



INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS FUND

Building on its stellar 40-year legacy, intercultural learning remains a pillar of an EMU education. All EMU undergrads take the required Intercultural Learning course that incorporates best practices in experiential education and intercultural theory to prepare them for professional and personal success and for leadership and citizenship in a diverse country and world.

SUPPORT THE INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS FUND

We aim to raise \$500,000 in new gifts by 2028 – \$400,000 for direct student aid and \$100,000 for faculty support. In addition, to sustain the long-term impact of the Intercultural Program, we welcome named endowment gifts of \$50,000 or more.

We invite your generous support!

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INCREASE ACCESS TO LIFE-CHANGING INTERCULTURAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS

Today's EMU students face two major barriers to Intercultural Program participation:

COST AND TIME. Compared to years past, a higher percentage of EMU students today lack the financial means to fund an off-campus program.

COSTS

Program costs for Intercultural Travel Program participants include tuition, room and board, and a program fee, which can range from \$3,000 to \$7,000. All of these factors heighten the need for financial support for students, especially in the summer when their financial aid doesn't apply.

OUR PLANS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO INTERCULTURAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

- Invite alumni to fund need-based grants for deserving students by giving to the Intercultural Programs Fund
- Offer more domestic Intercultural Program options to decrease travel fees and increase access for students who lack travel documents
- Incorporate Intercultural Programs into core curriculum as a seamless part of an EMU degree
- Develop specific Intercultural Programs targeted to majors/disciplines whose course requirements make it difficult for them to participate in off-campus experiences

THE INTERCULTURAL IMPACT

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES



Studying abroad in Bolivia (2017) was arguably the best thing I could have done at that time. **It taught me faith over fear, perseverance, cultural humility, resilience, and so much more.** From the plane trip to living with a host family it was all way out of my little secure bubble of a comfort zone. I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

– DANIELLE DAVIDSON '19
(NURSING)



My Middle East intercultural experience has had a tremendous impact on my career in public accounting. **My time abroad enhanced my soft skills and global mindset, which are invaluable in the workplace today.** From the simple things, like being more comfortable navigating solo travel on work trips and teaching me planning and time management skills, to enhancing my cultural understanding and sensitivity while working with globally active clients and colleagues around the world, my intercultural experience continues to have an impact on my career, helping me better serve clients and build a more inclusive workplace.

– DARIAN HARNISH '13
(ACCOUNTING),
Senior Manager, RSM US LLP



There was a part of me that did not think that I could do this trip. The first reason was because of the expense. The second was because I did not think I would be brave enough. I am usually scared to talk to people and learning how to cope with it out of the country was hard, but I made it through. I leaned on my classmates and professors for guidance and learned more about myself.

– JAYDA JONES '26
(SOCIAL WORK),
Switzerland/Germany 2025,
recipient of a grant from the
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