The CFANS Office of International Programs strives to provide exceptional international experiences and to develop intercultural competency for all students, faculty, and staff through integrated programming focused on food, agricultural, and natural resource sciences. Our goal is to inspire collaboration and understanding across cultural differences in order to meet the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly interconnected world.
A STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE IS TRANSFORMATIVE
Research suggests that study abroad:
- Improves student GPAs
- Increases retention and graduation rates
- Fosters intercultural understanding
- Helps students develop career skills

When asked, 92% of incoming freshmen stated they are likely or very likely to participate in a study abroad program. Our goal is to make that a reality for each and every undergraduate student.

STUDY ABROAD PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THE WORKFORCE
Over half of employers desire candidates with intercultural knowledge and a global perspective, and 45% of study abroad participants believe their time abroad was instrumental in helping them gain employment.* These study abroad outcomes connect seamlessly with CFANS strategic goals of empowering tomorrow’s leaders, extending Minnesota’s impact globally, and integrating the academic and cultural experience of our students.

“Land O’Lakes encourages all students to take advantage of study abroad programs. Students learn so much when they get out of their comfort zone – to think and do differently. Skills learned from studying abroad helps drive change and innovation. That experience is extremely valuable.”
-Andrea Wolf
College Relations Recruiter, Land O’Lakes

Your support makes the difference
Your philanthropic support of the CFANS Office of International Programs helps make study abroad accessible to all CFANS students, enriching their education and preparing them to thrive in today’s global workforce.

Your generosity of:

► $1,000 or $2,000 supports student scholarships for short-term or long-term study abroad experiences.
► $7,000 supports new program development, ensuring relevant and cutting-edge international opportunities for students.
► $20,000 toward the Bridging Loan Program removes financial barriers to study abroad by providing no-interest assistance to students who lack immediately available funds to pay the program deposit.
► $300,000 supports the goal of internationalizing CFANS by extending our services to graduate students and international research opportunities.

* Source: Career Integration: Reviewing the Impact of Experience Abroad on Employment; Employer Perceptions of Education Abroad by Becky Hall