Connecting People. Connecting Worlds.
There's a great big world in here.
“UCLA strives not only to teach students about international issues, but to make international interaction a part of every student’s learning process.”

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block
Joint Research Institute with Peking University

In 2009 UCLA and Peking University opened the Joint Research Institute of Science and Engineering – the first such initiative between the University of California and an overseas university. Beyond the lab, UCLA and PKU faculty and students benefit from jointly defined syllabi, hands-on training, and an exchange program.
As the leading comprehensive public research university on the Pacific Rim, UCLA is a nexus for collaboration across regions, cultures and continents.

“People always ask me, ‘Why are you studying Korean history in the United States?’ Studying at UCLA enables me to view Korea and her history from a different and broader perspective.”

Sinwoo Lee, doctoral student

The International Institute plays a key role in helping UCLA alumni around the world stay connected to each other and to the university. It actively promotes collaborative opportunities and organizes forums that allow alumni to give direct feedback to university leaders. Below, alumni leaders in Asia speak with Chancellor Gene Block at a regional summit in Hong Kong.

Diversity Is Strength, Location Is Key

The world’s economic center of gravity is moving to the Pacific Rim.

For governments this means juggling a new set of political and economic alliances. For universities, it means forging new relationships that benefit faculty and students. And for students it opens a world of career and research opportunities.

In this new world order, diversity is strength and location is key. The Pacific Rim is home to vibrant, emerging markets and rising economic powerhouses like China, Southeast Asia and Latin America. The inexorable shift of resources and influence from the Atlantic region to the Pacific Rim heralds important opportunities for those who are in a strategic position to take advantage of them.

Among the great cities of the Pacific Rim, Los Angeles stands out as one of the most diverse and culturally rich on earth – home to some of the world’s largest ethnic populations outside of their countries of origin. So it’s not surprising that UCLA, California’s largest university and a US$1 billion annual research enterprise, has become the leading comprehensive public research university in the region. These factors conspire to create extraordinary opportunities for our students and for our partners around the world.

A Nexus for Global Collaboration

The UCLA International Institute serves as a nexus for collaboration…

on campus and across oceans.

The Institute provides campus-wide leadership for internationally focused, multidisciplinary undergraduate and graduate research and educational programs. Faculty members affiliated with the Institute come from across the UCLA campus. All are accomplished experts in their fields.

Abroad, the UCLA International Institute is known for drawing together faculty members, scholars and researchers to explore international subjects, conduct meaningful research, and develop joint programs. From research that influences government policy in South America, to studies on the roots of ethnic violence globally, the Institute’s initiatives make real-world differences – every day.

In very practical ways, the Institute serves as the university’s bridge to the world: overseeing or initiating strategic agreements with other top universities in more than 40 countries on six continents, and forming partnerships with companies and foundations. The Institute works in consultation with the UCLA Office of Intellectual Property & Industry-Sponsored Research.

This sharing of expertise and resources across oceans and disciplines comes with UCLA’s role as a leading global university.
The Institute draws scholars out of their departments to work together on issues they would not otherwise address.

The UCLA International Institute is the university’s bridge to the world.

Through multidisciplinary centers and programs dedicated to the study of world regions and global issues, the UCLA International Institute fosters learning about and active participation in the contemporary world.

**Asia**
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  [www.international.ucla.edu/asia](http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia)
- Center for Chinese Studies  
  [www.international.ucla.edu/china](http://www.international.ucla.edu/china)
- Paul I. and Hisako Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies  
  [www.international.ucla.edu/japan](http://www.international.ucla.edu/japan)
- Center for Korean Studies  
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**Center for Southeast Asian Studies**  
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**Center for Buddhist Studies**  
[www.international.ucla.edu/buddhist](http://www.international.ucla.edu/buddhist)

**Confucius Institute**  
[www.confucius.ucla.edu](http://www.confucius.ucla.edu)

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Area Research Centers and Programs (see list under map)

At the core of the UCLA International Institute are multidisciplinary research centers and programs focusing on specific countries and geographical regions. Some of these are National Resource Centers backed by the U.S. Department of Education, and several are considered to be the best of their kind in the world. Affiliated faculty members are recognized as the foremost scholars and authorities on subjects ranging from Korean Buddhism and art history to African multiculturalism and public health.

As the overarching aegis for these activities, the Institute facilitates cross-disciplinary coordination among the centers. It also provides them with essential infrastructure and financial support.

Studies by these centers and programs are coordinated and disseminated in a variety of ways, including collaborative research arrangements with foreign governments and universities, conferences and symposia, lecture series and publications, community outreach, student and faculty exchanges, and graduate and faculty fellowships.

Thematic Centers and Initiatives

Burkle Center for International Relations – brings together the leading minds in the fields of international relations and foreign policy to explore and shape the debate on global issues, and serves as the primary forum for the interdisciplinary study of international affairs at UCLA.

www.international.ucla.edu/burkle

Fulbright Program – host to the visiting Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Program for the Los Angeles metropolitan area, one of only six such programs around the country funded by the U.S. Department of State.

Migration Study Group – an interdisciplinary community of migration scholars that includes graduate students, faculty and distinguished visitors.

Center for World Languages – focuses on research to increase understanding of language acquisition, teaching and assessment, and on the design and evaluation of language programs.

www.international.ucla.edu/languages

National Heritage Language Resource Center – develops instructional approaches, curricula and materials for the teaching of heritage languages.

www.nhlrc.ucla.edu

“Living in a country outside of the United States, Turkey in my case, opened my eyes to the idea of looking at myself not as a citizen of my country but as a citizen of my world.”

Nicholas Mireles, history major

Europe and Eurasia
Center for European and Eurasian Studies
www.international.ucla.edu/euro

Africa
James S. Coleman African Studies Center
www.international.ucla.edu/africa

Middle East
Gustav E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies
www.international.ucla.edu/cnes
Center for Middle East Development
www.international.ucla.edu/cmed
Israel Studies Center
www.international.ucla.edu/israel
The Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars assists a community of more than 5,000 talented individuals in areas such as interpreting immigration regulations, understanding employment options, and making cultural, educational and personal adjustments to the campus and the community. It provides comprehensive services for visiting researchers, scholars and postdoctoral fellows from outside the U.S. and visa services for UCLA departments that employ non-citizen faculty or staff.

Forty languages – from Arabic to Zulu – and more than 1,600 courses with international themes are offered on campus.

“Interning with the Burkle Center presented me with the tremendous opportunity to learn more about the exciting developments in the field of international relations from my home at UCLA.”

Katie Keegan, student intern
Connecting Students with the World

Opening minds to fresh perspectives and new ways to wonder. All students who pursue a degree within the International Institute are encouraged to study and work abroad to deepen their understanding of disparate cultures and global issues.

And every year about 2,500 UCLA students from nearly all disciplines participate in Institute-sponsored study abroad programs in more than 60 countries.

The International Education Office serves as the gateway to international educational opportunities by designing and promoting study abroad and student exchange programs. These include the Education Abroad Program, which offers more than 140 programs in 30 countries for students interested in immersing themselves in another language or culture.

Students participating in Travel Study Programs benefit from the expertise of world-renowned UCLA faculty and are afforded intensive, customized research opportunities only a global university can offer. These short-term programs focus on subjects from music to archaeology, from environmental sciences to the arts, in an international setting.

Linking Cultures Through the Classroom

The Interdepartmental Programs offered through the Institute allow students to earn degrees within a particular area of international study – regional, cultural, or thematic – that cuts across various disciplines. Whether pursuing an undergraduate major in Global Studies or a master’s degree in Latin American Studies, students from all walks of life and cultures learn about the world at UCLA.

A Truly International Campus

While thousands of UCLA students travel abroad every year, not all can afford to do so. Fortunately, that’s not the only way for them to have an international learning experience at UCLA. Thousands of international students from more than 100 countries come to study each year at UCLA, which ranks in the top 10 among U.S. universities in numbers of foreign students and scholars.

UCLA is one of the most culturally diverse campuses in the world.

Victor Pineda, a graduate student in urban planning, has traveled to Cuba, Thailand, Bosnia, Serbia, Greece, Norway, France, Yemen and, with a Fulbright-Hays fellowship, the United Arab Emirates to research the implementation of disability laws and to collaborate on documentary films that combat stereotypes.

Each year, more than 5,000 international students from 100+ countries enroll in UCLA’s undergraduate, professional and non-degree programs.
Bringing the World to Our Community

Community outreach – disseminating knowledge and promoting dialogue about the broader world in our own backyard – is integral to the Institute’s mission.

Regularly throughout the year, the UCLA International Institute brings together scholars, researchers, dignitaries, policymakers, artists, activists, faculty members and students for public events and lecture series to explore, debate and collaborate on issues of local and international relevance.

Meanwhile, its outreach programs for K-12 and community college teachers provide specialized training and professional development opportunities on campus, at school sites, and on overseas teacher study tours. And its centers conduct training programs to meet the needs of businesses and government agencies.

Such programs support the university’s mission of service to the people of Los Angeles, California, and the country – meeting the demand for knowledge and promoting global citizenship.

UCLA Brings “Teach Africa” to Southern California K-12 Schools

“Teach Africa” advocates improved instruction about the African continent in American schools. In partnership with The Africa Society of the National Summit on Africa, the James S. Coleman African Studies Center at UCLA organized the program in Southern California. “The images of Africa that continue to dominate can stand in the way of understanding the continent,” said participating Kenyan novelist and UC-Irvine Professor Ngugi wa Thiong’o. “Distortions of Africa begin with books and in the classroom.”

The Institute brings knowledge and dialogue about the broader world to communities in Los Angeles and beyond.
“We felt like we really wanted to make an impact on the ground, beyond just kind of telling others that they should do things. We wanted to do something ourselves.”

Adam Sterling, leader of a student campaign to divest the UC from a group of worst-offending companies in Sudan’s Darfur region

Supporting International Education at UCLA

By giving to the UCLA International Institute, you can play a pivotal role in fostering the next generation of global thinkers and leaders.

Gifts to the Chancellor’s Fund for International Scholars, for example, provide direct funding for study abroad and for attracting the best foreign students to UCLA. You can also support faculty research, visiting scholars, postdoctoral fellows, conferences, publications and libraries.

There are many ways to give to the UCLA International Institute or any one of its centers and programs. These include outright gifts of any amount, pledges that are payable over time, and permanent endowments which may be named for you or an individual of your choosing. Gifts may be directed to the area of greatest interest to you.

We look forward to discussing with you how your gift can make the greatest impact. Please write or call us using the contact information on the back cover of this brochure, or visit www.international.ucla.edu.

Making an Impact

The Terasakis’ passion led to the endowment of the Paul I. and Hisako Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies. Their generous gift opened new directions for research on contemporary Japan and established the Terasaki visiting professorship in U.S.-Japan Relations, the Terasaki Chair in Contemporary Japanese Studies, the Terasaki Community Outreach Program and the Terasaki Postdoctoral and Graduate Fellowship.

“I saw a great need for mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japan.”

Paul I. Terasaki, UCLA emeritus professor of surgery

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