



## INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

We bring the world to Michigan and send Michigan around the world

The International Institute (II) in LSA was established in 1993 to build on two of the University of Michigan's greatest assets: an outstanding faculty with broad international expertise and an extensive network of global partnerships. The II supports and organizes the educational and research programs that help make Michigan a national leader in the field of international and area studies. To extend the impact of these scholarly activities, the II and its constituent units also organize public programs that encourage discussion of global issues and enrich the university's intellectual environment. The II helps to recruit international faculty and arrange visits by prominent scholars, artists, public officials, and leaders from across the globe, and supports collaborative research projects with scholars and institutions throughout the world.

The activities and programs of the International Institute serve broad constituencies across the campus by bringing together faculty and students from the arts, social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and professional programs to ensure that our students graduate with a global perspective and a greater understanding of the world. The II also contributes to training specialists in a variety of fields by providing support to Michigan's graduate programs, many of which are among the most highly regarded in the country. Providing support for innovative faculty research on international issues of major importance to the U.S. and the world is another important piece of the II mission.

Gifts are essential to enable the International Institute to maintain and enhance Michigan's well-deserved reputation as a leader in international education, and are even more critical now that we must replace Department of Education Title VI funding.



## UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students hone their practical skills in real world situations by participating in internships in countries around the world. For liberal arts students, this experience is critical. With these opportunities, our students apply their skills in practical ways and gain experience and exposure that lead to future career possibilities. Your gift to the college internship program will help support students with funding for academic year and summer internships. We seek gifts for internships that will provide students with support ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to help cover travel and living costs, as well as stipends for students in unpaid summer internships who, without such support, would not be able to participate because of financial barriers. An endowed gift of \$100,000 will provide funding for two to five students.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Academic research cannot be limited to the campus environment. Undergraduate students writing their senior honors theses sometimes need to travel abroad to conduct their research. Also, faculty in all disciplines often ask LSA's top undergraduates to assist in their research by visiting archaeological sites, traveling abroad to collaborate with colleagues in other labs, digging through archives in faraway libraries, and conducting interviews. Because of limited resources, only a handful of international research grants are available for students each year. Private support of an endowed gift of \$500,000 or \$10,000 to \$50,000 annually would allow the II to extend this remarkable experiential opportunity to a greater number of deserving LSA undergraduates.

## INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE PROGRAMMING FUND

There is an urgent need for cross-cultural engagement with the world. The II and its 17 centers and programs are dedicated to providing exceptional international education and area studies, including teaching the world's languages and cultures, and organizing public programs on international issues. The II supports collaborative projects with partners across borders, recruits international faculty, hosts visiting scholars, and provides international opportunities for U-M students and faculty. Endowed funding of \$500,000, or \$25,000 annually, is needed to ensure that we can continue to offer the lectures, conferences, and discussions that make an important difference for our students.



**“Doing area studies at U-M has really been helpful in regards to understanding the [African] continent very well. For instance, it has given me the opportunity to learn from the perspectives of colleagues studying the continent who are both from and not from the continent. These two different perspectives come together to help me generate a holistic understanding with regards to how outsiders within academia perceive the continent. I opted to study at U-M because I knew people back in Ghana who had studied with the African Studies Center, and they are doing very well. The ASC gives me the exposure and the opportunity to benefit from its numerous resources and highly qualified faculty.”**

*–Daniel Iddrisu, M.A. '21, MIRS, whose research focuses on children's access to healthcare within female-headed households.*



## GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT IN AREA STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Graduate students are essential to the intellectual lives of faculty and to the development of many undergraduates. Their success enhances the reputation of Michigan worldwide because after graduation they become leading thinkers in universities and corporations all over the world. Graduate support at the II enables the centers and programs to recruit exceptional scholars who will carry out research on a variety of international issues. An endowed fellowship can cover the cost of a graduate student's work for each of the first four years of their time at U-M. An expendable gift of \$50,000 or an endowed gift of \$1M will provide this much needed support. In addition, an investment for fifth-year funding, summer research, and discretionary funding are also needed.

### WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities change lives. Wills, estate, and planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy that will enable the best and brightest minds to experience a liberal arts education, solve problems in a changing world, and yield ideas and innovations that will make a difference in Michigan and around the globe.

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