spanish courses and learned about Peruvian culture in Cusco, Peru in the summer of 2022. While studying abroad, Brooklyn also participated in virtual LSAT courses to prepare for law school and their future career in immigration law.

# GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

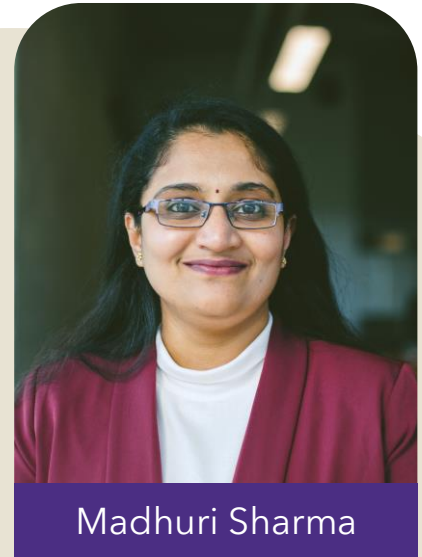
Our 2021-22 Global Ambassadors cohort spent their year discussing social justice issues through a local and global lens. These discussions were supplemented with off-campus events and trips, including trying local Indigenous food at Alma Mater, visiting the Pierce County Lunar New Year Event, attending a Drag show, and protesting at the Tacoma Detention Center.



# STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

## **Madhuri Sharma (Computer Science, MS' 22)**

As an international student from India, Madhuri is a strong advocate for women in tech. Before beginning her graduate studies, Madhuri worked as a software developer at Infosys Ltd, India where she mentored female colleagues to help them succeed in the field. While at UW Tacoma, Madhuri served as Vice-President of the Women in Computing Sciences (WiCS) club and was an active member of the Associated Students of UW Tacoma. Madhuri and her fellow WiCS team members offered coding workshops, contests, and resume review sessions every quarter to help students land their dream job in the software industry. WiCS also hosted a day-long professional development workshop in fall 2021, which included multiple sessions by industry experts on hiring, interview preparations and resume building. Madhuri's work was recognized with the Northwest Star Legacy Scholarship awarded by the Society of Women Engineers in 2021. For her Master's thesis, she conducted research on resource contention in cloud computing under the guidance of Prof. Wes Llyod.



## **Michael Price (Economics and Policy Analysis, BA' 22)**



Michael Price

Michael spent last fall applying for the Rangel Fellowship, which funds a two-year master's degree and provides two internships that prepare students for Foreign Service careers within the U.S. Department of State. Michael is the first in his family to graduate from college and can look back at an extensive career as a hospitality professional. During this time, Michael learned valuable interpersonal, intercultural, and problem-solving skills that will serve him well in a career in international affairs. While Michael was not selected for the Rangel Fellowship, he credits his application for helping him land acceptance and a fellowship to pursue a Master's in Public Administration (MPA) at UW's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance.



# STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

## Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) Scholars

**Alea Francine Camacho**, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, BA '22

**Brandon Bourgette**, Business Administration, BA '23

**Exitia Lealofi**, Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies, BA '23

**Hyungeeu Choi**, Information Technology, BS '23

**James Sweeney**, History, BA '23

**Mujeeb Rahman**, Accounting, BA '22

**Valomanaia Elizarraraz**, Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies, BA '23

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## Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Minority Fellowship

**Andrewnette Reed**, Social Work, Master's '23

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## Fund for Education Abroad

**Brooklyn Jennings**, Law & Policy, BA '23

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## Gates Public Service Law Scholarship

**Teresa Dennerlein**, Politics, Philosophy & Economics, BA '21

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## Gilman International Scholarship

**Jasmine Delfin**, Psychology, BA '22

**Kaytlyn Ruff**, Psychology, BA '23

**Quinten Barlow**, Urban Studies, BA '22

**William Blakey**, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, BA '23

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# STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

## Jeannette Rankin Scholarship

**Fanisha Hayes**, Biomedical Sciences, BS '23

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## Husky 100

**Alex Zerbe**, History, BA '22

**Andre Jimenez**, Law & Policy, BA '22

**Maryam al Darraji**, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

**Orie Kimura**, Social Welfare, BA '22

**Rain Wilson**, Mathematics, BS '22

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## Mary Gates Leadership Scholarship

**Andre Jimenez**, Law & Policy, BA '22

**Evelyn Ramirez**, Information Technology, BS '23

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## Mary Gates Research Scholarship

**Alexandria Gabrielle Rios**, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

**Hashim A. Hashi**, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

**Heaven N. Denham**, Environmental Science, BS '23

**Jackie Madhava**, Healthcare Leadership, BA '22

**Kyle Tomy**, Global Studies, BA '22

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## Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Scholarships

**Madhuri Sharma**, Computer Science and Systems, MS '22

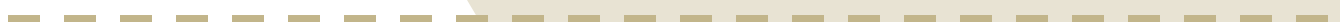
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# FELLOWSHIP ADVICE

Every year, we ask fellowship applicants to share advice or lessons learned from the application process with future applicants using short self-recorded videos. Here is what this year's applicants had to say:



# PARTNERSHIPS AND INITIATIVES

## Return of Study Abroad

Study abroad is back! UW Tacoma students traveled to Bolivia, the Czech Republic, Germany, India, Italy, Peru, South Korea, Spain, and the UK this year. Students were able to study Spanish, learn about the psychology of food and culture, global health, European business, and so much more. We are grateful to our faculty colleagues and partners for creating these meaningful programs and for facilitating ethical and respectful engagement with local communities.



# PARTNERSHIPS AND INITIATIVES

## IDEAS Workshop

We are proud to share that our office received a \$15,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) to offer a virtual workshop series entitled "Expanding Access and Inclusion: Developing Holistic Strategies for Recruiting and Supporting Students from Underrepresented Groups in Study Abroad". We collaborated with colleagues at other universities, community colleges, and study abroad providers, and the series was attended by almost 70 study abroad professionals and faculty from all over the country. If you're interested, you can [access recordings and materials for free on the World Learning website](#) (scroll down to past initiatives).

## New Study Abroad Fact Check Workshop

In collaboration with TeyAnjulee Leon and Bengisu Cicek from the Center for Equity and Inclusion, the Office of Global Affairs developed a new study abroad info session for student participants in the RISE (Race, Identity, and Social Engagement) Scholars program. This spring quarter info session was specifically designed to dispel common misconceptions about study abroad. Interest in this session was significant, and it was offered again for the entire campus community later in the same quarter.

## International Visiting Scholars

Dr. Junho Suh earned a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and is an Associate Professor at Pusan National University in Busan, South Korea. Dr. Suh's research fields include rotordynamics, journal bearing, rolling element bearing, fluid seal and contact mechanics. Dr. Suh is hosted by Dr. Hee-Seok Kim in the School of Engineering & Technology. While at UW Tacoma, Dr. Suh is performing numerical modeling of dry friction between the top foil and bump foil of an air-lubricated airfoil bearing. Dr. Suh is fascinated by green mountains all year round and enjoys hiking every weekend.



Dr. Junho Suh

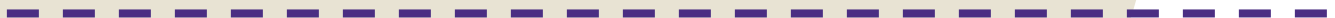
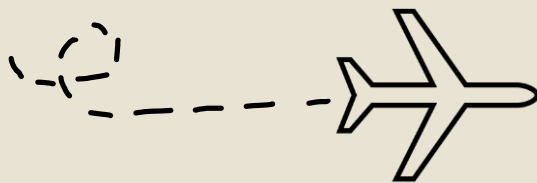


# MILGARD GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The Milgard School of Business (MSB) has significantly increased its global footprint this past year. With COVID travel restrictions being lifted, 2022-23 promises to be even more exciting with avenues for globalizing the school and student experiences!

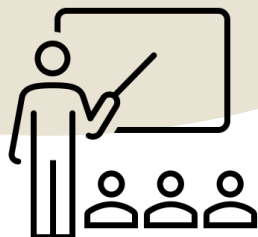
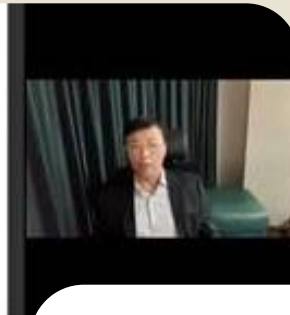
Among their most recent initiatives and accomplishments are:

- MSB hosted Nguyen Trac Toan, Consul General, Vietnam Consulate General in San Francisco, and visiting scholar Dr. Fabian Pecot, Associate Professor of Marketing, TBS Business School in Barcelona, Spain.
- The School jointly hosted the Beijing Energy Conference 2021 in collaboration with Uppsala University of Sweden and Renmin University of China, an event that was attended by over 2,000 participants from around the world.
- Milgard's Corporate Social Responsibility Case competition had 20 student teams participating from eight different countries.



# MILGARD GLOBAL INITIATIVES

- Four undergraduate students attended the annual European Summer School at the University of Applied Sciences, Bielefeld in Germany where they learned about European economics, politics, cultural traditions, business norms, and value systems.
- Building strategic alliances, MSB also signed a memorandum of understanding with Eastern International University, in Bình Dương, Vietnam, and TransStadia Institute in Ahmedabad, India. This will herald a new era of student and faculty exchange programs, study abroad, immersion visits, research collaborations, and co-teaching opportunities.
- Milgard is also looking ahead to next year and is working on executive education programs for business managers in the Middle East, India, and the Asian sub-continent and is hoping to develop partnerships with universities in India, Malaysia, and the Netherlands.



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# OGA MISSION

**The Office of Global Affairs works collaboratively to foster cultural humility and build globally-interconnected communities by promoting global learning opportunities on and off-campus, building international partnerships, and supporting international students, scholars, and research at the University of Washington Tacoma.**

In our work, we are committed to the following **values**:

- We promote **diversity, equity, and inclusion** through programming that recognizes, explores, and honors the cultural assets, histories, and lived experiences of our campus communities.
  - We practice **cultural humility** by acknowledging and celebrating differences, engaging in critical self-reflection, and redressing power inequities.
  - We extend **equitable access to global education** for all of our students with experiences such as international exchanges and study abroad programs.
  - We aspire to be actively **anti-racist** in our practices, policies, and programs.
  - We strive to provide **exceptional services and programs** that empower students, faculty, and staff to achieve their goals.
  - OGA approaches our partners with respect and prioritizes **mutually beneficial collaborations** with partners across the University, our local communities, and internationally.
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