

Exhibitors

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The American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation is an independent foundation established to promote worldwide understanding through cross-cultural exchange. The Foundation's goals are to encourage Americans to learn more about foreign countries, their people, and languages and to increase the understanding of people from other countries about America.

Academic Year in America (AYA)— Foreign students live with an American family and study at a local secondary school for one semester or one full academic year. Students are assigned a local coordinator in the community who provides ongoing supervision and support throughout the program. The AIFS Foundation is proud to work with the **Partnerships for Learning Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program**—with scholarship students from predominantly Muslim countries and the **FSA/Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX)**—with scholarship students from Eurasia (former Soviet Union). Both the YES and FLEX programs are sponsored by the **U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.**

Countries Served: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, Germany, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

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Compass is an organization with a wealth of experience in international student and exchange insurance. Our options are both affordable and provide the most comprehensive coverage in the market.

Plan highlights include:

- 100% medical coverage option
- Excellent mental health coverage
- High level prescription coverage
- Online enrollment, waivers & claim information to simplify the enrollment and servicing process.

In addition, Compass has developed a variety of web-based content and tools that help support our client's effort to provide a safe and healthy educational experience. Compass's customer service arrangements are also designed for students and exchange programs. They include access to multi-lingual customer services and medical and emergency assistance that provide insured's with 24-hour access to emergency support and information.

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EF Foundation for Foreign Study is dedicated to international student exchange and education, with the purpose of encouraging cultural awareness and mutual respect among nations. Since being found in 1979, more than 90,000 students from 32 countries have been able to learn a language, become more independent, and make lasting international friendships through EF Foundation's programs.

The program offers students the opportunity to experience an academic semester or a full high school year in the USA. Program participants are interviewed and screened by school administrators, teachers, and personnel from EF Foundation's foreign affiliates. Students are prepared for their exchange experience through pre-departure materials, family informational meetings, and orientations. Many students choose to enroll in an optional language and culture preparatory camp in the host country.

EF Foundation staff work closely with a network of close to 1,000 trained local International Exchange Coordinators (IECs). These IECs are responsible for recruiting/screening families and providing ongoing support to schools, families and students throughout the year. Trained Regional Coordinators (RCs) assist the IECs locally and are also able to extend assistance to all participants. Additional support for students, host families and schools is provided by full-time staff in Boston and in the students' home countries, all of whom are linked by a global communications network.

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iEARN, the International Education and Resources Network, is the world's largest community of K-12 educators and students that come together through online collaborative project-based learning to improve the quality of education and cross bridges of culture, ideas, and understanding.

Students become global citizens while learning valuable 21st Century skills. Find out how students and educators can reach out to each other across vast distances to interact and work on over 200 projects with a click of a button. You'll find lots of partners from our existing network of more than 33,000 educators and 2,000,000 students from over 125 countries.

iEARN's projects are created by educators for educators and fit easily into the existing curriculum. We offer online courses and professional development workshops to help you internationalize your curriculum and make it easy to be successful using project-based learning methods. Learn about all subject areas from a different point of view, make connections with peers from all over the world, and build friendships that last a lifetime.

When you are a part of iEARN you're learning with the world, not just about it.

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The Center for Global Education at Loyola Marymount University has developed the GlobalStudent.us Online Courses for U.S. High School Students Interested in Study Abroad and the USStudent.us Online Courses for International High School Students Interested in Study in the U.S.

GlobalStudent.us and USStudent.us Online Courses, developed by the Center, researchers, and study abroad professionals, include a full range of information and tools in formats from text to multimedia (videos, animations, etc).

Course 1: Pre-Departure takes each student through practical issues like finding a quality program, engaging in cross-cultural and language learning, country of study, and health and safety issues.

Course 2: While Abroad provides enhanced content about special issues while abroad to support the quality of learning and preparation for the return home.

Course 3: Re-Entry deals with practical issues like the challenges of adjusting at home (“re-entry shock”), enhancing their global learning at home, doing outreach as a mentor to encourage other students to study abroad, and introducing them to opportunities to integrate their learning in college and career.

The new GlobalStudent.us and USStudent.us Online Courses can help students develop their education, career, and goals. Students who complete all three courses, study abroad, and provide outreach in their high school and community can earn the Global Student Certificate or U.S. Student Certificate, confirming their international learning through study abroad which can enhance their resume.

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The National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by Mobility International USA, provides advice and technical assistance to international exchange professionals and school administrators, faculty and staff on how youth with disabilities can participate in the wide-range of international study and volunteer programs.

Learn about our free information services and resources by visiting our exhibit booth and website. We can provide steps to take in preparing to host foreign students with disabilities and in sending American youth with disabilities overseas. During the conference, we can answer frequently asked questions about:

- Reasons to send or welcome youth with disabilities on exchanges,
- Legal obligations to provide services,
- Financial and logistical responsibilities,
- Community resources and supports,
- Issues of disclosure and documentation,
- Cultural differences related to disability, and
- Arrangement of disability-related accommodations.

You will leave with strategies for working with exchange students with all types of disabilities and awareness of where to find resources on topics such as:

- Assessing the Disability-Related Needs of Exchange Participants,
- Health and Travel Insurance Considerations, or
- Home stays: Finding Hosts for Participants with Disabilities.

Stop by our booth to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of youth with disabilities.

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PAX – Program of Academic Exchange is a non-profit, educational foundation committed to facilitating cross-cultural learning and international understanding, and assisting in the positive emotional and intellectual development of the world's youth. Founded in 1990, PAX offers the chance for students from over 45 countries to live with an American family and attend a local high school. As a PAX student, each participant has the opportunity to become part of a new community and culture. Through this integration, our students develop flexibility and coping skills, and the ability to adapt to new and changing situations—skills that are essential in our increasingly global society.

At PAX, we believe that international exchange is crucial to the education of all young people, both visiting students and those in the US, alike. Through their interactions, our hosting and visiting participants promote cross-cultural peace, friendship and understanding. While PAX students have the opportunity to experience life outside their home country American schools, students and families benefit from the diverse experiences and perspectives of their international students.

PAX seeks to increase mutual respect, to foster an appreciation of our similarities and differences, as well as enhance our ability to communicate with one another. We strive to provide a quality program that is small and personal, and we are committed to ensuring a valuable experience for our students, and the hosts that welcome them into their hearts and homes.

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Change Your Life, Change Your World. Join YFU USA for the Learning Adventure of a Lifetime.

YFU has been a leader in quality youth exchange programs since 1951. Each year, more than 4,000 students participate in YFU programs in over 60 countries around the world. YFU USA hosts 2000 international students annually in the United States, and maintains a generous scholarship program for American students. Of the nearly 600 Americans who go abroad with YFU each year, more than 70% receive some form of financial assistance or scholarship, making the YFU program accessible to qualified students regardless of their economic situation.

The YFU exchange program is a family living program: young people from around the world live with a host family in another country, attend the local high school on academic programs, immerse themselves in the local culture, and build friendships that bring countries together.

YFU has built a reputation for maintaining the highest quality programs in the field. YFU USA actively reinforces and supports the cross-cultural learning through support services to participants throughout the program, including cross-cultural orientation, counseling, and language tutoring. These services are delivered a network of 1,400 trained community-based volunteers supported by professional staff. Each participating YFU partner also maintains a national office and trained volunteer force to provide support and guidance to U.S. students abroad.