WE BRING THE WORLD TOGETHER

American Institute For Foreign Study
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Since 1964, AIFS has been a leading organization providing cultural exchange and educational opportunities for more than 1.6 million young people.

*we bring the world together.*

**Our Vision:**
We bring the world together®

**Our Mission:**
To provide the highest quality educational and cultural exchange programs to enrich the lives of young people throughout the world.

**Our Values:**
- Excellence in our programs, operations and our people
- Respect for all cultures and ethnicities
- Exceptional, caring support for our program participants to ensure their safety and well-being
- Technological innovation
- Responsible financial stewardship
- Teamwork and collaboration both within the organization and with our global partners

- Encouragement of employee initiative and professional development
- Honest, equitable and non-discriminatory treatment of our employees and our program participants with an emphasis on diversity and inclusion
- Commitment to socially and environmentally responsible practices
The need for enhanced global understanding is now greater than ever. AIFS is proud to provide the opportunity to meet this need, through the programs described in these pages. With our vast experience, global partnerships and financial security, we have been able to provide a wide variety of high-quality programs with top-notch services and unique cultural experiences to young people and families for more than a half century.

Our programs teach young people from around the world to appreciate the qualities and values of individuals from all nations. AIFS program participants learn vital language skills as well as how to thrive in a culture different from their own. We provide the educational edge needed to succeed in a highly competitive, diverse and interdependent world.

We proudly look back on 56 years of service to individuals and institutions involved with educational and cultural exchange. We look forward to the future and to a world that shares a common global vision of peace and prosperity.

William L. Gertz, Chairman & CEO
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www.giftedstudy.org

Independent organization working closely with AIFS
Since 1964 we’ve provided cultural exchange and educational opportunities for more than 1.6 million participants (approximately 43,000 per year).

$1,661,100 awarded in scholarships, donations and funding to support cultural exchange & education in 2018 (Awarded by AIFS and AIFS Foundation)

AIFS Group-WIDE

Would you recommend the program? — AIFS and AIFS Foundation totals

98% of ACIS GROUP LEADERS
93% of Au Pair in America HOST FAMILIES
99% of Camp America CAMP DIRECTORS
98% of Academic Year in America STUDENTS
100% of Cultural Insurance Services International SPONSORS
94% of Au Pair in America AU PAIRS
95% of Camp America PARTICIPANTS
92% of Academic Year in America HOST FAMILIES
“For more than 50 years, AIFS has been a true leader in the field of international exchange. Every day, AIFS provides its participants and their hosts with life-changing experiences, reaching across borders to build understanding and friendships that enrich lives and make the world a better place.

“Beyond its programming excellence, AIFS has provided a strong, persuasive voice in the policy arena, helping to formulate new programs and ensure that government oversight of exchange programs supports the growth and well-being of these critical components of public diplomacy.”

–MICHAEL MCCARRY, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALLIANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL EXCHANGE

“AIFS has a strong reputation of opening doors for students around the world including myself. My time studying abroad in London at Richmond, The American International University in London, remains one of the most important foundations of my education. By getting to know people and their way of life overseas as a college student, I became better prepared to serve in Congress. It is important that people have a better understanding of their neighbors around the world, and the outstanding work of AIFS is helping make that a reality.”

–Former Congressman Russ Carnahan, MO-3, Chairman, International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Subcommittee
To everyone who has been a part of AIFS these past 55 years—students, teachers, campers, camp directors, au pairs, host families and our staff around the world— thank you for helping to bring the world together.
Study Abroad Programs for U.S. College Students

www.aifsabroad.com

Established

1964

More than 5,000 students per year

32 program locations

96% of our respondent students would recommend AIFS Study Abroad

96% of our respondent students rated their experience as “excellent” or “good”

Results of College Student Evaluations
In affiliation with 36 international universities, AIFS organizes study abroad programs for more than 5,000 American students each year. Academic year, semester, summer and January term programs are available. Courses are for academic credit.

AIFS works closely with more than 500 American colleges and universities, providing students and faculty with high quality educational experiences abroad. These experiences include all-inclusive programs as well as customized faculty-led programs.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS—with guaranteed fees in U.S. dollars

AIFS programs are structured by pairing high-quality academics with cultural immersion and local exploration. These all-inclusive programs allow students to get the most out of their time abroad without incurring unexpected out-of-pocket expenses.

Courses are offered in a wide range of majors and are for U.S. academic credit. Internships, volunteer and service learning opportunities are available.

Every program fee includes:

- Tuition
- Housing
- A meal plan
- Excursions
- Social and cultural activities
- Services of an on-site Resident Director and support staff
- A comprehensive insurance and assistance package
- AIFS support services

An optional AIFS Flight Package is also available.

OVER 50% of our students receive funding from AIFS in the form of scholarships or grants. Funds are available for semester, January term and summer programs.

“This program opened my eyes to a culture and society I knew very little about. I made great friends and had a fabulous time during the process. I would do it all over again in a heartbeat.”

—JESSICA COBB, AIFS STUDY ABROAD ALUM, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
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AIFS RESIDENT DIRECTORS

The AIFS Resident Directors are key players in the success of AIFS Study Abroad programs. They speak the local language fluently, provide counseling and academic advising, arrange cultural and social activities and assist students who require medical attention or personal support.

Their local knowledge and expertise allow them to assist students with any questions and quickly resolve issues, enabling the students to get the most out of their experience. Many of our Resident Directors are former study abroad students, and many have been employed by AIFS for more than a decade.

“The University of Florida has been affiliated with AIFS for more than 20 years and considers them one of our most trusted partners.

As part of our long-lasting relationship, we have been able to send hundreds of students on their study abroad programs. Student evaluations give proof of the wonderful experiences that AIFS is offering in so many countries abroad. We have also been fortunate to develop customized faculty-led programs with AIFS and our own faculty. In fact, our largest faculty-led program has successfully operated for 10 years in collaboration with AIFS.

The University of Florida is extremely happy with the services that AIFS is providing to both our students and to our faculty and staff. In the constantly growing world of program providers, AIFS certainly stands out for their professionalism and their expertise in the field.”

—SUSANNE HILL, PH.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL CENTER

For more information, please visit: www.AIFSabroad.com
International Internship and Career Preparation Program

Established 2001

Up to 800 students per year

10+ program locations

8,000 alumni

95% of participants rate Global Experiences with positive reviews
Global Experiences (GE) is committed to creating and providing the highest quality international internships and career readiness programming for university students and recent graduates. GE takes a personal approach to the internship process by focusing on every participant’s natural strengths and personal interests.

GE collaborates with university staff and faculty from the Study Abroad office, Career Services office, and other academic departments on campus to help students secure suitable internship opportunities abroad.

Internships through GE can be credit-bearing. Through our School of Record partner Fairfield University in Connecticut, GE is able to offer up to 12 credits of coursework for students. Whether in the summer or during the semester, students can incorporate academic credit into their 4-year college degree and access financial aid.

Interns are provided with:

- guaranteed internship placement
- career and professional development
- furnished accommodation
- cultural and social events
- 24/7 on-site support

GE also offers custom programming that can include the standard career and professional development components, and incorporate additional business site visits, and coursework delivered by GE or university staff. Short term custom programs can also be combined with an internship experience, depending on the course and the needs of the institution.

Global Experiences is a leading innovator in the field of international education as a 3-time winner of the goabroad.com Innovation Award for Internship Programming in 2014, 2015, and 2017.

“I interned in Dublin with a highly respected criminal law firm. I got to attend court every day, sometimes stood in court and even saw a national tribunal. From start to finish GE provided me with the help I needed, but really the connection to a great law firm is what made my experience so exceptional.”

—TAYLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

For more information visit us today:
www.globalexperiences.com
### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Academic credit**

If interested in receiving credit for the internship experience, students can receive academic credit from their home institution or have it taught by GE, transcribed by Fairfield University and transferred to their institution. For the GE course, all assignments are submitted online during the internship abroad and a letter grade is issued. They may also participate in the program without earning academic credit.

**Eligibility**

Most placements are available to students during the summer before their sophomore year. No language requirements for most career fields, and placements are English friendly.

**Most popular career fields**

Business, marketing, NGOs, fashion business, finance, psychology, government, law, communication, fashion marketing, and engineering

**Program length**

Semester or 8-week summer programs

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**I am so thankful that I took the risk to intern abroad with Global Experiences. For the entirety of my program, every person I came across focused on my growth and development as a young professional. I would never be at the level I am today without the help and training from Global Experiences. I have grown into an independent person who can solve problems on their own and have the courage to take a risk!**

—SAVANNAH, GLOBAL EXPERIENCES, 2019
WHAT’S INCLUDED?

• Pre-Departure support
• Guaranteed internship placement in accepted field
• Comprehensive professional development
• Dedicated Program Advisor for one-on-one consultations
• CliftonStrengths assessment
• 1-hour Gallup Coach Consultation
• Web portal
• Comprehensive group webinar series
• Visa support (if required)

• On-site support
• Housing
• Orientation
• On-site staff
• 24/7 emergency support
• Comprehensive insurance
• Internship monitoring and check-ins
• Social events
• Excursions
• Alumni LinkedIn group access
• Post-program career development

“Doing this program was the best decision I ever made. It was the perfect way to get real job experience and still get the whole ‘study abroad’ experience. I feel that the internship that GE placed me at did a phenomenal job of preparing me to work in the Human Resources field, and being abroad has given me all kinds of other life experience and it has taught me a lot about myself.”

RACHEL, GLOBAL EXPERIENCES, 2019

THE GE TEAM

The GE team is a group of 40+ diverse global educators committed to further gains in the field through contributions to thought leadership at national and international conferences and voluntary leadership in organizations and local non-profit initiatives. All staff overseas are permanent staff, and GE has at least one staff member in every city.

For more information visit us today:
www.globalexperiences.com
America’s First Au Pair Program
Trusted, Live-in Cultural Child Care

www.aupairinamerica.com

Established
1986

MORE THAN
5,000
Families
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Results of Au Pair in America Program
Evaluations
Au Pair in America was the first organization to be designated by the U.S. Government to offer a legal au pair program in the U.S. using J-1 Visas.

For over 30 years, more than 115,000 of our au pairs from more than 50 countries have provided the highest quality, intercultural live-in child care to American families.

Au Pair in America offers a flexible, dependable and enriching child care solution for American families. Becoming a host family is a uniquely rewarding experience with both host families and au pairs benefiting from the cultural exchange that takes place. Parents who have switched from day care have noted the positive difference that the one-on-one attention makes with their children. Host families describe their au pairs as extended family members and stay in touch long after their au pairs return to their home country.

“Having a good au pair who is really part of the family is one of the best experiences. There is not only a benefit to them to see and experience new things, but as a family you will learn a great deal about another culture and see things from a more worldly view. It can enhance everyone’s lives in ways you hadn’t thought it would. I can’t imagine our au pair not being here, and I am very lucky that she is from near where we have a family home in Austria. This year has not only brought her to us, but her whole family and for many years beyond just this one!” —KRYSTIN, HOST PARENT, ARIZONA
ABOUT AU PAIRS

Au pairs are extraordinary young people who come to the U.S. to acquire a better understanding and appreciation of American life while living with an American family and caring for their young children. Au pairs stay for one full year and can extend for a second. They become fully-fledged family members, sharing a cultural exchange experience that often leads to a life-long relationship with their host family.

All au pairs are screened and skilled international young adults aged 18–26. They must have a minimum of 200 hours of recent, practical child care experience and complete a comprehensive orientation before being placed with their host family.

Recruitment for au pairs is handled by our offices in the UK, Germany, Australia and Poland and by our representatives around the world.

For information on becoming an au pair, visit us at www.aupairinamerica.com

Au Pair in America has the largest global network in the industry, spanning more than 50 countries on 6 continents. The countries that we receive the most au pair candidates from are:

- Austria
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Israel
- Mexico
- Poland
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Spain
- Thailand

Inset image shows Catie (center), former host child, visiting with former au pairs Andrea and Maria in Sweden in 2016.

99% of respondents said that having au pairs positively impacted their upbringing.

Results of Study of Outcomes of Former Host Children

Inset image shows Catie (center), former host child, visiting with former au pairs Andrea and Maria in Sweden in 2016.
PROGRAM OPTIONS

AU PAIR
Ideal for families with one or more children who require up to 45 hours of weekly care.

EXTRAORDINAIRE®
Ideal for families with one or more children who require up to 45 hours of weekly care and are looking for specialized qualifications.

EDUCARE®
Ideal for families with one or more children who attend school full-time and require up to 30 hours of child care primarily in the early morning and after school, with some evening and weekend hours.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT
For over 30 years we have been providing quality, live-in child care to families, with a high level of support and service year round. We offer:

- The largest selection of au pairs—thoroughly screened and qualified from more than 50 countries worldwide.
- The best placement services—featuring Expert Match, helping families find the right au pair for their family and coordinating pre-arrival logistics.
- Community-based support throughout the year—from one of our local, professional Community Counselors.
- 24/7 emergency assistance—for quick and efficient solutions should the need arise.
- An enriching experience for children to gain a global education and language immersion.
- A comprehensive orientation program for au pairs that features training for child safety and development norms, cultural adaptation, a customized Red Cross® safety session and an optional AAA® driver safety course.
- Indispensable services including visa processing, travel logistics, orientation and comprehensive insurance for au pairs.

“Having a live-in child care provider gives me the flexibility and ease of leaving the house in the morning for work without having to take my children out of the house and to a day care center. If my kids are sick or just tired, they can be comfortable in their own home with someone who is part of our family.”

— ANDREA, AU PAIR IN AMERICA HOST MOTHER, NEW YORK

For more information, please visit: www.AuPairinAmerica.com
International Camp Counselor and Support Staff Categories

www.campamerica.com

Established 1969

8,000+ participants per year

Providing counselors & SUPPORT STAFF

99% of respondent Camp Directors would recommend Camp America

95% of respondent participants would rate their camp experience as “excellent” or “good”

Results of Program Evaluations
Camp America recruits exceptional international students and young people to serve in counselor and support roles at a wide variety of American summer camps nationwide. The program carries its own Exchange Visitor Program sponsorship through the U.S. Department of State in both camp counselor and summer work travel categories. While the minimum age is eighteen, most participants are mature university students, graduates or professionals. All speak fluent English and undergo a rigorous screening and eligibility process.

Camp America provides additional opportunities for young internationals to travel in the U.S. We place counselors who teach every skill imaginable, as well as participants who contribute behind the scenes in areas such as camp maintenance, kitchen and office. Participants, American staff and campers all benefit from the exchange of cultures, customs and skills that comes from integrating internationals into the American summer camp experience.

In 2019, Camp America was honored with the prestigious Ben Appelbaum Advocate for Youth Award from the SCOPE organization (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education). SCOPE provides children from underserved communities with life-changing opportunities.

“The three happy summers I spent with Camp America as a student taught me many things, including how to take responsibility for one’s life and to get on with people from different backgrounds. These qualities proved invaluable in my career as an explorer and mountaineer.”

—SIR DAVID HEMPLEMAN-ADAMS, BRITISH INDUSTRIALIST AND ADVENTURER

David Hempleman-Adams was the first person to walk to both the North and South magnetic and geographic Poles and has climbed the highest mountains on all seven continents.
“It was one of the best things I ever did. It brought me out of my shell and developed my people skills to levels I didn’t think were possible. It has helped me make friends and gave me the confidence to push myself further and leave my comfort zone more. Camp has also helped with my career prospects, both by boosting my CV and giving me confidence in interviews.”

—JAMES, UK, CAMP AMERICA PARTICIPANT

“I feel I have grown up a bit, learning important things that will stay with me forever. Seeing kids smile as a consequence of something you have done is possibly the most rewarding thing.”

—CARLY HARRIS, UK, CAMP AMERICA PARTICIPANT

PARTICIPANTS

Camp America participants apply for the opportunity of a unique cultural exchange experience in the United States. The program is renowned worldwide as a chance to gain valuable experience while building self-confidence, teaching and acquiring new skills.

Our screening process ensures that they arrive prepared to share their talents and culture with others. Campers learn much about the world and benefit from personal interaction with these enthusiastic and dedicated individuals adding a unique dimension to camp life.

We seek individuals whose skills meet the demands of host camps. Recruitment offices are located in the UK, Germany, Poland and Australia. Close partnerships with reputable organizations in numerous other countries truly make us a global program.

To learn more about becoming a Camp America participant, visit us at www.campamerica.co.uk.

95% of participants stated it was a compelling and meaningful life experience

Results of Participant Outcomes Study
HOST CAMPS

In addition to adding an international aspect to their programs and securing skilled applicants, host camps receive unequaled service and support every step of the way. We offer the largest selection of qualified applicants in the exchange community.

Each camp is assigned an experienced and dedicated account representative who is relationship-oriented and a professional in the field of cultural exchange. Representatives thoroughly get to know their camps’ and are experts in finding just the right match. Camps also search for and select applicants by utilizing our user-friendly online matching system. We pride ourselves on exceptional program support for camps and safeguarding participant health, safety and welfare.

We also offer unique Camp Directors’ Fair opportunities to meet and select Camp America applicants face-to-face.

“We have been hosting talented people through Camp America for over 25 years. We truly believe the staff who we work with from around the world enhance the camp experience for our campers, as well as enrich the overall culture of our camp.”

— DAYNA HARDIN, DIRECTOR, LAKE OF THE WOODS CAMP & GREENWOODS CAMP

For more information, please visit: www.campamerica.com
Exceptional Educational Travel for High School Students

www.acis.com

Established 1964

17,000 students per year

HIGH SCHOOL & GROUP TOURS

98% of respondent ACIS Group Leaders would recommend ACIS to a colleague

97% of our respondent participants rated their experience as “good” or “excellent”

Results of ACIS Evaluations
The American Council for International Studies (ACIS), together with the original AIFS high school program—founded in 1964—has helped over half a million students discover the world on teacher-led study tours. By traveling on an ACIS educational tour, students develop global mindedness while gaining insight not just from seeing famous places, but also from observing life in and around these locations. A commitment to changing lives through cultural travel has made ACIS the most respected name in educational travel.

A PERSONALIZED TRIP FOR EVERY TEACHER AND EVERY VISION

We know every teacher’s idea of the perfect trip is different. That’s why we offer so many program options. All ACIS programs are personalized to best suit your unique goals and vision—and are always exceptional!

**Classic Favorites**

ACIS was built on these itineraries. Over the years we’ve kept in step with teachers, and their curriculums’ ever-changing needs, and all of our tours include experiential and enriching educational activities. The balance of cultural connections, sightseeing and unstructured exploration time varies, but each is designed to maximize your experience.

**Leadership Programs**

ACIS’ Youth and Young Women’s Leadership Projects not only inspire, but help participants to develop the characteristics necessary to be a leader: empathy, adaptability, courage and strong communication skills. Each of our leadership projects includes connections with local leaders, cultural immersion opportunities and international student exchanges.

**Language Immersion**

To truly understand and appreciate another culture, you need to live it. Our homestay and language study experiences emphasize interacting with locals for an immersive linguistic experience.

**STEM-Focused Trips**

Our STEM programs provide thoughtful, hands-on ways for teachers and their students to connect science, technology, engineering and math to the real world.

**Service Learning**

ACIS Service Learning projects provide students the opportunity to actively contribute to the local community in a meaningful way. Projects range in duration and intensity, but each is developed to benefit the local community, all the while enhancing students’ understanding of the world.

**Custom Tours**

Over 75% of ACIS programs are customized, modified and tweaked. We don’t wince; we welcome the opportunity to make the tour your own. So whether you’d like to design a custom experience from scratch, modify an existing itinerary or enhance a school exchange, that’s where we shine!
Encore Tours

www.encoretours.com

Encore Tours is the performance travel division of ACIS. Encore organizes performance tours for choirs and church choirs, marching bands, concert bands, orchestras and jazz ensembles. Successful music programs and great music travel go hand in hand. Our customized touring packages help define a sense of purpose for ensembles, build ensemble unity and strengthen friendships. They help boost the ensemble’s reputation in the community and enhance recruitment and fundraising efforts. And, perhaps most importantly, they allow diverse cultures to come together and share in the universal language of music.

With Encore Tours, performing before a packed concert hall in historic cities can be more than a dream; we not only take you to inspiring venues, we also provide all the behind-the-scenes support you need to make performance magic happen. We guarantee audiences at all performances, and we take care of the details, so you can enjoy the trip of a lifetime.

“The meticulous planning by Encore made this trip everything I could have hoped for. They care so much about the happiness of the director and students and work tirelessly to make things right.”

— CATHYANN RODING, BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR, CONNECTICUT
**ACIS Canada: Adventure Begins Here**

Our Canada travel programs offer an immersive French language and cultural experience that is just a bus ride or short flight away from many schools in the United States. French teachers find that a trip to a French-speaking areas of Québec City and/or Montréal represents an excellent first language-focused trip for younger students or an attractive alternative for more advanced French classes that may have traveled to France previously.

For non-French speakers, Toronto, the financial and cultural capital of Canada, is the fourth biggest city in North America and home to an incredibly diverse set of immigrant populations. It boasts a wide array of world-class cultural institutions from theaters to museums to restaurants to concert halls. We offer itineraries that stay in Toronto or connect to Ottawa and Niagara Falls.

**ACIS USA: Face-to-Face with History**

Setting off to explore our nation’s historical sites and cultural heritage is the start of a lifetime of discovery. Maximize the impact of your school trip by partnering with our travel experts to craft the perfect educational program for your goals and needs. Because a better travel experience today creates more engaged, independent and motivated thinkers tomorrow.

ACIS offers full service tours to Washington D.C., New York City, Boston, Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia and Alaska.

Our Spanish on Location tours are unique in the industry and help improve Spanish language skills and gain a deeper appreciation for world cultures with itineraries filled with Latin American-focused activities and museum visits in major Hispanic cities in the United States and Puerto Rico.

“I think the things that kids remember most is field trips. This trip is going to create a memory that they’re going to have forever. It’s also taking what we learned in the classroom and bringing it to life.”

— NICOLE FANNONEY, GROUP LEADER, MASSACHUSETTS

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Comprehensive Insurance Coverage for the International Education Market

www.culturalinsurance.com

Established 1992

APPROXIMATELY 190,000 participants per year

Customized individual & GROUP PLANS

100% of respondent sponsors would recommend CISI

98% of respondent sponsors rated their overall experience as “excellent” or “good”

Results of CISI Evaluations

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CISI is the market leader of study abroad and educational travel insurance coverage and has insured over one million participants worldwide.

CISI maintains relationships with financially stable insurance carriers, all rated A or better by A.M. Best, and provides travel, technical and medical assistance as well as claim paying services.

Whether you are a study abroad student traveling outside of the United States, an international scholar coming to the U.S. or an educational travel group, CISI has individual and group insurance solutions to fit your needs and budget.

Our participants travel to more than 190 countries annually, including Costa Rica, Italy, Brazil, Egypt, China, the United States and more. Our international and sister offices give CISI direct connections in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Africa and Australia.

CISI also functions as an authorized Third Party Administrator with a fully automated claim payment system and a staff of professional claim examiners with authority to effect direct payment of claims. Claims are processed promptly and efficiently and can be paid directly to foreign providers in multiple currencies through our London operations center.

STRENGTH OF UNDERWRITER
CISI plans are underwritten by ACE American Insurance Company. Our underwriter is rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best, A+ (Strong) by Standard & Poor’s, and A2 (Good) by Moody’s. (Coverage may also be placed with Arch Insurance and AIG.)

“CISI was very responsive and helpful as we started our international program. We had tried other insurance companies and were not successful. We had such bad experiences with others that it was hard to believe it could be so easy to work with an organization.”

—Crossroads Community
In 2001, CISI acquired the European-based organization CareMed International Travel Insurance, expanding our capacity to offer quality insurance products to international educational and cultural exchange programs and individuals worldwide. Through long-term and sustainable partnerships and well-founded market knowledge, we are able to offer policies that are adaptable to program requirements.

With over 25 years of experience, CareMed is the definitive and reliable insurance coverage provider for exchange program participants. We offer three levels of world-class insurance coverage at an affordable cost to participants with flexible payment methods available.

CareMed is run by our offices in the U.S. and Germany.

For more information or to request a quote, visit us at www.caremed.biz.

**BENEFITS TO OUR CLIENTS:**

- Multilingual, 24-hour emergency travel assistance
- Various policies with possibility of combination
- Easy online application
- Transparent brand support
- Cost-saving
- Profitable partnership
COVERAGES INCLUDE

- Accident and sickness medical coverage in compliance with U.S. Department of State minimums (with higher limits available)
- Accidental death and dismemberment
- Fully assisted medical evacuation and repatriation
- Worldwide trip/program cancellation coverage
- Tuition reimbursement benefit
- Trip interruption benefits
- Return airfare expense benefit
- Emergency family reunion benefit
- Baggage and personal effects
- Personal liability
- Political evacuation
- Security and risk consulting services
- Comprehensive security benefits to include coverage in the event of natural disasters

"CISI was extremely easy and very affordable. I was relieved to find out how easy it was to enroll and that it would be affordable for a student doing an unpaid internship. It definitely contributed to my peace of mind."

—ALLISON SHURILLA, STUDENT

"I have had to see CISI in action with students having a medical emergency. I have never received a complaint from students or parents about support or reimbursement problems. I am extremely pleased with CISI’s coverage."

—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"The service is excellent. Everyone is treated as an individual with respect. CISI professionals know our program and our specific needs."

— UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS (EDUCATION ABROAD AND GST)

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Opportunities for International Students in Australia

86% of our respondents would recommend Au Pair in Australia.

89% of our respondents stated that Au Pair in Australia met or exceeded their cultural exchange expectations.

Results derived from AIFS Australia surveys completed January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

Established 2005

Approximately 2,000 participants per year
Whether you’re a first time traveler or a seasoned one – AIFS’ Australian programs offer the opportunity to be more than just a tourist.

**Au Pair in Australia** offers an immersive cultural experience with an Australian family for au pairs ages 18 through 30. Au Pair in Australia is an amazing way to experience the Australian way of life whilst living with an Australian family and caring for their children. Being an au pair lets you combine your childcare experience with 6-12 months of adventure and travel in one of the most popular travel destinations in the world. We will match you with the perfect family in your preferred location – city, regional or county. With families located in every state and region of Australia, there is a family which will be perfect for you! Au Pair in Australia includes airport pick up, 2-day Sydney orientation plus a dedicated community counselor to support you throughout your placement. So if you are looking to add international experience to your CV plus have an amazing cultural exchange experience, start your Au Pair in Australia application today.

**Work & Travel Australia** is your on-the-ground concierge – find a job, have your CV checked, or plan an amazing trip around the country with our experienced travel consultants. For those wanting a more unique experience, Farm & Travel ticks all the boxes. Popular with those with a limited amount of time, Farm & Travel combines the beauty of Sydney with an unforgettable rural experience. For those who can’t choose, we also offer the option to combine programs so you can maximize your time down under.

Every AIFS Australia program includes airport transfer, initial accommodation and an orientation to introduce you to the Aussie life and culture. Our center, located in the heart of downtown Sydney, gives you members only access to our travel and job desks, free computers, WIFI, and a dedicated AIFS lounge. During your stay in Australia you will be supported by our experienced team who will give you insider tips on places to go and things to do, plus practical advice to help you make the most of your experience.

“My favourite thing about being an au pair was the relationship I made with my host family and children. It was always so rewarding when the children were excited to see me”. — ANNALISSE, FORMER AU PAIR

For more information visit us today:  
Study Abroad Opportunities for Students from Germany

Established 2001

Over 130 UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS IN 9 countries

98% of interested students placed
IEC - International Education for Global Minds, a leading university representative and educational consultant based in Berlin, Germany, recruits students from Germany to study abroad at one of the IEC Partner Universities in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Spain, Singapore, Malaysia or China.

IEC represents foreign universities and offers a comprehensive consultancy and marketing service to its partner universities. IEC was one of the first agencies certified by the American International Recruitment Council (AIRC), a non-profit organization focused on safeguarding the interests of both international students and enrolling institutions through the promotion of ethical recruitment strategies. IEC provides free support to German students throughout the process of applying to study abroad.

IEC OFFERS COMPLIMENTARY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS THAT INCLUDES:

- choosing a study abroad program
- financial aid planning
- application assistance

“IEC has been, and will continue to be, one of San Diego State University’s biggest and most valuable agents in Europe. We are very excited about IEC joining forces with AIFS, and the prospect of welcoming a new market of gap year students to sunny San Diego!”

— CHAD SCHEMPP, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SDSU
IEC SERVICE TO GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

- partner of international offices for free-mover mobility
- provides stats and student feedback to German universities
- all IEC services for German universities are free of charge

IEC SERVICES TO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY PARTNERS:

- consultancy advice for building a semester program that suits the German market
- positioning semester programs in the German market, including benchmarking against other providers
- quality management, i.e. providing turn-around stats (time from university receiving the application until an admissions letter is issued)
- organization of national roadshows
- targeted online campaigns such as a University of the Month Campaign, Social Media Ambassador Campaign, Podcasts
- information website with more than 10 sub-pages for each of its partner institutions
- comprehensive printed IEC Study Guide distributed through German university staff to students

MEMBERSHIPS

- AIRC (American International Recruitment Council)
- EAIE (European Association for International Education)
- NAFSA (Association of International Educators)
THE GERMAN MARKET

- Germany is typically a study abroad market: Most students go abroad for only one semester as a fee-paying (so-called free mover) student during their Bachelor or Master’s degree.
- High academic level: Based on QM surveys conducted by our partner universities, IEC students generally outperform the average GPA.
- Mature and self-sufficient students: Most students will already have lived on their own for a couple of years before going abroad. They fit in easily and contribute extensively to student life.
- High level of English language proficiency: Most students learn English from age seven or earlier and easily manage academic studies in English.
- No visa issues: German students usually have a 100% success rate with their visa application.
- High conversion rate: The conversion of applications from IEC reach reaches up to 98%.

“What IEC offers perfectly complements the existing portfolio of FAU and extends the opportunities for our students to discover the world.”

— JÖRG REISNER, INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES AT FRIEDRICH-ALEXANDER-UNIVERSITÄT ERLANGEN-NÜRNBERG

“Unsurprisingly, my study abroad semester in Vietnam including my travels afterwards were the most intense and formative times in my entire life. I did have high expectations but they were exceeded. I realized how small my world was before and see even the most usual things at home differently now.”

— JAN-PHILIPP ARPS, EUROPA-UNIVERSITÄT VIADRINA FRANKFURT (ODER), SEMESTER ABROAD AT RMIT VIETNAM

For more information, please visit: www.ieconline.de
High School International Exchange

98% of our respondent students would recommend the program

97% of our respondent students rated their experience as "excellent" or "good"

Results of 2017-2018 AYA Student Evaluations

Academic Year in America is an independent organization working closely with AIFS.
Academic Year in America (AYA) brings nearly 700 international high school students ages 15-18 to the U.S. annually to live with carefully screened and selected volunteer American host families for a semester or academic year on U.S. State Department approved J-1 Visas.

The aim of the program is to help international youth develop a greater sensitivity to and appreciation for American life and to stimulate Americans’ interests in other cultures and languages.

The AYA program is administered by full-time staff in the main office in Stamford, Connecticut, and supported by a network of over 250 Local Coordinators across the U.S. who monitor and supervise the students and host families. AYA works cooperatively with international partners from around the world to screen and select the most qualified students for the program.

AYA STUDENTS

AYA students are the best young “ambassadors” of their country. They have studied English for at least three years and have solid academic records. AYA students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and are accepted to the AYA program after careful review. AYA accepts only those students who show the maturity and desire for this special experience.

AYA host families are able to select a student based on gender, nationality and shared interests and hobbies. Qualified host families can review student profiles on our website, with their Local Coordinator or by working directly with the national office to find the perfect match for their family.

AYA students arrive with their own spending money and full medical insurance. They are the best and brightest representatives of their country and share a desire to become part of an American family.

AYA students come from more than 55 countries. The majority come from Germany, Brazil and Italy.

AYA is proud to work with the FLEX Program (Future Leaders Exchange) and the YES Program (Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program). These programs are funded by the U.S. Congress and administered by the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

“Our students have brought so much joy to our lives—we have fun sharing daily activities and holidays with them. Every year I get Mother’s Day cards from my sons and daughters around the world.”

—ACADEMIC YEAR IN AMERICA HOST MOTHER
AYA VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

Host families are volunteers united by a desire to know and love a young person from abroad as a “son” or “daughter.” A host family’s commitment is altruistic: to bring a little more understanding to our world. A host family’s responsibility is to provide the student with a bed of his or her own, a place to study and meals, but their commitment to AYA and their new “son” or “daughter” goes well beyond that.

Just as there is no “typical” American family, there is no “typical” host family. Retirees, single parents, young couples and couples with and without children of their own are all able to give an AYA international student a good home. Host families come from many walks of life and represent different generations. They come from all over the United States and live in suburban and rural areas.

AYA LOCAL COORDINATORS

AYA Local Coordinators are responsible for finding and screening host families, making placement arrangements with the high school and supervising the exchange students throughout the year. Supervising requires checking in regularly with the student, host family and high school; submitting reports to the AYA national office and being available to the student, host family and high school should questions or concerns arise. Local Coordinators help ensure students are safe through regular monthly contact. Many Local Coordinators are host parents themselves.

If you are interested in becoming either an AYA host family or AYA Local Coordinator, visit us online at www.academicyear.org.
“Hosting an exchange student has given me the power to help with bridging the gap between our culture and others. It may seem small, but it has taught me that even just one person can make a difference.”

—ACADEMIC YEAR IN AMERICA HOST MOTHER

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Programs for Gifted, Academically Talented, and Creative Youth

www.giftedstudy.org

Established
1984

2,000
students per year

GIFTED PROGRAMS
ages 5–17

88%
of our 2019 respondent students
would recommend the Innovators
(Residential) program

92%
of our 2019 respondent students
would recommend the
Investigators (Day) program

Summer Institute for
the Gifted is an
independent
organization working
closely with AIFS.
Founded in 1984, SIG organizes three-week residential and day programs for almost 2,000 academically talented young people from all over the world each year, adding an important and enriching supplement to their regular education.

SIG blends a strong academic program of traditional and multidisciplinary courses, an opportunity for cultural exposure, social growth and varied summer program activities. SIG is a program of the American Institute For Foreign Study Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

EVERY SIG PROGRAM INCLUDES:

*Signature STEAM+ Curriculum*

SIG has had a unique curriculum for gifted students for more than 30 years that applies creative thinking across multiple disciplines to solve real and authentic problems. SIG curriculum encompasses multiple fields of science and technology (STEAM), plus humanities and fitness.

*A Connection with Peers*

SIG creates a community of like-minded students from all over the world who share common interests, abilities, and goals.

*A Safe and Secure Learning Environment*

Student safety, security, and health are the top priorities at SIG.

SPONSORS

The following organizations sponsor SIG students: Alliance Global, Carmel Hill Foundation, Carmel Hill, Colorado, Qatar Foundation, Sacha Charitable Foundation, Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation, SIG Financial Assistance, and NSGT trustees, donors, and members. More than 200 gifted students from socially disadvantaged areas receive scholarships or financial assistance each year.
“My children’s happiness means everything to my husband and I. They look forward to attending SIG each year. It’s amazing listening to them in the car discussing their academic experience and teachers.”

— SIG Parent, SIG Day Program at Fairfield University

86% of respondents would rate the SIG program as making students feel “good” or “great.”

Results of 2019 Student Program Evaluations

INNOVATORS PROGRAM
Students ages 9-17 gain independence while taking a wide variety of exciting classes at the following universities:

- Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania
- Emory University, Georgia
- Princeton University, New Jersey
- University of California at Berkeley, California
- University of California at Los Angeles, California
- University of Miami, Florida
- Yale University, Connecticut

There is a range of fees for Innovators Programs, based on location and program options. Students may choose to live on campus (Residential option) or commute daily (Day option or Day + Evenings & Saturdays option).

“My 3 children have been participating in SIG camps for several years - As international students, their language and academic abilities greatly improved, SIG boosted the kids understanding of social interactions in the US settings and the best ways to learn - i.e. by doing. So many thanks to the professional teams at SIG! We’ll be back!” — PARENT, SIG AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

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INVESTIGATORS PROGRAM
Students ages 5-12 participate in captivating courses created to enhance existing talents while remaining close to their local community. Programs are offered in:

- California
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- Washington

Investigators Programs are open to students for half-day and full-day sessions.

For more information visit us today: GiftedStudy.org
Publications

In addition to cultural exchange and educational programs, AIFS produces studies and publications on topics including cultural exchange advice, trends and outcomes. For more information on how to obtain copies of these and other AIFS publications, visit www.aifs.com/publications or call us at (866) 906-2437.

To order specific information for any programs listed in this brochure, please visit the program websites or order at www.aifs.com/brochurerequest

Sir Cyril: My Life as a Social Entrepreneur
The autobiography of Sir Cyril Taylor, AIFS Founder and Chairman. Sir Cyril reflects on his life and accomplishments during his long and distinguished career in education and public service in the U.S. and UK.

AIFS Student Guide to Study Abroad and Career Development
The goal of this guide, written by Martin Tillman, is to provide students with a framework to understand the impact and added value of study abroad for their career development. Regardless of duration or destination, we believe students will benefit from considering the career implications of their decision to study abroad.

AIFS Study Abroad Outcomes I & II:
Volume I:
An analysis of two decades of alumni regarding the impact of their study abroad experiences on their personal and professional lives and program participation trends between 1990 and 2010.

Volume II:
Revisiting and expanding on our 2010 offering, this publication is a longitudinal study of personal, intercultural and career development based on a survey of AIFS alumni from 1990 to 2017.

Au Pair In America Outcomes
A View from Our Alumni 1986–2016
A fuller picture of the long-term impact of the experience of being an au pair—on both a personal and professional level—living with American families, caring for their host’s children, and taking classes in communities throughout the nation.

Summer Institute For the Gifted
Program Outcomes Assessment: Long-term Benefits to Alumni
An overview of the long-term impact of participating in SIG programs. The study reflects both the academics as well as the social and personal experience that impacted alumni.

The Making of a Five-Star Future
The Transformative Power of Educational Travel on High School Students’ Education & Careers
A collection of statistics and stories of past ACIS travelers who went on to travel more and study harder. It depicts how early travel experience abroad helped them become the people they are today.

Academic Year In America Outcomes
A View from Our Alumni 2003–2012
A perspective of how the AYA program benefited its participants. The study reflects on the participants’ personal growth, long-term connections and overall deeper understanding of diverse cultures and people.

Camp America Outcomes
Assessing the Long-term Cultural Impact of the U.S. Summer Camp Experience for International Staff
This publication was created with the overall goal of obtaining evidence of outcomes consistent with J-1 legislative intent. We identified specific measurable objectives relative to intrinsic program value and participants’ perceptions of the United States, its culture and its people.
business conditions, along with women's lack of property rights. They call attention to significant challenges that continue to present a driver for social and economic development. The report also notes the trajectory of Latin America's higher education industry over the last few decades. Key issues discussed include: higher education's role in advanced workforce development, trends in academic mobility and outcomes for brain circulation, government-sponsored study-abroad scholarship programs, U.S. government exchange programs with Latin America and more.

Women in the Global Economy: Leading Social Change
An exploration of the landscape of women's participation in the economy and the key role that women play in fueling economic growth by creating stable societies. The book notes the trajectory of transformation that has gained a foothold in recent years, where investing in women is increasingly seen as a driver for social and economic development. The report also calls attention to significant challenges that continue to present themselves in the form of discriminatory laws, regulations and business conditions, along with women's lack of property rights.

The report also notes the trajectory of Latin America's higher education industry over the last few decades. Key issues discussed include: higher education's role in advanced workforce development, trends in academic mobility and outcomes for brain circulation, government-sponsored study-abroad scholarship programs, U.S. government exchange programs with Latin America and more.

Innovation through Education: Building the Knowledge Economy in the Middle East
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A Student Guide to Study Abroad
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