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## **Global Wolverines: Preparing You to Have a Successful International Experience**



## What is it?

*Global Wolverines* is an event series for students traveling abroad during the summer. The aim of the events is to provide students with a foundation essential for having successful international experiences. Events include workshops, a seminar, and cultural and social programs that take place over the course of the Winter semester.

## How can I attend?

Events are open to all students at U-M. They are not mandatory; students may pick and choose events based on their travel plans and their level of experience.

### **Additional Support Option:**

**Due to [University travel restrictions](#) [1] caused by COVID-19, the Global Wolverines Additional Support Option will not continue as planned this year.**

For students who complete the following requirements, we will **purchase your travel abroad health insurance** for your summer 2020 internship/volunteer program and provide you with a **small stipend of \$200** in the Fall. [Please complete this brief form to register for this option.](#) [2]

### **Winter Term Commitment:**

- Attend at least **three** Global Wolverines Workshops, two of which should include:
  - Staying Safe and Healthy while Abroad
  - Exploring Culture and Respectful Community Engagement
  - If you attended the first session on Finding/Funding a Non-UM International Internship, that will count, too!
- Attend one Cultural or Social Event (either International Coffee Hour, 60 Minutes Around the Globe, or the Intercultural Leadership Seminar)

\*Please be sure to RSVP and Check-in for all sessions that you attend, as this is how we'll be tracking your attendance!

### **Summer Commitment:**

- Maintain a blog and commit to blogging at least three times while abroad over the summer. We suggest one entry at the beginning of your time abroad, one near the middle, and one towards the end.

### **Fall Commitment:**

- Attend a re-entry event to debrief your summer experience!

## **Participants' Reflections**

**2019**



"As a first-gen student navigating going abroad for the first time, I was overwhelmed by the idea of planning to go abroad. The sessions within the Global Wolverines program helped me break-down the pieces I needed to think about individually to formulate my preparations. The topical sessions made planning everything out less overwhelming through learning from different resources on campus and various perspectives. Everyone was willing to help and answer my questions. Overall, I felt well-prepared to go abroad after participating in this program." - **Stacie Vaughn, LS&A, Communication & Media**

***Please check back often as the list of events highlighted below will continue to be updated and expanded upon throughout the Winter semester!***

## **Workshops**

- [How to Find and Fund a Non-UM International Internship](#) [3]
  - Wednesday, January 15, 5:30pm - 7pm
  - Michigan Union, Wolverine Room (3rd Floor)
  - [View Slides Here](#) [4]
- [Applying for Funding to Support your International Internship](#) [5]
  - Navigating Funding Resources for International Internships Lab: Friday, January 24, 1pm - 3pm
  - Tips for Filling out a Budget Sheet: Thursday, February 6, 12pm - 1pm
  - Statement of Purpose Peer Review Workshop: Friday, February 7, 1pm - 3pm
  - International Center, Conference Room

- **[Booking Travel on a Budget](#)** [6]
  - Wednesday, February 19, 6pm - 7pm
  - LSA Building, Room 2001
  - [View Slides Here](#) [7]
- CANCELLED - **[Staying Safe & Healthy While Abroad](#)** [8]
  - Wednesday, March 18, 5:30pm - 7pm
  - LSA Building, Room 2001
- CANCELLED - **[Travel Basics Series](#)** [9]
  - Africa: Friday, March 20, 3pm - 4:30pm | North Quad, 1500 (Language Resource Center) | [View Slides Here](#) [10]
  - Latin America: Tuesday, March 31, 5:30pm - 7pm | International Center, Conference Room | [View Slides Here](#) [11]
  - Europe: Wednesday, April 1, 4:30pm - 6pm | North Quad, 1500 (Language Resource Center) | [View Slides Here](#) [12]
  - Asia: Tuesday, April 7, 5:30pm - 7pm | International Center, Conference Room | [View Slides Here](#) [13]
- CANCELLED - **[Exploring Culture & Respectful Community Engagement](#)** [14]
  - Wednesday, April 8, 5:30pm - 7pm
  - LSA Building, Room 2001
- CANCELLED - **[Survival Language & Culture with the Language Resource Center](#)** [15]
  - Friday, April 10, 2pm - 3:30pm
  - Language Resource Center, 1500 North Quad
- **More information about the following events is coming soon:**
  - [Identities Abroad series](#) [16]
  - [Making the Most of your International Experience: Career Competencies Employers Look for and How to Get Them with the University Career Center](#) [17]
  - [Managing Money and Budgeting While Abroad](#) [18]

## Intercultural Leadership Seminar

The [Intercultural Leadership Seminar \(ILS\)](#) [19] is designed for U.S. and international students who want to learn how to be more effective in a global environment. ILS includes brief lectures, discussion, experiential activities, and small group work. [Read More](#) [19].

ILS will be held on **Monday, March 2, 2020** from 9am - 5pm. Submit [the application](#) [20] by Sunday, February 23 at midnight.

## Cultural and Social Events

[60 Minutes Around the Globe](#) [21]: 60 Minutes Around the World is a monthly event in which international students present information about their home countries! The topics vary based on presenter preference, but may include information about food, music, sports, politics, religions, etc. The presentations are intended to be informal and are followed by a question and answer session. This is a great opportunity to learn more about another part of the world and - if you're going to be traveling to one of the countries being presented on - it's a great way to "know before you go." Cultural food tastings are provided. While walk-ins are welcome at the event, early registration is appreciated so we can better prepare for the event. [Register Here](#) [22].

Date	Time	Country	Location
Wed, Jan 29	5:30pm - 6:30pm	India	International Center Conference Room

Date	Time	Country	Location
Mon, Feb 24	2pm - 3pm	Canada	International Center Conference Room

[International Coffee Hour](#) [23]: International Coffee Hour is a great place to meet members of the U-M community from all around the world! This informal social event is open to all. While walk-ins are welcome at the event, early registration is appreciated to help us prepare for the event! [Register here](#) [24].

Date	Time	Location
Fri, Jan 24	3pm - 4pm	Sweetland Center for Writing Peer Writing Center (Shapiro Undergraduate Library, Room 2160)
Fri, Feb 21	4pm - 5pm	International Center Conference Room

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### Links

- [1] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions/>
- [2] <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuqS6rBTHQeaCH9PDmN6NGzIIAZxE-DFq7yIgcqmFiQwsSxw/viewform>
- [3] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/how-find-and-fund-non-um-international-internship-0>
- [4] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/How\\_to\\_Find\\_Fund\\_an\\_International\\_Internship\\_2020.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/How_to_Find_Fund_an_International_Internship_2020.pdf)
- [5] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/applying-funding-support-your-international-internship>
- [6] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/booking-travel-budget>
- [7] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Budget\\_Travel\\_2020.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Budget_Travel_2020.pdf)
- [8] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/cancelled-staying-safe-and-healthy-while-abroad>
- [9] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/cancelled-travel-basics-series>
- [10] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel\\_Basics\\_Africa\\_2020.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel_Basics_Africa_2020.pdf)
- [11] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel\\_Basics\\_Latin\\_America\\_2020.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel_Basics_Latin_America_2020.pdf)
- [12] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel\\_Basics\\_Europe\\_2020.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel_Basics_Europe_2020.pdf)
- [13] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel\\_Basics\\_Asia\\_2020.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Travel_Basics_Asia_2020.pdf)
- [14] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/cancelled-exploring-culture-respectful-community-engagement>
- [15] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/cancelled-survival-language-and-culture>
- [16] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/identities-abroad>
- [17] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/making-most-your-international-experience>
- [18] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/managing-money-and-budgeting-while-abroad-presented-pnc-bank>
- [19] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/ils>
- [20] [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKUIU-5IE41djwLhWWH1Dr2pIvavr5IRHi32Nn4ydReQfC6Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKUIU-5IE41djwLhWWH1Dr2pIvavr5IRHi32Nn4ydReQfC6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- [21] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/60-minutes-around-globe>
- [22] <https://sessions.studentlife.umich.edu/track/event/3660>
- [23] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/international-coffee-hour-0>
- [24] <https://sessions.studentlife.umich.edu/track/event/3693>