USC Chan Division’s Global Initiatives Overview

May 20, 2023
Our Warmest Welcome to the USC Chan Family!
Community Time: Introductions & Home Scavenger Hunt
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Find one of the following objects to share:

• Something representing a valued occupation!
• Something that always makes you laugh or smile
• Something that reveals an aspect of who you are
• Your favorite object in your room!
Our Unique Global Laboratory
University of Southern California

• One of the highest numbers of international students of any US university

• Founder of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities

• Strategic Vision to “Connect the Individual to the World”
International Students @ USC

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Our Unique Global Laboratory

Los Angeles

• Most international city in the US
• 140 countries, 86 languages
• 8th largest economy in world
Emerged out of a commitment to build stronger relationships with the worldwide OT community
Two pronged mission:

– Expand our collaborative relationships with the global OT community (clinicians, researchers, educators, fieldwork instructors, students)

– Support and nurture our current international students
Meet the Team
Primary Global Initiatives Priority: Investing in Current International Students

From White Coat Ceremony....
Primary Global Initiatives Priority:
Investing in our International Students

To graduation and beyond!
Global Initiatives Office (CHP 161)

No appointment needed

Please come by anytime
GI-programs to support International students

1. International Student Mentoring
2. Community Building
3. Advocacy and Care
4. Celebrating our diversity
International Student Mentoring Program

• Current international student paired with recent USC Chan international alumni mentor

• Mentor available to provide informal support and guidance regarding wide variety of topics
Academic Mentoring Program

GI student mentor assigned to provide academic and social support throughout year
Community Building
International Student Advocacy

- What I Wish I Had Known Last Year as an International Student...
- APA Style Overview
- ‘Thriving After Graduation!’ alumni panel
Celebrating Diversity & Cultures

Saudi National Day

Diwali

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival
Global Initiatives

On-The-Ground Support

Global Initiatives teams deployed to meet regularly with small groups of international students
Friendtorship Circles

Global Initiatives Invites You To Join

Friendtorship Circles
October
Global Brown Bag Seminars

GLOBAL INITIATIVES PRESENTS
Transforming Western Perspectives:
LESSONS LEARNED FROM INTERNATIONAL OT
FEBRUARY 16TH, 12 PM-1PM  CLICK HERE TO RSVP
CLICK HERE FOR EVENT ZOOM LINK

DR. BONNIE NAKASUJI, OTD, OTR/L, C/NDT, FAOTA
Co-Founder, Therapy West, Inc.

DR. MARIKO YAMAZAKI-SANCHEZ, OTD, OTR/L, SWC
Head of the OT Department for Professional Child Development Associates

DR. JENNA KOBARA, OTD, OTR/L, SWC
Instructor of Clinical Occupational Therapy at USC
USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

MS. JOANA NANA SERWAAS AKROFI, OT
Newspaper Editor for the Occupational Therapy African Regional Group (OTARG)
University of Ghana BSC Occupational Therapy Alumni (2018)

“Building Partnerships Beyond Borders: Bucharest, Romania” 2021
Dr. Sharon Cermak

“Transforming Western Perspectives: OT in Ghana”,
Dr. Yamazaki-Sanchez, Dr. Bonnie Nakasuji, Dr. Jenna Kobara,
and Ms. Joana Nana Serwaa Akrofi
Global Pen Pal Program

Global Initiatives
Pen Pal Program

USC
Bethlehem University
ECR
Griffith University
National Cheng Kung University
University of Ghana
Global Pen Pal Program

Study Abroad Opportunities

Australia

South Korea

Denmark

Japan

...and more!
Student Exchange:
International Student Visitors

Kyorin University
(Japan)

Inje University, Soonchunhyang University, Yonsei University
(Korea)

Kaohsiung Medical University
(Taiwan)
Visiting Scholar Program:
Building Friendship and Collaboration

Visit from Frank Kronenberg
(November 2017)

James Lee visit to UST (October 2022)
International Faculty Collaborations

Global Initiatives Trip to Japan and South Korea (2022)
USC Chan Division’s partnership with Peking University Health Science Center to develop a graduate degree program in OT
Summer Occupational Therapy Immersion Program

In 2022, SOTI enrolled **78** students from **19** countries

- **4 week summer immersion course** designed to:
  - Overview **occupational therapy (OT)** practice in the US
  - Introduce **occupational science** and USC’s **rehabilitation research programs**
  - Familiarize students to the **academic culture** of an American graduate OT program
  - Facilitate the development of a **global perspective** of OT, health, & wellness

The Summer Occupational Therapy Immersion (SOTI) program at the University of Southern California is a four-week course specially designed for international occupational therapy (OT) students and practitioners who are interested in learning more about OT practice and education in the United States. The SOTI program aims to:

- Familiarize students with occupational therapy practice in the United States through lectures and visits to pediatric, adult physical rehabilitation, and mental health practice settings;
- Introduce students to occupational science and to USC’s cutting-edge research programs;
- Facilitate the development of a more global perspective of OT, health, and wellness;
- Provide opportunities to network with USC’s expert faculty members and with fellow international therapists.

Students admitted to USC’s post-professional master’s degree program are also encouraged to apply. USC housing is provided at no additional cost.

**Apply by March 15, 2022**
by emailing Daniel Park at parkdani@usc.edu

Early applications encouraged as admission offers are continuous.
Summer Occupational Therapy Immersion Program
Please fill out GI Survey if you haven’t

• Please complete our Pre-Arrival Google form: https://forms.gle/D6AGLdDfrmYW0qqm6

• Instagram Channels:
  – USC Chan Global Initiatives: https://www.instagram.com/usccchanosotglobal/
Fight On!

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