

Education Abroad

FALL 2025 – SUMMER 2026

The Office of International Affairs offers a large variety of education abroad experiences, including study abroad and the Iacocca International Internship Program. The Study Abroad Office supports all international outbound programs on campus, providing guidance on program design and review; grant processing; assisting with recruitment and student eligibility review; and overseeing risk management, including health and safety protocol. Staff are on-call to support students as needs arise due to travel, health, security or other issues.

Experiences by Type

865*
Total Study Abroad Experiences:

273
Semester

260
Lehigh faculty-taught courses abroad

121
Short immersion experiences (2 weeks or less)

95
Global Social Impact Fellows experiences

75
Iacocca International Internship Program experiences

25
External transfer credit

13
Summer Exchange Partner

7
Lehigh-directed independent experiences

** = The number of total study abroad experience differs from the number of students who had an international experience because some students have multiple experiences in a single year.*

At a Glance

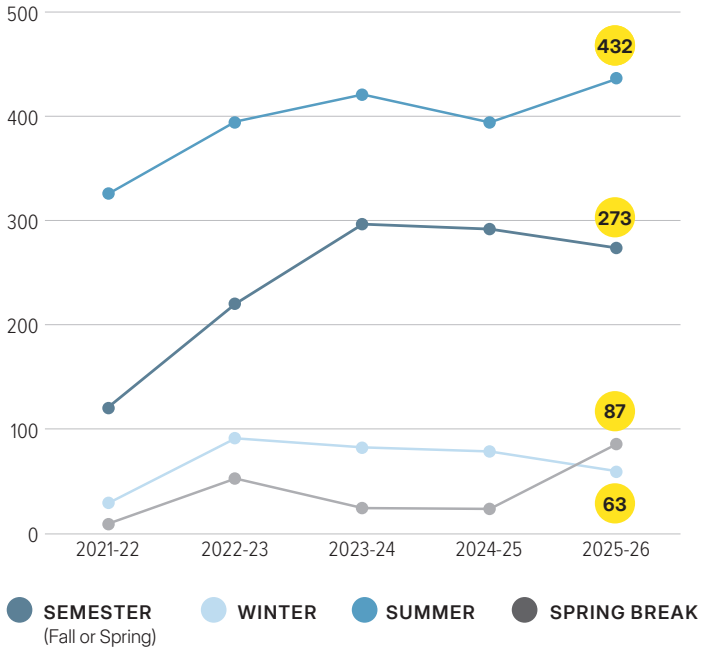
40%
of the 2026 graduating class had an international experience

821
Students who had an international experience in AY 2026

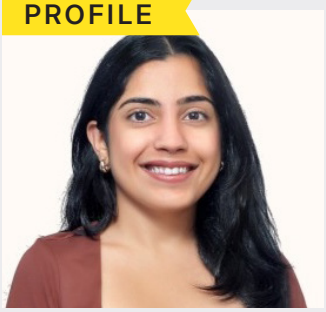
33%
Experiences that included internships, research, and/or community services

51
Number of countries in which students studied abroad

Experiences by Term



PROFILE



Avneet Kaur

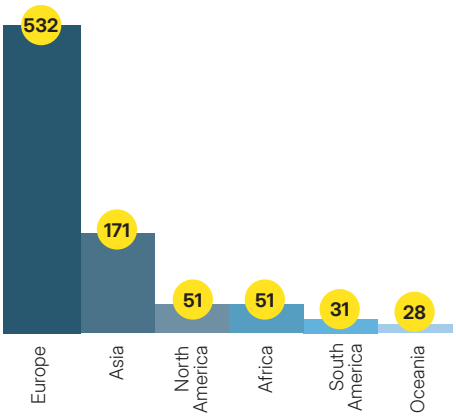
Avneet, a Lehigh University student studying computer science and business with a minor in entrepreneurship, spent summer 2025 interning at a startup in Santiago, Chile, through the Iacocca International Internship Program (IIIP). While there, she formed an unexpected bond with her host mother, Mari, despite initially speaking little Spanish.

Inspired by their relationship, Avneet created Llorona (Crybaby), a short film exploring how meaningful human connections can transcend language barriers. The film was selected as one of four finalists in the 2026 IES Abroad Film Festival. "She made me feel understood and cared for even before I had the words to tell her," Avneet said.

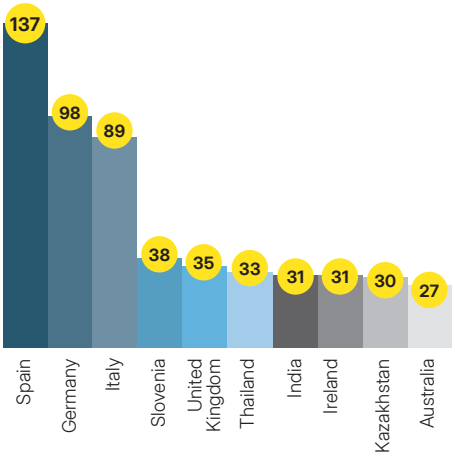
Avneet continued her international experiences in summer 2026, completing a software engineering internship in Germany through the prestigious UA Ruhr Fellowship.

Experiences by Region

Top Regions



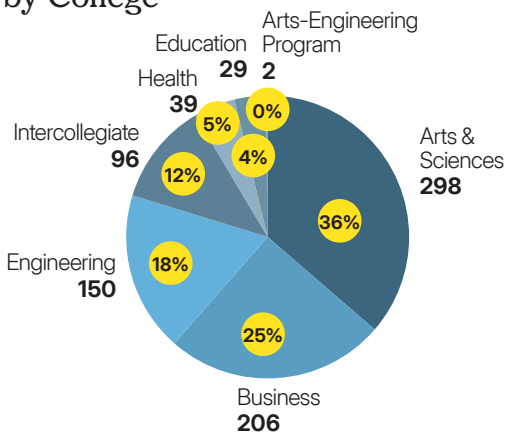
Top Countries



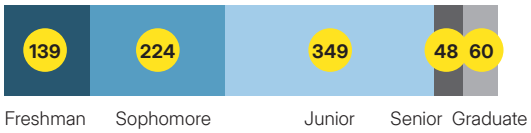
Other Study Abroad Destinations

- Brazil
- Chile
- Dominican Republic
- Ghana
- Mexico
- Portugal
- South Korea

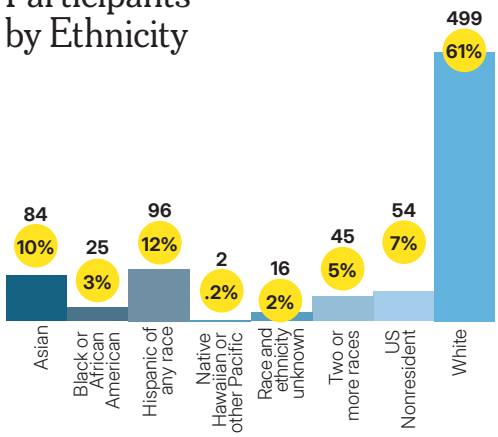
Participants by College



Participant Rate by Class

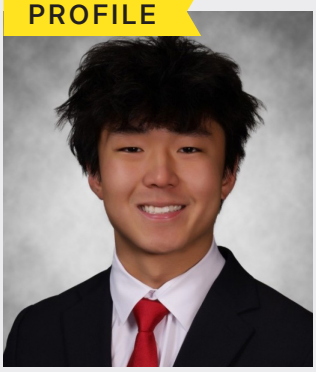


Participants by Ethnicity





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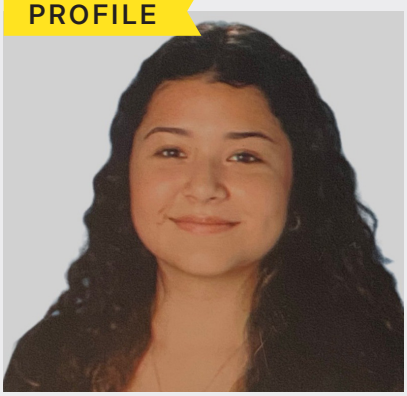


Jisue Kim ‘ 29

Jisue spent his Iacocca International Internship Program (IIIP) internship at Dolot Capital, an asset management firm in Lisbon, Portugal. Working alongside local colleagues, he gained a new perspective on leadership, recognizing how initiative, collaboration, and consideration for others can make an impact at every organizational level. The experience also strengthened his confidence in navigating cultural differences, asking questions, and adapting to unfamiliar professional environments.

“What I learned is that leadership isn't just reserved for C-suite executives,” Jisue said. “Leadership can be shown at every level.”

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Ana Sofia Mendoza ’24

Ana Sofia, a Lehigh University student double majoring in Political Science and Sociology, spent her IIIP internship in Armenia working with Nor Luyce, a nonprofit that empowers young women through education and career mentorship. Working alongside the organization’s founder, she helped secure a $25,000 grant from the US Embassy in Armenia to support its mission.

Her involvement with Nor Luyce extended beyond her internship. As a youth representative for the organization, Ana Sofia advocated on its behalf at the United Nations, an experience that helped lead to an internship with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

She completed her UNDP internship remotely while studying at Oxford University in England through the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

Access to International Opportunities

Share of First-Generation (First-Gen) Students

19% Study abroad students who identify as First-Gen

19% Overall students who identify as First-Gen

Share of Pell Grant Recipients

19% Study abroad participants who are Pell-eligible

16% Overall Lehigh students who are Pell-eligible

Passport to Success

Passport to Success is a one year mentorship program that connects first-generation and low-income students with high-impact learning experiences such as study abroad.

31 Number of students who participated in Passport to Success (2025–26)

70 Passport students (current and past) who participated in abroad experiences in 2024–25, out of 309 eligible students

Financial Need Participants

Lehigh is dedicated to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to study abroad, regardless of financial circumstances.

38% Students who participated in an abroad experience that received financial aid at Lehigh during the academic year

