

Student Opportunities

The John M. Gunn International Scholarship

Washington and Lee University (Lexington, Virginia, USA) is pleased to offer the John M. Gunn International Scholarship for one full year of study to AUS students of exceptional academic, personal and professional promise. Students must demonstrate financial need in order to qualify for full funding.

Students should have an outstanding academic record and be able to articulate a clear purpose in their application. While at the university, students will focus their work in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics.

Students with a background in international business, economics and development will be given greater preference. Students may also take courses in other areas of the arts and sciences to round out their program of study.

A scholarship application may be requested through the Director of W&L's Office of International Education (wklengel@wlu.edu). Requests for applications should include a brief letter of introduction from the prospective candidate.

The **deadline** to submit completed applications for Academic Year 2015–2016 is **March 15, 2015**. The application must include a financial statement to determine the level of financial need of the candidate. Announcements will be made by April 15. For more information visit: www.wlu.edu

Amgen Scholars Program

The Amgen Scholars Program is an internationally recognized undergraduate research initiative offering undergraduates the opportunity to collaborate with faculty at top institutions on cutting-edge scientific research. Amgen Scholars have represented over 500 colleges and universities to date.

AUS students can now apply to be Amgen Scholars at leading institutions in Japan: Kyoto University and The University of Tokyo. This is a unique opportunity for students to gain valuable exposure to Japan's academic and research culture.

The **deadline** to apply is **February 2, 2015**. Eligibility requirements and site-specific programming information are available via www.amgenscholars.com. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Amgen Foundation's commitment to advancing STEM education in the US, Europe and now Japan.

IXO Calendar

February 2

Deadline for Amgen Scholars Program

February 5

Spring 2015 Incoming Exchange
Students arrive

February 19

Mixer with returning Fall 2014 students
and incoming Spring 2015 students

March 15

Deadline for John M. Gunn International
Scholarship

IXO News

Happy New Year

IXO wishes the entire AUS community a Happy New Year and warm welcome back from the winter break with great success for the rest of the Fall 2014 semester. IXO now prepares to welcome the Incoming Spring 2015 exchange students to AUS while waving goodbye to the Outgoing Spring 2015 AUS students, wishing everyone a wonderful semester at their study abroad destinations.

IXO 2014 Statistics



Happy Anniversary IXO

On January 2, 2015, IXO turned five years old. IXO has had many adventures over the past five years. Anna Ray, the first advisor at IXO, and Osama Mafraji, IXO's second advisor, had a few words to say.



Anna Ray, Grace Morales, Osama Mafraji and Dr. Linda Angell (left to right)

"My years at IXO were the hardest, most fulfilling of my life. Linda and I put our all into building that office because we knew we were changing lives. We wanted every student who came through our office to finish their time abroad with a whole new world open to them. The immense growth in the last five years tells me that's what the students want, too. In the beginning the office was little more than a dark, isolated hallway. Now that hallway is a gateway to new worlds," said Anna.

"I remember my first meeting with Dr. Linda Angell, she was the only person working at IXO. IXO helped me a lot. I was finally able to go abroad and become one of the first study abroad students. I saw this as a wonderful and exciting opportunity to meet new people, make new international friends, and feel a sense of belonging all over the world. I had an amazing experience studying

abroad in California. Upon my return, I immediately applied to work for IXO as a student advisor and continued to work as a full-time student after graduation. I am really happy to continue working with IXO as I consider it as my second cool diverse home," said Osama.

Welcome Back Fall 2014 Study Abroad Students!

For the Fall 2014 semester, 19 students studied abroad in various places. Among them were: Zaid Kazali, who studied abroad at the University of Memphis in Tennessee; Fatima Deryan, who studied abroad at California State University in Easy Bay; and Hossein Niakan, who studied abroad at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.



Welcome back, Zaid Kazali



Welcome home, Fatima Deryan and Hossein Niakan

IXO Events

University of Tampere Visitors

IXO recently hosted visitors from the University of Tampere, Finland: Dr. Jukka Lahtinen, School of Management, and CEO of Avaintulos Oy; and his daughter Susanna Lahtinen, Education Manager, Avaintulos Oy.



Susanna Lahtinen, Dr. Linda Angell and Dr. Jukka Lahtinen (left to right)

Thanksgiving Dinner

IXO celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner before the break at the Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club. Students got to indulge in a traditional Thanksgiving meal of stuffed turkey and gravy.



Fall 2014 Exchange Students at the Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club

Musandam, Oman

IXO arranged a trip to Musandam, Oman where students spent the day in the sun and enjoyed water activities such as snorkelling. For the past month, IXO has also been hosting Flat Stephanie from a Montessori School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



IXO team and Fall 2014 Exchange Students in Musandam, Oman

Holiday Party

IXO began the winter break with an end-of-year holiday party, where students and staff made and brought different foods and desserts.



Fall 2014 Exchange Students: Margaret, Nancy, Hadeiyah and Heather (left to right)