Here are some other ways we serve IU and its international community:

• **New International Student Orientation**
  Each year, IU Bloomington welcomes international freshmen, transfer, and graduate students to campus with our orientation programs and welcome activities, which include a one-on-one appointment with an OIS advisor; seminars on topics ranging from course registration to Social Security numbers; our annual ice cream social and parents reception; and much more.

• **International Education Week**
  Each November, OIS participates in this international event, which celebrates international education and exchange. Through a series of programs and events on campus and in the community, we focus on global issues and express our appreciation for international students and scholars.

• **Bloomington-Worldwide Friendship (BWF)**
  We have partnered with this community organization for more than 50 years. BWF helps international students adapt to the Bloomington community by matching interested students with local families for friendship and support. Visit [www.bloomington.in.us/~bwf](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~bwf) for more information.

The world can feel like a big place, especially when you move to a new country. Thousands of miles from home, international students, faculty, staff, artists, and researchers must deal with the challenges of starting college or a new job while adapting to a new way of life.

At the Office of International Services (OIS), we welcome international students, international scholars, and their families to the Indiana University community. We help them acclimate to American culture, make friends, and, over the course of their IU careers, reach their goals. Through our efforts, we try to make their world feel a little bit smaller.

We also encourage international students and scholars to share their cultures with the IU community. When they do, they make a smaller world for all of us.

**A worldwide reputation**
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To foster cross-cultural understanding and enable IU’s international students and scholars to accomplish their educational, social, and professional objectives.

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World Region Distribution of IU Bloomington International Students

- Africa: 2.2%
- East Asia: 5.9%
- Europe: 15.3%
- Latin America: 7.4%
- Middle East: 2.2%
- North America: 0.5%
- Oceania: 2.9%
- South & Central Asia: 8.0%
- Southeast Asia: 3.8%

International Scholars at IU Bloomington

Field of Specialization Percentage
- Science and math: 40.7%
- Communication, culture, and languages: 15.4%
- Education: 12.6%
- Psychology and social sciences: 8.4%
- Business: 6.3%
- Public and environmental affairs: 5.8%
- Visual and performing arts: 4.9%
- Other humanities: 3.9%
- Law: 1.9%
- 100.0%

Services in a small world—Support for students and scholars

In a small world, help is easy to find. OIS is a comprehensive resource for international students, faculty, staff, artists, and researchers. Our first priority is helping students and scholars meet the complex requirements for living and working in the United States. We pay close attention to policy changes, and we work proactively to keep the members of our international community up to date and in compliance with federal requirements.

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Technology is key to our proactive approach. Our information services and experienced staff enable efficient management of student and scholar data, and our iStart portal provides individualized, web-based services.

International students and scholars can use iStart to:
- View and update information on file with OIS
- Submit electronic form (e-form) requests for travel signatures, reduced course load authorization, program extensions, and more
- Access alerts and notes on file that require action in order to maintain legal status

University departments can use iStart to:
- Submit initial applications and requests to extend program authorization for J-1 scholars and H-1B employees
- Submit requests for university sponsorship of permanent residency
- And much more

We also work one on one with international students and scholars on:
- Acclimation to college and American culture
- Financial matters and planning
- Health insurance requirements
- Intercultural communication and training
- Orientation to campus and the community
- Permanent residency for IU faculty and staff
- Taxes via our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
- Visas and immigration regulations
- Work authorization

We look forward to meeting you.

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