

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN NOW!

Fulbright UK Summer Institutes

- Three to four week programs in the UK for U.S. undergraduate students.
- All expenses paid!
- 3.6 GPA required.
- **Deadline February 3, 2025.**

The Boren Awards

- Undergraduate and graduate students are both eligible. Boren recipients are guaranteed a one year job with the federal government,
- All majors are welcome.
- **Deadline Jan. 22, 2025.**

U.S. Fulbright Program

- Spend 8-12 months in a host country.
- All expenses paid!
- Graduates and recent graduates are eligible.
- Conduct research, or teach English abroad.
- **Deadline early October.**

Interested? Email ois@odu.edu.

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Taste of France:
Ma Meilleure Ennemie



Stromae and Pomme are two popular singers in France.



Peace Corps: Make a Difference

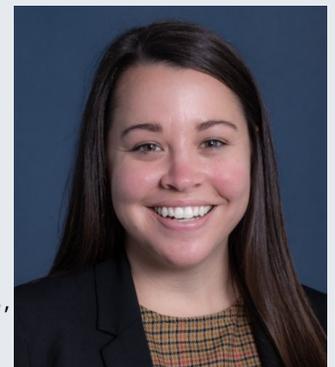
"It has changed my life," said **Melanie Graham**, a former Peace Corps member who served in Ukraine. Graham committed 27 months of her 20's to experience another culture. She was placed with a host family to help her integrate into the community. Graham was handpicked as a university teacher of English and got paid the host country's salary. Graham attests that the Peace Corps helped her develop hard and soft skills which has helped her grow personally and professionally.

This was especially helpful for Graham because she was positive that she wanted to work at a university in the future. Her dreams came true as she is the **Director of Strategic Initiatives at Old Dominion University.**

There are so many benefits to joining such as loan forgiveness, access to fellowships, a \$10,000 relocation package and even a fast track into federal jobs.

At the end of the day, the Peace Corps wants people to commit and stand by PEACE and FRIENDSHIP.

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Exploring Japan with Kansai University: A Virtual Experience

How Does It Work?

Thanks to ODU's partnership with the Institute for Innovative Global Education in Japan, five ODU students were given the opportunity to take non-credit, free online classes in topics ranging from Japanese pop culture to research methodology.

These classes were taught in English by KU professors in Japan, offered students a taste of Japanese culture and international education without leaving our campus.

DEIB: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Gloria Ekedum entered this class with little prior knowledge and came out as an expert. Her teacher at Kansai University went beyond the textbook and taught it as reality. DEIB looks different in every country; it goes beyond human rights and justice. DEIB encourages people to become one with their community.

While in the class, Ekedum developed key social skills like active listening because she had a fast-paced teacher. DEIB forced Ekedum to form a multi-lens view of the world around her. Overall, Ekedum urges others to take a chance to enroll in something new and rewarding.

Research Methods for Social Sciences

Leona McGrowan is a Ph.D. candidate in higher education currently writing her dissertation. This course allowed her to use what she learned directly in her current research and writing. McGrowan prompts students to check their student emails frequently because an announcement from OIC with an amazing opportunity like this may be awaiting in their inboxes. This was a true international experience as her professor was from the Middle East and taught in Japan. McGrowan found her KU professor very helpful and accessible and all the online materials very useful. McGrowan's tip for when taking an international virtual class: Take note of daylight saving time changes!



Japanese Pop Culture

Daniel White enjoys reading about Japanese history, so when he heard about the opportunity to learn about it in an academic setting, he took that chance right away. He found himself on Zoom with a Japanese teacher and about 30 other students. The class, easier than he had anticipated, talked about Japanese fashion, movies, what culture is, and so much more.



One thing proved difficult for a Zoom class with Japan: the 13 hours of time difference between the two countries.

This class taught White to be more self-aware in communication while fostering respect and understanding for other cultures.

This opportunity provided White with an amazing international experience. White shared three tips for intercultural communication: Don't be shy, be patient, and be open.

Understanding Organizational Culture

Tristan Washington found the opportunity to take this course through the university announcements. After reaching out to Scott Berlin at the OIC, she picked the class Understanding Organization Culture and learned about how leadership differs in different countries.

This class was taught through Zoom with a Japanese instructor and six other international students. Some would think that the cultural differences would present a challenge, but it didn't; instead, it was an enriching experience as everyone came out of it with new views.

When on Zoom, students learned with presentations, articles, TED Talks, and discussions in breakout rooms. Washington expressed that the class enhanced their international awareness.

