

The ACES Office of International Programs

Exploring international dimensions in research, teaching and outreach

About ACES Office of International Programs:

ACES Office of International Programs works through the three missions of the College of ACES to foster international awareness, engagement and leadership among the faculty of the college. We also build bridges to our international partners at universities around the globe, creating new linkages and opportunities for our faculty to grow their international leadership in scholarship.

Our office is the nexus of international activity in the college, facilitating international opportunities for faculty and students. We coordinate college international programs and connect faculty across disciplines to reinforce ACES' position in the world.

Vision of ACES Office of International Programs:

To be the leading, comprehensive resource for all College-wide engagement on the global front. To ensure that global perspectives are interwoven into all aspects of our ACES mission, to garner the recurring external resources that support sustained initiatives and provide incentives for global engagement, and to capture increasing recognition and acclaim on behalf of the innovative and proactive international programming that originates in ACES.

The College of ACES in the World:

- + 50% of ACES faculty are internationally engaged today in more than 120 countries
- + 35% of ACES students study abroad during their undergraduate career
- + 50% of ACES graduate students are internationally born
- + 40 courses in the College of ACES are taught with international content
- + 43% of University of Illinois Extension Educators incorporate international content into their programming
- + The College has more than 60 international memorandums of understanding with universities in 32 countries
- + The ACES Academy for Global Engagement helps early to mid-career faculty jump start their international career, and was a factor in the U of I winning a prestigious SIMON award.

What's in ACES International Future?

We are developing key strategic alliances in targeted areas of the world based on our strengths in:

- + Nutrition
- + Production Agriculture
- + Breeding/Genetics/Genomics
- + Climate Change
- + Bioenergy
- + Agricultural Business and Marketing
- + Biotechnology

ACES Office of International Affairs is leading major international projects to contribute to agriculture development and develop global centers of excellence. We want to be:

- + A leader in transformative developments
- + Connected to global related issues
- + Engaged with the world

Study Abroad in ACES:

http://students.aces.illinois.edu/study_abroad

International Extension:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/international/>

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<http://global.aces.illinois.edu>

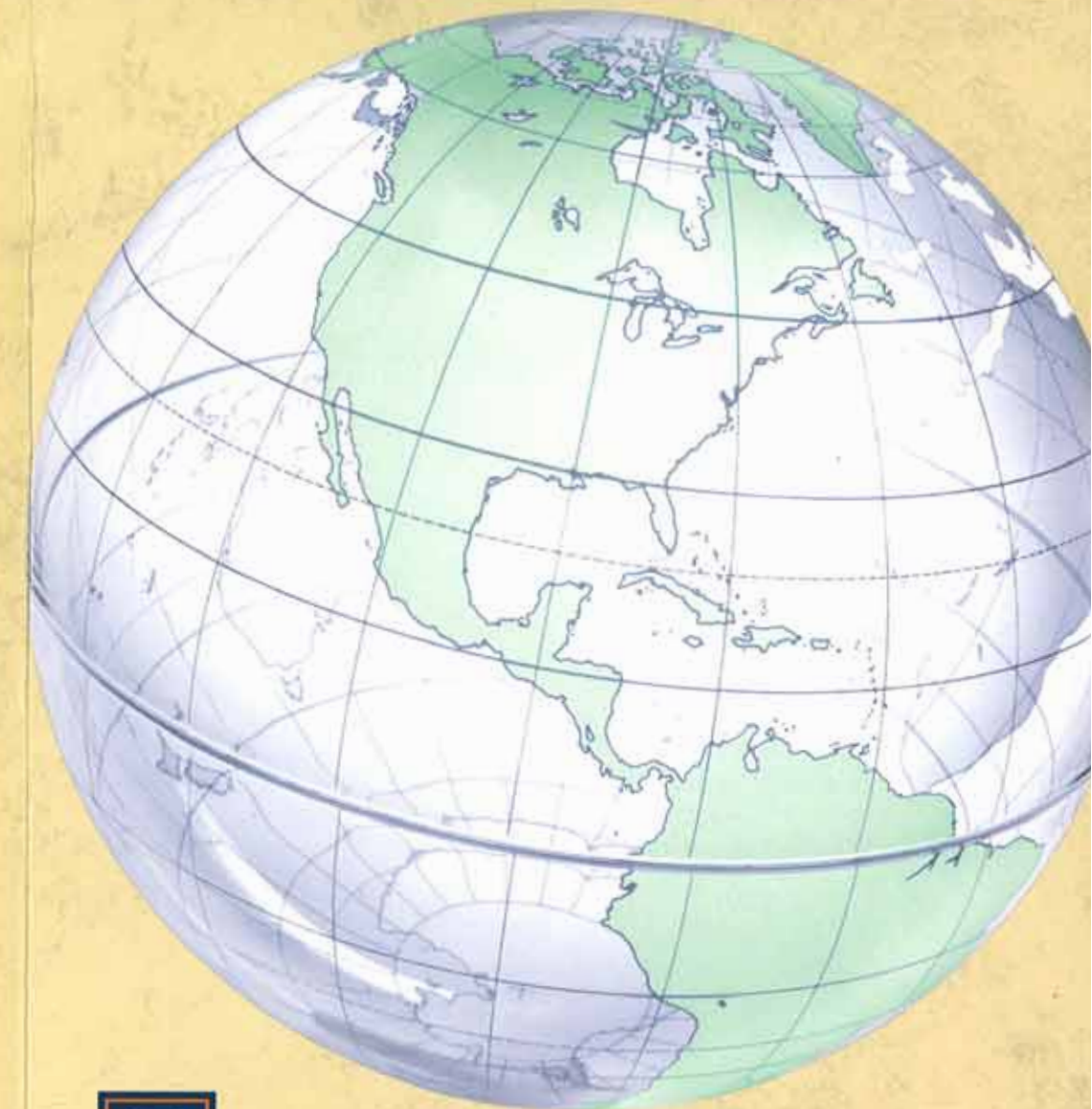
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Mexico

A relationship that was established in 2004 with CONACYT, Mexico's governmental arm for agricultural research, has brought more than 15 Ph.D. candidates to Illinois for advanced degrees. In addition, joint funding by both ACES and CONACYT have funded more than 20 research projects matching ACES professors with Mexican counterparts.

A joint program between the University of San Luis Potosi and ACES has resulted in a four-year program targeted at obesity and diabetes research programs for Mexican women and children.

Five ACES Faculty are engaged in Mexico with research programs. Partnership was renewed in 2010 with National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Sierra Leone

Agricultural and Consumer Economics faculty have led student trips to Sierra Leone, and in particular Njala University, to begin building joint educational and research programs. Njala University officials hope that a renewed partnership signed in 2010 will strengthen their university's ability to compete for research grants, development funding, and other resources to rebuild infrastructure and train staff.



Rwanda

A conference entitled "Food Fortification and Nutrition Solutions in Rwanda" brought 150 members of the NGO and government community to Kigali, Rwanda in 2010 as a launch for what ACES hopes to be a longstanding relationship with the people of Rwanda. ACES hopes workshops designed like this one will launch continued joint research programs that will build capacity for higher education in Rwanda.



China

A 3+2 degree program with China Agricultural University has provided food sciences students with a means to get an international degree, and for an exchange of top Chinese students.

A group of 20 students from Zhejiang University spent 6 weeks doing intensive research apprenticeships in ACES in 2010, as a part of a student exchange agreement.



A new research program with Jilin University will conduct corn planting studies through faculty in crop sciences.

Fourteen faculty have ongoing research projects in China.

Brazil

A fledgling relationship with the Federal University of Vicosa will bring 24 students back and forth between this prestigious Brazilian University and UI.

Our longstanding relationship with the University of Sao Paulo, Piracicaba Campus (ESALQ), has meant meaningful research relationships between faculty in animal sciences, natural resources, and food science.

Faculty in Agricultural and Consumer Economics continue to work with farmer organizations and government entities in the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil. Efforts center around capacity building of faculty in their state, research in areas of small farm marketing, bioenergy, and development of online curriculum.

Twelve faculty have individual research projects in various disciplines in Brazil.



South Africa

Agricultural and Biological Engineering faculty have led a senior design course trip to South Africa to work with students at the University of KwaZulu Natal. Animal Science students can take a short-term study abroad program to South Africa to study wildlife biological centers and habitat centers.

Human and Community Development students may take a short term study abroad program to South Africa to study families and the effects of HIV/AIDS on them in Cape Town.

India

The College of ACES has been involved with Indian higher education activities since the 1960s when they were instrumental in building two faculties of Agriculture in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh states. Now more than 50 years old, these relationships continue with a continuing relationship with G.B. Pant University in Pantnager.

In 2007, the University hosted a "Linking Farmers to Markets" international conference in New Delhi, designed to explore innovative arrangements and business models for small scale farmers.

More than 15 faculty have individual research projects in India. New relationships with the India Agricultural Research Institute and Banaras Hindu University have also been established.

