



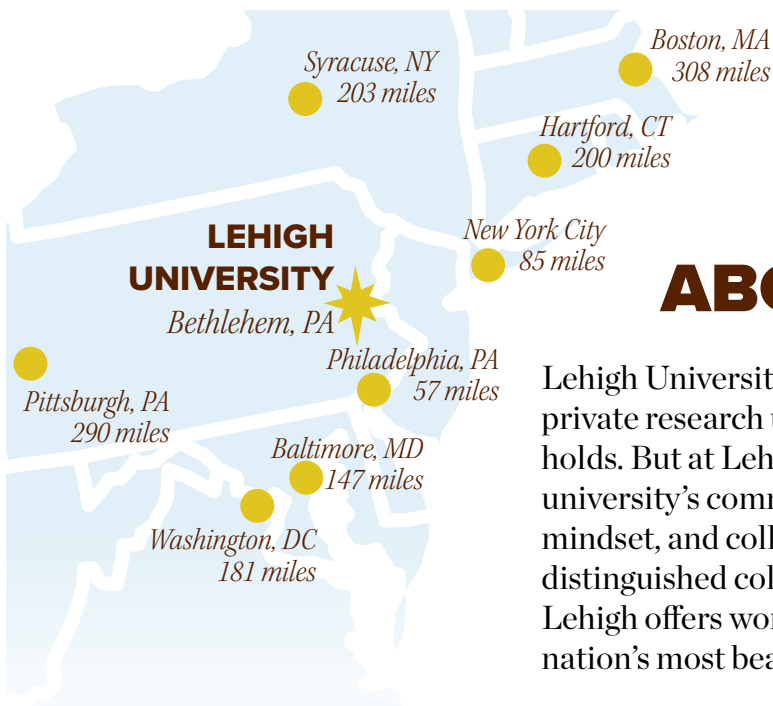
Global *Lehigh*

2023-2024
Partnerships
Activity Report



LEHIGH
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ABOUT *Lehigh University*

Lehigh University is one of the nation’s most distinguished private research universities. Many wonder what the future holds. But at Lehigh, we shape it together through the university’s commitment to academic rigor, and entrepreneurial mindset, and collaborative opportunities. With five distinguished colleges and an ideal student-to-faculty ratio, Lehigh offers world-class academic opportunities on one of the nation’s most beautiful campuses.

Lehigh University is located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which is part of the larger Lehigh Valley area. The region includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton, as well as neighboring municipalities. More than 1,000 international students from 82 countries enrolled at Lehigh during the 2023-24 academic year, bringing the university’s international enrollment to only slightly below pre-COVID levels.

ABOUT *Global Lehigh & GPSI*

Lehigh’s Office of International Affairs (OIA) prepares students and other stakeholders to engage the world, address global challenges and live lives of meaning. It does so by fostering an understanding of one’s individual and interconnected positions in the world, and cultivating an open-minded approach to the world that encourages respect, curiosity, and engagement with diverse perspectives.

Global Partnerships and Strategic Initiatives (GPSI) is the central point of contact and coordination at OIA for international activities undertaken by Lehigh’s colleges and units, and for external institutions that want to engage with Lehigh University. It advises at all stages of partnership development, including identifying funding opportunities; developing custom programs; hosting in-bound exchange students, visitors and delegations; and coordinating with internal and external stakeholders.

LEHIGH'S *International Partnerships (2023-2024)*

Below is a map and table of all the global partnership institutions with which Lehigh University has a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU). It does not include educational institutions with which we've had discussions or collaborations without having a formal MOU in place.



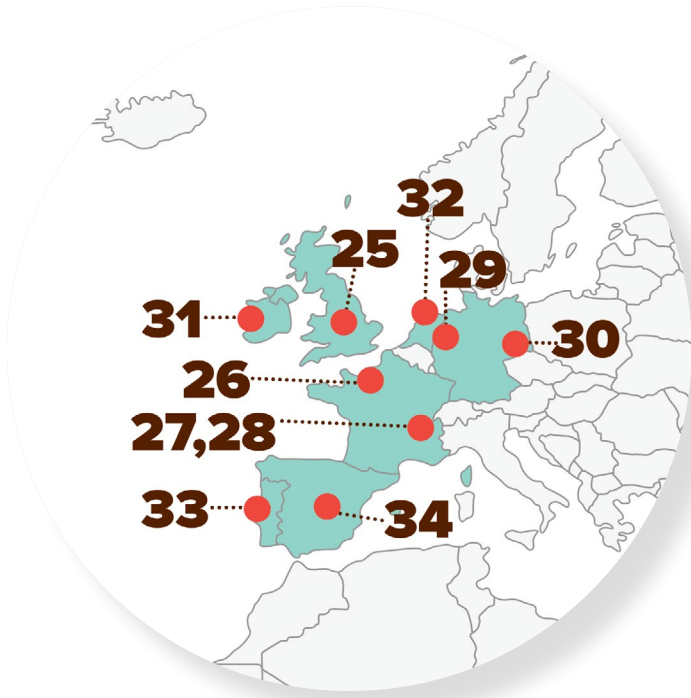
- 1 Donghua University**
China
- 2 East China Normal University**
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- 3 East China University of Science and Technology**
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- 4 Tongji University**
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- 5 University of Science and Technology China**
China
- 6 Chinese University of Hong Kong**
Hong Kong
- 7 Hong Kong University of Science & Technology**
Hong Kong
One exchange student at Lehigh
- **8 Ashoka University**
India

- 9 IIT Bombay**
India
One exchange student at Lehigh
- 10 IIT Kharagpur**
India
TESSI Conference
- 11 OP Jindal (Jindal Global)**
India
- *12 SRM Institute of Science & Technology**
India
- **13 VIT Bhopal University**
India
- 14 Kanazawa University**
Japan
- **15 Nagoya Institute of Technology**
Japan
- 16 Nara Women's University**
Japan

- 17 Waseda University**
Japan
- 18 Almaty University**
Kazakhstan
- 19 Suleyman Demirel University**
Kazakhstan
- 20 Universitas Teknologi Petronas**
Malaysia
- *21 Forman Christian College**
Pakistan
- 22 Sogang University**
South Korea
- 23 Singapore University of Technology and Design**
Singapore
One exchange student at SUTD; one at Lehigh
- 24 University of Taipei**
Taiwan

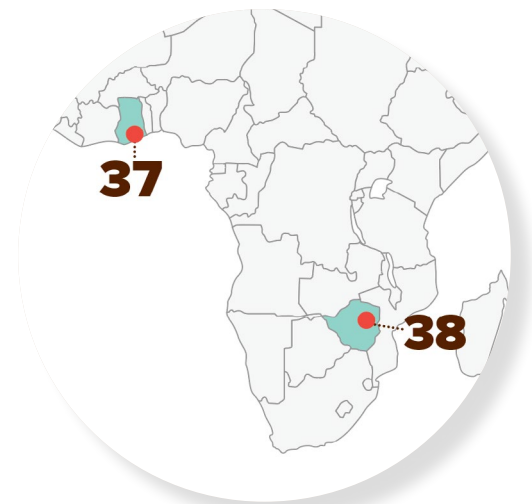
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LEHIGH'S *International Partnerships (2023-2024)*



- **25** University of Nottingham
England
- 26** ESIGELEC
France
- 27** Grenoble INP
France
- **28** INSA Lyon
France
- *29** Technical University of Dortmund
Germany
- *30** Technical University of Dresden
Germany
- **31** University of Galway
(previously NUI Galway)
Ireland
- 32** University of Groningen
Netherlands
One exchange student at Lehigh
- **33** FLAD
Portugal
- 34** Universidad Pontificia Comillas
Spain

- 35** Universidad de la Sabana
Colombia
- *36** Universidad San Francisco de
Quito



- 37** The African Center for Governance
and Economic Management
Ghana
- 38** Africa University
Zimbabwe

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2023-2024 PARTNERSHIP *Highlights*

Universidad San Francisco de Quito Ecuador



In his first overseas trip as Lehigh president, Joseph J. Helble '82 visited Ecuador, Colombia, Guatemala, and Panama in November and December 2023, continuing Lehigh's long history of engagement and collaboration with Latin American nations. During his stay in Ecuador, Helble delivered a speech at USFQ on Nov. 30 as part of the institution's prestigious Chancellor's Lecture Series.

The series has featured prominent speakers from all around the world, including Nobel Laureates, former heads of state, business leaders, and distinguished scholars. "Lehigh is a truly international campus, and global engagement is crucial for our graduates to thrive professionally and personally in today's international arena," Helble said during his speech.

Through exchange and COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning), 25 USFQ students have engaged with Lehigh, and 35 Lehigh students engaged with USFQ.

Technische Universität Dortmund Dortmund, Germany

Lehigh University and TU Dortmund, a technical university in the Ruhr region of Germany, have enjoyed an active and highly successful institutional partnership for the last 24 years. In 2023, they took their collaborations to the next level, gathering to discuss how they can leverage their long-standing relationship to positively impact innovation and entrepreneurship in both the Lehigh Valley and the Ruhr region.

A delegation from TU Dortmund visited Lehigh in October 2023 for a symposium called "Empowering Regional Impact Through Entrepreneurship: The Role for Universities." After the symposium, representatives from both institutions participated in intensive roundtable discussions to identify shared challenges in both their communities, establishing short- and long-term goals for continued collaboration over the upcoming months. One student from TU Dortmund completed an exchange at Lehigh in the fall of 2023, and two Lehigh students participated in internship opportunities at TU Dortmund during the summer of 2023.



2023-2024 PARTNERSHIP *Highlights*



SRM Institute of Science & Technology Chennai, India

SRM Institute has a strong reputation in engineering and life sciences research and education, as well as extensive experience partnering with international universities for academic research and collaboration. Lehigh and SRM have partnered to establish an undergraduate experience and integrated BS/MS program in bioengineering.

Up to five students will be admitted to the M.S. program in bioengineering at SRM annually, and an equal number of students from SRM will perform experiential summer research at the Lehigh campus. The first set of SRM students came to Lehigh for a semester-long experiential research program in Fall 2023. This marks only the beginning of a fruitful partnership that will allow both institutions to leverage opportunities to offer bioengineering courses on a reciprocal basis.

Forman Christian College Lahore, Pakistan

During the Fall 2023 semester, Lehigh students taking a multilingual writing course participated in a three-week virtual exchange with students from the Forman Christian College in Lahore, the capital of the Pakistani province of Punjab. The students examined cross-cultural memoirs and engaged with the writing process, all while learning to use digital tools to augment written texts and build intercultural communication skills.

The collaboration occurred through Lehigh's Virtual International Exchange (VIE) Community of Practice, which fosters student learning by integrating international partner faculty and students in assignments, group work, and discussions via innovative technology for virtual global collaborations. Through VIE, Lehigh Language Specialist Jessica Harbaum established a COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning), a method where instructors in different countries pair courses virtually, incorporating collaborative assignments, group projects, and shared lectures. A total of 36 Lehigh students and 22 Forman Christian College students have participated in COIL to date.



2023- 2024 FACULTY & STAFF *Highlights*



Anand Ramamurthi

**Chair of the Department of Bioengineering
P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science**

Ramamurthi has played a pivotal role in helping develop Lehigh global partnerships with higher education institutions in India. He helped establish Lehigh's connection with SRM Institute of Science & Technology, and was instrumental in the creation of a new partnership with VIT Bhopal University (see page 8), with which Lehigh will collaborate through faculty exchange, student exchange, and the joint curriculum development. A member of the Lehigh in India Steering Committee, Ramamurthi was selected in 2023 for the Lehigh University Provost Faculty Fellows Program, which helps faculty foster institutional changes at Lehigh through work on projects while gaining experience in higher education leadership.



Jodeen Joyner

**Senior Study Abroad Advisor/
Exchange Program Manager
Lehigh University Office of International Affairs**

Joyner is the Exchange Program Manager for the OIA's revitalized bilateral exchange program, Global Exchange Lehigh (GEL), in which students come to Lehigh for studies from an institutional partner, and Lehigh students in turn are sent to study at the partner's campus. Joyner helps connect participating students with faculty advisors, plans activities throughout the semester, and ensures their needs are being met. Fourteen students visited Lehigh for studies or research through this program during the 2023-24 academic year, coming from university partners in such countries as Ecuador, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, and Singapore.



Michael Lehman

**Director, M.Eng. in Technical
Entrepreneurship at Lehigh
Professor of Practice at P.C. Rossin College
of Engineering and Applied Science**

When Lehigh and TU Dortmund representatives gathered for a symposium in October 2023, they discussed opportunities for collaborative work in the area of entrepreneurship. As part of this objective, TU Dortmund students visited Lehigh for a week in March 2024 to participate in Technical Entrepreneurship (TE) Week, under Lehman's leadership. A week-long academic immersion for graduate students studying entrepreneurship, TE Week challenged student teams to identify an invention and develop a commercialization plan. Lehman works to create academic courses and cross-campus programs to provide hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for students, and that work matched perfectly with Lehigh's partnership with TU Dortmund.

2023-2024 PARTNERSHIP *Additional Activity*

In addition to the partnership faculty highlights featured on pages 5–7 of this report, below are a few other examples of activity from the past year with some of Lehigh University’s important global partnerships.



Ashoka University
India

Lehigh and Ashoka University extended its successful partnership another five years in 2023 and established a faculty exchange agreement and articulation agreement. This allows Ashoka students to articulate into five Lehigh master’s programs, including English, physics, environment policy, data sciences, and the Masters of Engineering in Technical Entrepreneurship program. Four Ashoka students participated in Creative Inquiry and Baker Institute programs during the summer of 2024. Lehigh hosted one exchange student from Ashoka in spring of 2024.



FLAD
The Lusio-American Development Foundation

Lehigh and FLAD signed an MOU in 2023, Lehigh Vice President and Vice Provost for International Affairs Cheryl Matherly plans to speak at FLAD’s annual conference in October 2024.



INSA Lyon
France

Lehigh is pleased to announce the newly established partnership with INSA Lyon. They have been involved with the Global Village for several years and are now institutional partners that allow for student and faculty mobility and research collaborations.



Nagoya Institute of Technology
Japan

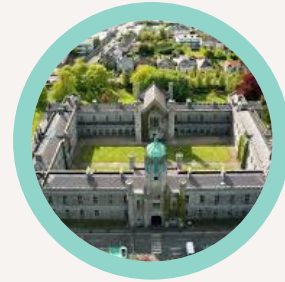
Lehigh welcomed three undergraduates from NiTECH in fall of 2023. They conducted research in labs under the supervision and guidance of physics Professor Dimitris Vavylonis, who will mentor three more students from NiTECH in the fall of 2024.

2023-2024 PARTNERSHIP *Additional Activity*



TU Dresden
Germany

In May 2023, Lehigh and TU Dresden signed an MOU during a ceremony that capped a visit to the City of Bethlehem by a 45-person delegation from Germany. Lehigh also welcomed one student from Dresden in the spring of 2024, and two Lehigh students completed psychology research in Dresden during the summer of 2024.



University of Galway
Ireland

Three students from the University of Galway were welcomed to the Lehigh campus in the 2023-24 academic year. Four students from Lehigh participated in summer research opportunities at the University of Galway in the summer of 2024.



University of Nottingham
England

Lehigh and the University of Nottingham have reconnected through multiple joint research publications in the fields of business and biological sciences.



Vellore Institute of Technology Bhopal *India*

Lehigh and VIT signed an MOU in the spring of 2024, and the two universities are also exploring opportunities for an integrated Bioengineering BTech/MS 3.5+1.5 year Degree Program, with the MS degree completed and awarded at Lehigh University.

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