

THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET: PROMOTING ACADEMIC QUALITY

This overview of the budgetary authority of the Office of International Affairs is intended to make the sources and uses of its funds transparent to the university community.

For full details of the University Current Funds Budget, please see <http://www.rpia.ohio-state.edu/KBPD/CFB/cfb-2007.pdf>.

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I. Office of International Affairs Fiscal Philosophy. Our budgetary authority will stimulate and enable the international dimension of The Ohio State University.

The mission of the Office of International Affairs at The Ohio State University is to create and support an environment that advances our institutional mission of achieving international distinction in education, scholarship, and public service.

The fiscal philosophy of the Office of Academic Affairs originates in this mission and is shaped by the six strategies of Ohio State's Academic Plan for expanding our institutional culture of academic excellence.

Founded on these institutional touchstones, the fiscal philosophy of the Office of International Affairs is that our budgetary authority will promote and enhance the international dimension of The Ohio State University. Our officers are committed to bringing rigor to budgetary decision-making and transparency to budgetary processes. Accordingly, in consultation with our stakeholders, we will do our utmost to deploy resources in the effective, timely, and prudent support of internationally focused academic accomplishment.

II. Office of International Affairs General Funds Budget. Its Sources.

General Funds Operating Budget.

The university's distribution of the general funds operating budget to central support units—like OIA—is determined during the central budget decision-making process. This annual process calls for all vice presidential areas, including the Office of Academic Affairs, to set forth the external mandates they must meet and to prioritize their service improvement requests.

These mandates and service improvement requests are then presented for consideration to the Central Support Unit Subcommittee of the University Senate Fiscal Committee, the full University Senate Fiscal Committee, the Council of Deans, and the President's Cabinet.

The executive vice president and provost and the senior vice president for business and finance develop recommendations about the allocations of funds and present them to the president for

review and approval. The final decisions are reported annually in the “Current Funds Budget” document submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees each September.

This process provides for the Office of Academic Affairs general funds operating budget, which comes from funds derived from the central tax on net marginal resources, the student services assessment; and the research assessment. Additional information about this distribution can be found at http://www.rpia.ohio-state.edu/budget_planning/budget_restruct.htm. OIA’s general funds are determined as part of this OAA budget process. OIA also receives a marginal increase or decrease in funds based on IS697 credit hours for students participating in approved Study Abroad courses. These funds are allocated based on a two-year rolling average of enrollments calculated by University Resource Planning and Institutional Analysis.

OIA General Funds Sources of Budget for FY2008

Central Support Base Allocation	Central Support Unit Guideline Increase	IS697 Marginal Credit Hour Allocation	Total General Funds Allocation
6,200,877	64,912	151,760	6,417,549

These monies are used to support strategic priorities, as described in the section that follows.

III. Office of International Affairs General Funds Budget. Its Uses.

General Funds Operating Budget.

The Office of International Affairs FY08 General Funds Operating Budget is allocated to support three major areas of international focus.

Academic Programs.....	\$1,194,527
International Students and Scholars	\$1,292,343
Study Abroad	\$3,930,680
TOTAL.....	\$6,417,550

The Academic Programs allocation supports five area studies centers and provides grants to faculty and students. The five area studies centers are the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), the Center for African Studies (CAS), the Center for Slavic and East European Studies (CSEES), the East Asian Studies Center (EASC), and the Middle East Studies Center (MESOC). The OIA area studies centers advance knowledge and awareness of international cultures and world regions. CSEES and EASC also administer interdisciplinary Master of Arts degree programs. OIA grants to faculty and students are awarded competitively to faculty and students engaged in international research or study.

The International Students and Scholars (ISS) allocation facilitates the immigration process for international faculty, scholars, researchers, and students. In addition, ISS delivers orientation, advising, and transition services to the university’s international faculty, scholars, researchers, and students from the point of pre-admission and pre-employment through departure and in some cases beyond as required by federal mandate.

The Study Abroad allocation facilitates learning experiences for Ohio State University students beyond U.S. borders. Study Abroad encompasses OSU-sponsored longer-term core academic programs, OSU-sponsored shorter-term cultural exposure programs, OSU co-sponsored

programs with international organizations, and OSU direct student exchange programs with international organizations.

These kinds of budgetary commitments provide direct support for the mission of OIA and contribute to realizing the vision of the Academic Plan.

IV. Office of International Affairs General Funds Budget. Value Added.

The Office of International Affairs Budget invests in the successful creation and productive dissemination of knowledge about key cultural and political areas of the world. The Office of International Affairs Budget invests in a strong core of international expertise that facilitates the successful immigration and productive assimilation of international faculty, scholars, researchers, and students into the university community. And, it invests in a strong core of study abroad programming expertise that facilitates the successful creation and productive administration of international learning experiences for Ohio State students.

OIA's investment of budgetary resources accelerates the internationalization of our campus and enhances the international visibility and reputation of our institution. These investments represent a crucial added value to Ohio State's ongoing quest for uneclipsed academic quality.