









## Two German-Fulbright Programs Benefit Students

The UK Office of International Affairs (OIA) hosted the UK German Fulbright Diversity Institute August 22-September 26. Through this collaboration with the German-American Fulbright Commission, 20 undergraduate students were chosen from populations traditionally under-represented at German universities and invited to experience life as University of Kentucky students for five weeks. A related program called Destination Germany gave 20 UK students the opportunity to attend the Fulbright-Hertie Summer Academy in Potsdam, Germany.

Although the two programs were funded by separate grants, they shared similar objectives. According to the German-American Fulbright Commission, which is led by Executive Director Rolf Hoffmann, the primary goals are to introduce the students to life, culture, civilization, society and values and familiarize them with important events that have shaped the other country. This was the inaugural year for Destination Germany, which organizers hope to continue. It was the second year UK was selected as a host institution.

The Lexington institute featured afternoon seminars by various UK faculty and administrators regarding different aspects of U.S. history, culture, society and education. Each student also had an opportunity to attend a class related to their specific major or another area of interest. The group visited area attractions and participated in local events each week, including Natural Bridge, Shakertown, the Muhammad Ali Museum in Louisville and the UK-UofL football game.

All of the students were impressed by the strong sense of community on UK's campus. "Studying at the University of Kentucky has been an awesome experience," said Melisa Berktaş who is originally from Bremen. "The Americans are generally very friendly and open-minded, which made it easy for me to feel comfortable in the United States."

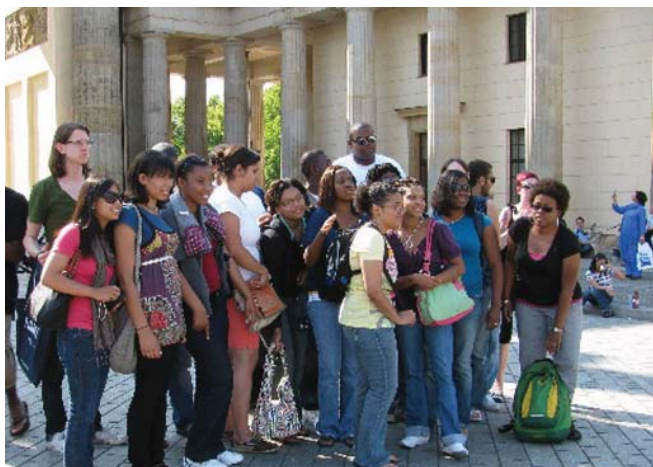
The incoming group arrived on August 22 in time for "K Week," and one of their favorite activities was participating in UK FUSION (UK For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhoods,) which allowed them to meet many American students.

"It was a nice experience to be a part of something huge like that," Anisa Memovic said of UK FUSION. "People were giving without expecting anything back." Memovic is a 21-year-old student originally from Sarajevo.

The Fulbright Commission and the Hertie Foundation provided funding for 20 deserving students to study in Germany, May 30 – July 7. Participants were selected by a committee based on academic performance and other considerations, as well as their potential to contribute to and learn from the program.

Dr. Judy "J.J." Jackson, UK's vice president for institutional diversity coordinated the Destination Germany effort and looks forward to its continued success. "We are excited that UK and the Fulbright Commission can offer this wonderful opportunity in collaborative commitment to diversity," she wrote in a letter to students.

Both UK and the Fulbright Commission look forward to future partnerships.



UK students paused for a photo near the Brandenburg Gate while on the Destination Germany trip.



German Fulbright Diversity Institute participants attended the UK-UofL football game in September.

## Enhancing UK's Global Reach

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primary work of the Council will be conducted through its eight subcommittees.

These committees, bolstered by input from ex officio faculty and staff members, will address key policy decisions that direct UK's international agenda, from education abroad to an undergraduate certificate in Global Studies. Immediate issues to be addressed by the IAC include a UK policy on the use of third-party recruiters (agents) for international students, policies for education abroad enrollment and risk management and a broad strategy for establishing "2+2" partnerships with international universities that seek to offer UK credits or equivalent coursework.

The IAC will continue the work of the Internationalization Task Force, convened in 2007 and co-chaired by Beth Barnes, director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications and John Yopp, associate provost for educational partnerships. Collaborating with the Internationalization Laboratory of the American Council on Education (ACE), the Task Force was charged with assessing the current state of international teaching, research, engagement and co-curricula at the University of Kentucky, as compared with benchmark and peer institutions, and recommending strategies for increasing the international dimension of the university's statewide, national and global missions.

In January 2009, to strengthen the transition from planning to implementation, a Peer Review Team organized by the ACE visited UK, met with numerous individuals, examined UK's progress and issued their stamp of approval. In addition to ACE membership,

the site visit team included experts from Michigan State University, the University of Montana and the Indiana university system. The evaluation group praised the Task Force's "Global Kentucky" Strategic Plan, which outlined specific goals and metrics to be addressed from 2009-2014.

"The University of Kentucky is clearly fortunate to have support for internationalization from many faculty and administrators," states the ACE team's report. "UK is well-positioned to continue its work in internationalization because it has all the key ingredients: leadership, energy and systems for establishing learning goals and assessing their outcomes."

The review committee also recognized the changes that are already underway, in terms of international activity. UK has achieved significant gains both in the number of students who participate in education abroad and in the number of international undergraduates. International opportunities for students have also been enhanced through the creation of the International Studies major and new General Education requirements focusing on global dynamics.

In addition, various possibilities for joint or dual degrees are under discussion at the undergraduate and graduate levels. UK has numerous successful international partnerships such as "Destination Germany," a program funded through a grant obtained by the German-American Fulbright Commission that allowed 20 UK students to visit Potsdam, Germany for five weeks this summer.

The "Global Kentucky" Strategic Plan builds on this momentum. It redefines and reiterates the role of the UK Office

of International Affairs as a campus-wide resource which, along with the IAC, will strive to meet the needs of faculty, staff and students.

In order to implement these newly identified objectives, two new positions have been created. Susan Carvalho, Professor of Hispanic Studies, was named Associate Provost for International Programs. In this role, she has oversight of OIA, will serve as chair of the International Advisory Council, and will represent internationalization priorities at all administrative levels. Another key objective set forth by the strategic plan is the enhancement of development efforts, including the activation of UK's international student alumni network. Toward this goal, former OIA Director David Bettez has assumed the role of Director of External Relations in the Office of International Affairs. In this capacity, his work will focus on international Development through corporations and alumni networks, as well as securing grants and agreements with international institutions.

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy praised the Task Force for their accomplishments, saying, "I am very pleased that the Internationalization Strategic Plan has been completed. It is thoughtful, thorough, comprehensive and fiscally responsible. In my opinion, the drafting of this Internationalization Strategic Plan is a critical step in charting UK's path to achieving its Top 20 mandate."

To read more about the Task Force and the university's ongoing commitment to internationalization, visit <http://www.uky.edu/ITF/>.

## UK Partners with Indonesian Universities

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research and extension programs to make them more relevant.

- Assisting in the development of management systems that will diversify the universities' income sources and provide more support for the broad-based mission to assist the region.

"This partnership not only helps improve Indonesian universities, but it also allows UK faculty members to apply their research, teaching and other technical skills in an international context," said Mike Reed with International Programs for Agriculture. "The University of Kentucky is well-known in Indonesia, where it has been active since 1955, so the partnership allows another generation of Kentucky and

Indonesia faculty/staff to collaborate."

To date, there have been 70 different Indonesian faculty member visits to UK (for periods of up to four months.) UK has also provided several short courses in Indonesia, including Using Geographic Information Systems, Scientific Writing, Econometrics and Community Development. There have also been technical assistance visits by UK faculty members in the following areas: Education (assessments, teacher preparation), Computer Science, Food Science, Accounting, Sustainable Agriculture, Transportation and English as a Second Language.

During the delegation visits to the University of Kentucky, discussions were

initiated regarding potential "2+2" programs, whereby courses would be offered on the Indonesian campuses that would, essentially, replicate UK courses in General Education or pre-major areas. The courses would be taught in English, and the students would then transfer to UK to pursue the remaining two years of their undergraduate degrees. Options such as "3+2" programs, which would result in the awarding of a BA and an MA, are also under discussion. This system could serve as a model for partnerships with other international universities, and it is already in place at many of UK's Benchmark institutions.

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## Ugandan Social Work Course Has Far-Reaching Applications

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Kampala on HIV prevention and social development in 2011.

The professors worked with the social work department at Makerere University and are assisting with developing an accreditation process for social work education in Uganda and on ways to expand the role of social work practice in the country. As a result, faculty at Makerere are considering entering the doctoral program at UK in social work.

Many activities have continued since the group returned to Kentucky. Charles Tuhaise, the president of the Social Work Association in Uganda, recently visited the College of Social Work to study the accreditation process and standards for social work education as well as the curriculum. He also gave a special presentation with the students who participated in the Ugandan course. The College of Social Work student association is currently working on a fundraiser to

build a school in the rural community of Budaali. The professors are submitting a grant to fund the expansion of Kawempe Home Care and are planning on offering the course again next summer.

The social work program in Uganda as well as broader opportunities for the entire university can be sustained and expanded through the relationships that have been built through these efforts. They represent the beginnings of what is hoped to be a long-term relationship and investment in fostering a potentially greater presence of the University of Kentucky in Uganda.

### *The Fair is Coming.*

Students and faculty are encouraged to attend the

### Education Abroad Annual Fair

Wednesday, October 14  
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Walkway between  
William T. Young Library and  
Rose Street

## Former Israeli Prime Minister Olmert to Visit UK

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will deliver a public lecture at the University of Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Mr. Olmert's lecture is the first of two the university will sponsor this academic year as part of a continuing campus and community dialogue on the Middle East. In March 2010, the university will host the visit of a prominent Palestinian public figure to be announced at a later date. Both speakers will offer their views on the prospects and preconditions for peace in the Middle East. The goal is to inform the university and Kentucky communities and to facilitate thoughtful dialogue.

### Education Abroad @ UK Update

In 2008-2009, 590 UK students studied abroad for credit for a total of 625 terms, which represents an increase of more than 4 percent over the previous year, despite the economic downturn and the H1N1 pandemic.

Just over half the students studied abroad on summer/winter programs, 4 percent on full-year programs, and the rest on semester programs. Sixty percent of these students are female, nearly 80 percent are undergraduates and their average GPA was 3.397 at the time of application. Over 60 percent of the students traveled to Europe, with Latin America representing nearly 13 percent of the destinations. The rest are fairly evenly divided among the other world regions.

This discussion will be sustained in the long-term by the establishment of the Peace House Living-Learning Community in cooperation with the Office of Residence Life at the University of Kentucky. Peace House is conceived as a student residential community dedicated to the cause of peace, both locally and internationally.

"The University of Kentucky intends to establish Peace House as a site of civil discourse, creative and respectful thought and action, and hope," said Provost Kumble R. Subbaswamy.

Mr. Olmert's lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. to be followed by a question and answer session. While the lecture is free and open to the public, tickets



Ehud Olmert

must be reserved in advance of the event. Individuals can reserve up to four tickets in advance in person only at the Singletary Center Ticket Office. Schools and community groups may contact Richard Greissman, at (859) 257-2471 or richard.greissman@uky.edu, for more information about group seating.

Education Abroad administered 16 UK-sponsored programs last year that were led by 19 faculty and staff Program Directors and Co-Directors, on which 92 students participated for credit.

Those programs were sponsored by eight colleges: Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Design, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Sciences and Social Work. The Honors Program and the Discovery Seminar Program also sponsored programs. Destinations included Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia, North America (Mexico), Central America, South America and Africa.

A search committee is conducting interviews for an Assistant Director

of Education Abroad. This is a new position created as a result of recommendations of the Education Abroad subcommittee of the Internationalization Task Force. More than 100 applications were received from the United States and abroad.

Students can choose from nearly 4,000 accredited programs, and 1,000 of the most popular programs appear in a searchable online database at [www.uky.edu/IntlAffairs/EA](http://www.uky.edu/IntlAffairs/EA).

Education Abroad Student Ambassadors, or EASAs, are available for classroom presentations of any length. Please contact the EA Main Office at (859) 257-4067, ext. 252 or [EducationAbroad@uky.edu](mailto:EducationAbroad@uky.edu) for details.

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