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Newsletter

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New Collaborative Spotlight: Karaganda Buketov University, Kazakhstan

IU SoE representatives visited Karaganda Buketov and Nazarbayev Universities in Kazakhstan in the last week of October, 2025. Karanganda University invites and welcomes SoE’s engagement in its work to upskill its teaching force in Higher Education and in public schools. Dean Berry’s previous engagement in Kazakhstan paved the way for the visit by GIE’s Faculty Fellow, Faridah Pawan, accompanied by Higher Education doctoral student, Arman Zhumazhanov. This visit included the Bolashak HQ whose scholars have been a constant

presence at IU since 2005.

Photo descriptions:

Top left: Karanganda Buketov's Rector Dulatbekov; top center: Karanganda Bhuketov University; top right: Karanganda's friendship amulet for Dean Berry; bottom left: Nazarbayev School of Education; bottom center: Nazarbayev University; bottom right: Bolashak Scholarship HQ



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Scholar & Student Spotlight: International Education Week of Posters & Performances (November 10–14, 2025)

Monday

International Visiting Scholar Poster Session



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Tuesday

Wonderful Indonesia: An Interactive Celebration of Indonesian Culture by IU SoE's Doctoral Students



[See more photos »](#)

Wednesday

Hula Dance Class with Pacific Islander Student Association



[See more photos »](#)

Thursday

Global Gateway for Teachers' event "Principals Professionals, and Pizza: Journeys From Student Teaching Abroad to Becoming School Leaders"

From left to right: April Harper, Kids Director, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church; Adam Terwilliger, Assistant Director, Business Operations, MCCSC; Taji Gibson, Principal, Tri-North Middle School; Courtney Henderson, Principal, Binford Elementary School



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Friday

International Movie Night – Porco Rosso by Miyazaki’s Studio Ghibli

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Short-term Study Abroad Opportunity: Immersive English Tutoring in Batam, Indonesia

Spend two weeks tutoring children in conversational English on Batam Island in Indonesia this summer! Tutoring will involve students in grades K-10, learning conversational English. The hosting school will provide housing and meals. Students will also spend two or three days sightseeing and visiting an international school in Singapore.

This program requires enrollment in F203- Travel Study: Immersive English Tutoring in Indonesia.

Program contact: Katie Cierniak, kciernia@iu.edu

[Learn more »](#)



Webinar Series



Latest Webinar Recordings

[Nov 18: Multinational Pedagogies of Care \(McMullen & Powell\)](#)

The November webinar features a conversation between Mary McMullen and Sacha Powell. They share some key learning from their cross-national study of the interface between culture and pedagogy in relation to the education and care of one-year-olds in four countries.

[Oct 30: AI Pedagogies & Research in Türkiye & US \(Altun, Ozogul & Kale\)](#)

The October webinar features a three-way conversation between Professors Arif Altun (Hacettepe Üniversitesi), Gamze Ozogul, and Ugur Kale (IU). They examine how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and simulation-based learning can enrich preservice teacher education in both the U.S. and Turkey.



Grant Opportunities

Information is obtained verbatim from original sources

OVPIA Grants

Faculty

IU-Universität Hamburg Collaborative Grant

Seed funding for collaborative projects with high potential to lead to externally funded research, larger scale collaborations, jointly authored papers and/or common teaching activities at the undergraduate, master's, or doctoral levels. Faculty members from IU and UHH may apply jointly for up to 8000 USD.

Deadline: November 30, 2025

International Mobility

Travel for individual research or creative pursuits, including conference participation, archival research, and other short-term activities (for one-time trips, not related to an ongoing IU partnership).

Deadlines: February 1, 2026

International Collaboration

Visit a current or prospective partner university to strengthen or explore collaboration in teaching, research, or creative activity. There are two tiers of funding: smaller exploratory grants and larger grants to support teams of faculty on collaborative work with colleagues at established partners.

Exploratory deadline: Rolling

Deadlines: February 1, 2026

Primary Partner Faculty Grant

IU Global offers funding to faculty and librarians interested in participating in research projects with one of IU's primary partner institutions.

Deadlines: February 1, 2026

Global Gateway Grant

Engage in a wide range of activities and collaborate with our Global Gateways in Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Mexico City, and New Delhi.

Deadline: Rolling

Students

Ochoa-Becker Travel Grant for Graduate Students

Funding may be either for students to travel overseas on their own for academic purposes (such as teaching, learning and research) OR to support

travel in association with a faculty member (such as assisting in chaperoning a group of students on SoE's faculty-led overseas short-term studies programs).

Deadline: January 25, 2026

Primary Partner Graduate Student Grant

Funding to doctorate level students interested in participating in research, creative activity, or career development projects with one of IU's primary partner institutions.

For more information, email partner@iu.edu.

External Grants

Faculty

Ernst Mach Grant - Worldwide

The Ernst Mach Grant worldwide is targeted at young researchers from all disciplines and countries (except Austria) who wish to pursue a research project in Austria.

Target group: young researchers from all disciplines and countries (except Austria)

Duration: 1 to 9 months

Age limit: 35 years

Deadline: October to February 1st of the following year

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers

Highly-qualified international scientists and scholars from all disciplines who completed their doctorates less than 12 years ago and wish to spend extended periods of research in Germany are invited to apply.

Deadline: Any time

Technical University of Munich Global Visiting Professor Program

The TUM Global Visiting Professor Program offers the opportunity to recruit excellent professors from international universities for temporary teaching and research collaborations, thus further promoting the internationalization of TUM.

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Students

Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

This programme aims to support suitably qualified applicants to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship at an eligible higher education institution in Ireland for either one or two years. Among its features are:

- individual, prestigious awards for excellent research in the name of the applicant;
- an objective selection process using international, independent expert peer review;
- funding across all disciplines, from archaeology to zoology; and
- awards for bottom-up, non-directed research.

Deadline: March 5, 2026 (this call is repeated once a year)

ASA: Edward C. Bryant Scholarship for an Outstanding Graduate Student in Survey Statistics

This scholarship supports graduate students excelling in survey statistics, emphasizing potential contributions, applied experience, and academic performance. Selection of the scholarship recipient is made by the ASA Bryant Scholarship Award Committee based on the following criteria:

- Potential to contribute to survey statistics
- Applied experience in survey statistics
- Performance in graduate school

Deadline: March 1, 2026



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