In their own words

This word cloud is a representation of words frequently used by Global UGRAD participants to describe their experience.

Ahmed, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Bahrain

The experience from the moments I unzipped my bags to the moments I switched off the lights in my dorm room for the last time was memorable. It was as beautiful as watching the sun slip into the pockets of the sky with a group of friends that you cared for and you knew that they cared for you.

Angie, Shawnee State University, Costa Rica

Once you become a UGRAD your life changes forever. You see things differently, you experience different feelings, your world changes, and there is something special about you that helps you move forward no matter what's happening around you. The UGRAD program just helps us discover the wonders about ourselves that we did not know existed. It pushes us to the limit by improving our life and that of others.

Esther, University of Mississippi, Ghana

I have been given the opportunity to intern at one of Ghana's reputable telecommunication companies because of my U.S. experience.

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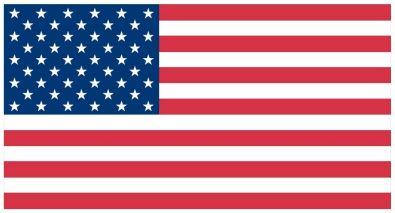

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Global UGRAD

GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

What is the Global UGRAD program?

The Global UGRAD Program is a U.S. Department of State sponsored initiative that grants scholarships to undergraduate level students from over 55 countries. Students are placed at colleges and universities across the United States where they participate in one semester of undergraduate, non-degree study. Global UGRAD is administered by World Learning.

Since 2008, World Learning has facilitated the placement of almost 1,800 Global UGRAD students. Students leave the U.S. with the tools to become leaders in their professions and home communities.

What is covered by the Global UGRAD program?

- International travel
- Tuition at host university
- Room and board
- Accident/sickness medical coverage
- Monthly stipend
- Funding for text books

Do you qualify to become a Global UGRAD participant?

You qualify if you are:

- an emerging student leader
- a current university student
- over 18 years of age
- in good academic standing at your home institution
- eligible to receive and maintain the U.S. student exchange visa (J-1)

What will you do during the Global UGRAD Program?

Students are actively engaged on and off campus, participating in community **service,** campus **clubs and events,** and various **skill-building** workshops.

Global UGRAD allows you to explore the diversity of the U.S. and to share your culture with others. As an ambassador of your home country, you will have the opportunity to work towards cultivating mutual understanding.

What accommodations can you expect as a Global UGRAD?

- On-campus housing, with U.S. student roommates, and options for single-gender living and substance-free living spaces
- Access to comprehensive meal plans with provisions for special diets
- High-quality academic programs that match your interests and needs
- English language support, if necessary

Benefits of becoming a Global UGRAD student.

- Experience the United States in a unique and meaningful way
- Get out of your comfort zone and, in doing so, gain the skills to adapt to new environments
- Develop skills that allow you be a productive global citizen and a contributing member of your home community
- Form life long connections with people from across the globe
- Participate in a virtual professional skills development course which will allow you to take full advantage of your Global UGRAD experience
- Gain access to a variety activities and grants available only to Department of State alumni
- Become a member of a prestigious global community

Global UGRADs participate in a variety of cultural and academic activities during their time on the program.