



Our
GLOBAL
perspective



LEHIGH
UNIVERSITY



INTRODUCTION

WE ARE GLOBAL LEHIGH

Lehigh University was founded more than 150 years ago on the belief that education should combine the traditional liberal arts and sciences with practical skills. Now, in the 21st century, we need even more than that.

We need a global education.

Our students and faculty need to understand how the world works beyond their doorstep and how to collaborate successfully with people from different backgrounds and cultures.

We know that we can't simply learn those skills from books. We need to go beyond the classroom and step outside our comfort zones. We need to immerse ourselves in new cultures and new countries. We need to be comfortable being uncomfortable. When you get to that point, that's when true change happens.

This book contains many examples of how our students and faculty engage internationally and use those experiences to bring new insight to their work and make an impact on the world. Because our people make us who we are.



More than 100 undergraduate programs offered



Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



1,000+ international students



43% percent of the Class of 2016 had an international experience

Study Abroad: New Experiences, New Perspectives

When you look at problems in a different cultural context, it illuminates new aspects and subtleties that allow for deeper study and better solutions. We're committed to offering study abroad options that fit any major or interest and are accessible to all students.



Flexible options

Choose shorter programs led by Lehigh faculty or staff, or semester- or year-long programs offered by our partners.

43%
of the Class of 2016 had an international experience during their time at Lehigh, and nearly half of those included applied work such as internships or research.



250
study abroad opportunities
in nearly 70 countries.



“My whole life I’ve been very much in my own comfort zone. I want to grow and become more independent, and the best way to do that is to be as uncomfortable and vulnerable as you can. For me, that means going to a different country.”

EYES WIDE OPEN

ANJELA YATES

When Yates '17 first came to Lehigh, she admits she had no interest in studying abroad—traveling overseas, she says, just isn't something her family did. But the more she learned about international opportunities at Lehigh, the more she was drawn to the Global Citizenship Program, which aims to prepare students for success in a culturally diverse and rapidly changing world.

Yates' experience allowed her to travel to both Cambodia and Shanghai, where she took an internship supported by both the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship (an undergraduate grant from the U.S. State Department) and a Lehigh travel grant.



Industrial Systems



United States



Cambodia, Shanghai



Lehigh Travel Grant, Benjamin Gilman Scholar

The Global Citizenship Program is a multi-disciplinary, cross-college certificate program that examines the meaning and value of citizenship in today's global world.





“I’m glad Lehigh offers shorter study abroad programs. I got to fulfill my dream of going to Ireland and it was worthwhile because I also got experience in the lab.”

BRIANNE BARKER '18, BIOLOGY

Summer abroad: Lehigh in Ireland, National University of Ireland, Galway

Barker's summer experience at the National University of Ireland allowed her to work side-by-side with leading researchers in microbiology working to develop eco-friendly ways of generating energy. Lehigh offers several faculty-led study abroad programs each summer. Learn more at global.lehigh.edu/studyabroad.



“As much as you can read about the history of slavery, at the end of the day, it’s still abstract. But in Ghana, we follow the footsteps of the slaves and try to ‘replay the tape.’ Students are able to touch the walls of the slave castle and connect to that history. These tools tell the story better than we can in the classroom.”



MAKING CONTACT
WITH HISTORY IN GHANA

KWAME ESSIEN

Kwame Essien grew up in Ghana just a few blocks from Elmina Castle, where African slaves were bought and sold before being transported to the colonies in the 17th and 18th centuries. Even still, he never really thought much about his family connections to the slave trade until he moved to the United States and saw the implications of slavery first-hand.

Now, as an assistant professor of history and Africana studies, Essien directs an ethnographic research program in Ghana that provides students with historical perspectives on slavery and opportunities to pursue their own research. Students visit sites involved in the slave trade like Elmina Castle, where they can walk the same paths that slaves took as they left Africa.



*Asst. Professor
of History and
Africana Studies*



Ghana



*Ghana, for the
Lehigh in Ghana
Study Abroad
Program*



“I promised myself to make the most of every experience in London. I took calculated risks, pushed personal boundaries and now have acquired a mentality of using each day to its maximum potential.”

OLYA VORONETSKAYA '17, INTEGRATED BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING, FINANCE

Year abroad: London School of Economics, London, England

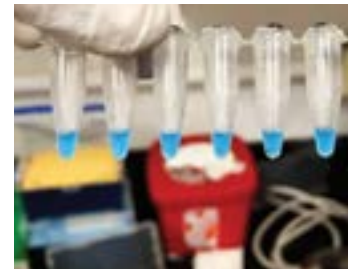
Voronetskaya studied abroad at the London School of Economics for a full year, where she took courses in international relations and advanced economics, helped plan a high-profile conference and made friends from all over the world.

Iacocca International Internship Program

Founded in 2011 with a gift from automotive icon Lee Iacocca '45 and other donors, the Iacocca International Internship Program sends students to work or conduct research overseas each summer. Students are immersed in a new culture and get real-world professional experience. This program is fully funded and prioritizes students who have high financial need or have never been abroad before. Internships are available for students in all majors and many are provided by Lehigh alumni.



700%
increase in participation in the fully funded Iacocca International Internship Program since it began.



103
students participated in the Iacocca International Internships or research experiences in summer 2016.



29 countries
Through the Iacocca International Internship Program, Lehigh students had work or research experiences in 29 countries in summer 2016.



BREAKING BREAD AND BARRIERS

CARTER HARTMANN

Carter Hartmann '18 spent eight weeks in Kyrgyzstan living with a host family and interning at a travel agency through Lehigh's acclaimed Iacocca International Internship Program. During his time there, Hartmann helped Kyrgyz high school students planning to study in the United States prepare for their own international experience. Just as important, Hartmann was able to immerse himself in a culture very different than his own, experiencing Ramadan in a predominately Muslim country and celebrating iftar, the breaking of the daily fast, with his new friends abroad. He so enjoyed his experience in Kyrgyzstan that he's now considering working abroad after graduation in a similar capacity, educating young people about American culture and learning about their culture in return.



**International
Relations and
Economics**



United States



**Kyrgyzstan,
to intern with
American Councils**



“I’ve been on short tours with my family and stayed in hotels, but living with a host family was totally different. Every day, you’re faced with challenges you’d never expect—even simple things like communicating with people. It opened my mind to things I never thought of before.”



“When you read about a country, you get just a few puzzle pieces. Once you go there, you understand the culture on a new level because you’re immersed in it. You see the whole puzzle.”

KRIS DATTA '16, CIVIL ENGINEERING

Iacocca International Intern: Viva Group, Mumbai, India

During his time at the Viva Group in India, Datta visited construction sites and participated in high-level business meetings with international companies, gaining a real-world understanding of how real estate development works in one of the world’s fastest-growing economies. The internship, which also included David Morrison '18, was arranged by an owner and director of the Viva Group and alum of the Iacocca Institute’s Global Village program (a summer program at Lehigh for international business leaders), Mehul Thakur.



“Any time you pull yourself out of a familiar environment and see similar issues, you think about them from a fresh perspective. You see how your assumptions are based on your context. It highlights the blind spots.”

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON A FAMILIAR PROBLEM

CHRISTINE NOVAK

As part of her research into the dynamics of social exclusion, Christine Novak takes students to Prague each summer through the Iacocca International Internship Program to work with established NGOs and improve conditions for minorities in the Czech Republic like the Roma people. This year, Novak expanded her work even further, overseeing a project through Lehigh’s innovative Mountaintop Program that focused on improving education in minority communities in the United States and the Roma communities of Prague. Novak hopes students who work alongside her in Prague can take what they learn about social exclusion and apply it to their work—and their lives back at home.



*Professor of
Practice in School
Psychology*



United States



*Prague, Czech
Republic, through
the Iacocca
International
Internship Program*



“When you intern abroad, you learn how to work in a professional environment and how to communicate and collaborate with people from different backgrounds. The experience taught me to be more open-minded and flexible. I can adapt quickly to new situations now.”

FARREN LEUNG '18, FINANCE & BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Iacocca International Intern: PAR Business School, Rijeka, Croatia

Leung was looking for an opportunity that combined travel with real work experience. During her internship at the PAR Business School in Croatia, she did market research and created proposals, all while learning about a new country and professional culture.

Global Opportunities Close to Home

The Lehigh University-United Nations Partnership gives Lehigh students, staff, and faculty unique access to conferences, private briefings with diplomats, and other educational seminars, at the UN headquarters in New York and on campus.

The Global Union is an umbrella organization comprised of 45+ student clubs with an international or cultural focus and 55 campus and community partners. Its mission is to provide an international experience to every member of our community through interactive educational, cultural and social programming.



30 youth reps
Lehigh started the world's first UN NGO Youth Representative Program, which connects students to NGOs around the world.



NGO status
Lehigh was just the sixth university to be named a Non-Governmental Organization by the United Nations, which provides our students unique access to the UN.



20 years of Global Union
In 2017, the Global Union celebrates 20 years of uniting student clubs and promoting global awareness and cultural understanding.

“I walk into the United Nations as a person who deserves to be there. I get to have conversations about UN agenda items that are relevant to my NGO and make connections with leaders who can help advance their mission.”

UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURAL
CONTEXTS OF CONSERVATION



*Environmental
Engineering and
IDEAS (Integrated
Degree in
Engineering, Arts
and Sciences)*



United States



*Moldova, through
the Iacocca
International
Internship Program*



*UN Youth Rep
for Tarumitra:
Friends of Trees,
an Indian NGO
that promotes
environmental
issues among youth*

MIKAYLA CLEARY- HAMMARSTEDT

The UN Partnership. Iacocca International Internship. Mountaintop Experience. Global Citizenship Program. Mikayla Cleary-Hammarstedt '18 has done it all in her effort to understand the cultural contexts of conservation and sustainable development.

Cleary-Hammarstedt is one of 30 students who work at the UN as Youth Representatives, helping NGOs carry out their work, attending meetings and providing input on decisions. She travels to the United Nations in New York to represent Tarumitra, an NGO based in India. She also led a panel at the UN with other Lehigh students on the role of women in sustainable development.



International Students and Scholars

More than 1,000 students from over 75 countries call Lehigh home. They are an essential part of the Lehigh community, and we are committed to providing the support they need to excel at Lehigh and beyond. The Office of International Students and Scholars provides immigration advising and social programming, while our English as a Second Language program teaches the real-life English skills and cultural knowledge students need to be successful at Lehigh.

35%
of our graduate students
are international.



ESL Peace Garden
Students in our intensive English-language programs learn through hands-on work.



9%
of the Class of 2020
is international.



“I came to Lehigh because I wanted an experience as if I was working in a start-up, not going to a traditional university. I want to actually make something happen and disrupt the norm.”

A PASSION FOR INNOVATION

PHACHARAPOL ‘TECH’ TANASARNSOPAPORN

Passion for entrepreneurship comes naturally to Phacharapol ‘Tech’ Tanasarnsopaporn '19—his family founded its own business in Thailand. So when Tech arrived at Lehigh, he dove right in.

As the engineering lead for Lehigh Hyperloop, Tech works with a team of Lehigh students competing in Space X’s Hyperloop Pod Competition to build a vehicle for a potential high-speed ground transportation system. He’s also involved in the CREATE Club, helped launch an expanded MakerSpace to give students access to the tools and materials needed to make their ideas real, and is helping co-organize the Lehigh Startup Expo, a showcase for local and national startups with internship opportunities for Lehigh students. Tanasarnsopaporn’s goal is to fund his own start-up one day.



IBE (Integrated Business and Engineering)



Thailand



Davis UWC Scholar

The **MakerSpace** is part of Lehigh’s Design Labs and gives students access to tools and materials needed to make their ideas real.





MAKING A HOME AT LEHIGH

BASEL ALNAJJAB

Basel Alnajjab '12 received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh and stayed on for a fifth year to earn his master's degree, thanks to his advisor, Rick Blum. Alnajjab has worked with Blum on several projects: forecasting ocean waves to harness energy, assessing the damage hackers can do to the "Internet of Things" and mitigating possible cybersecurity threats to the power grid.

Alnajjab is now a doctoral candidate in electrical engineering. He believes he has found a home here at Lehigh and wants to help other international students have the same experience, so he mentors international graduate students and co-chairs the Graduate Student Senate's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.



*Pursuing a Ph.D.
in Electrical
Engineering*



Jordan



*Argonne National
Laboratory*



**25 FULBRIGHT
SCHOLARS**
*currently study
at Lehigh*



“I hope that this education gives me the real-life knowledge that I can apply in Libya. Being a Fulbrighter means being part of a network. I feel like when the day comes to really start working in the field, there will be a lot of people I can call on.”



FROM LIBYA TO LEHIGH

SERAJ ELALAM

Seraj Elalam '17 was working as an English teacher in Benghazi when Moammar Gadhafi was toppled in 2011, sparking a civil war that threw Libya into chaos. His school closed, and Elalam eventually found himself working with a weapons counterproliferation unit that aimed to convince militia leaders and insurgents to stop the violence.

In 2015, he came to the United States to study educational leadership at Lehigh through the Fulbright Program, with the hope of one day returning to Libya and helping rebuild the nation's education system. One of his ambitions, he says, is to design and build a comprehensive extracurricular program that could keep young people away from the dangerous influence of militias, ISIS and other groups.

Elalam was drawn to Lehigh specifically because of the University's well-established reputation as a place that combines the best current academic theories with real-world application in the classroom.



Educational Leadership



Libya



Fulbright Scholar

Iacocca Institute: A Vision for Making Business Global

In 1988, Lee A. Iacocca '45 established the Iacocca Institute at Lehigh to provide innovative leadership, applied management and cross-cultural learning experiences. Through its programs, the Institute aims to improve participants' leadership and entrepreneurship skills while demonstrating the positive impact of culture and diversity in an organizational setting and of building powerful international networks.



On the Move
Global Village on the Move takes this international business program to locations around the world.



Global Village
is an intensive, five-week, on-campus program that engages adult professionals in leadership experiences while preparing them to thrive in a global community.

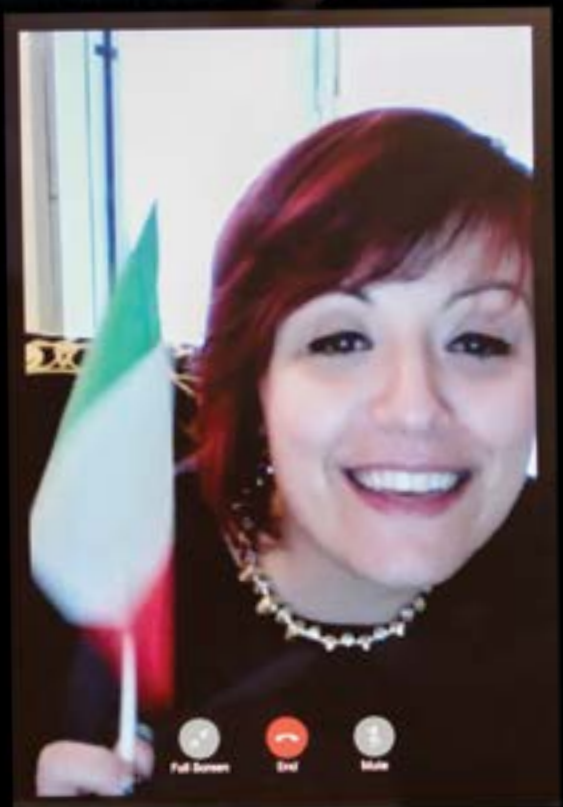


Young Entrepreneurs
The Pennsylvania School for Global Entrepreneurship brings American and international high school students together to learn about entrepreneurship, globalization and leadership.





“Once at the Global Village, my brain was deconstructed and reassembled in a different way. I learned that there is always something to explore and understand about people and cultures, that the world is one with no differences.”



THE PRESIDENT OF EVERYTHING

IRENE MAGISTRO

Irene Magistro '08 was working as a lawyer in her native Italy when she first learned about the Global Village at Lehigh's Iacocca Institute. Her participation in the program propelled her career—and her life—forward.

Thanks to the leadership skills cultivated at the Global Village, Magistro is now a principal at her law firm, the founder and director of a school, president of a nursing home and president of her city council.

In fact, she says, her son calls her “the president of everything.” Magistro remains dedicated to the program, serving as leader of the Global Village Alumni Network and as a teacher and mentor in the program every year.



Global Village



Italy



*Magistro Law;
Vupti Vupti;
Santa Rita Care;
City Council
Mesoraca, Calabria*

*2,000+ leaders
from more than
130 countries have
graduated from
the Global Village
intensive summer
program for adults.*

5,080

Undergraduate students (56% men, 44% women)

1,979

Graduate students (55% men, 45% women)

10:1

Student-to-Faculty ratio

\$45,860

Tuition for 2015–16 academic year

100+

undergraduate programs and majors and 2,300+ undergraduate courses, many of which transfer among Lehigh's four colleges

29

Average class size, with 80% of classes having 35 or fewer students

2,358

acre campus, on three contiguous campuses

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Recognized among the nation's premier research universities, Lehigh University offers a rigorous academic program and dynamic campus environment for more than 7,000 students.

Founded in 1865 and located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a vibrant and historic community located a short drive from New York City and Philadelphia, the university has four colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and Economics, the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, and the College of Education. The university offers more than 100 undergraduate degree programs and 13 Master's and Doctorate-level programs.

Lehigh is home to nearly 700 faculty members, 64 percent of whom are tenured. Ninety-nine percent of tenure-track faculty hold a doctorate or the highest degree in their field. The university is renowned both for its wide-ranging interdisciplinary programs and for its commitment to providing research experiences for students. More than 1,000 Lehigh undergraduates take part in research each year, with dozens receiving grants in support of their own work.

Student life at Lehigh integrates academics with a vibrant array of organizations and activities, leadership development, residential life, the arts, exciting community service opportunities and a Division 1 athletics program. The university is home to more than 150 clubs, 43 intramural and club sports, and 31 fraternities and sororities.





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