

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY



CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT  
*Division of Student Affairs*

# Global Connections

*Connect locally. Engage globally.*



## CGE Welcomes International Students

Florida State University's Center for Global Engagement welcomed 568 new international students (188 undergraduates and 380 graduates) to campus this fall from 83 countries and areas, making this the largest number of new incoming international students to arrive to FSU.

Of these new arrivals, 118 had been admitted to prior semesters and were studying remotely from their home countries due to visa delays and travel restrictions. Twenty-eight new admits for fall will have to study remotely this semester due to inability to get visas in time to arrive by the beginning of classes. More than 87 of FSU's incoming international undergraduate students are transferring from FSU's Republic of Panama branch campus, which serves as a hub for partnership development and U.S.-style education in Latin America. Students from the FSU-Panama campus come from various countries in Latin America, as well as the Republic of Panama.

Most new students attended virtual orientation sessions in August, as well as an in-person session on September 1 to meet their international student advisors and tour the campus. Students made new friends and networked during the International Coffee Hour on August 27 held for international students and scholars. To ensure that new and continuing international students stay up to date on immigration regulations and learn about resources and workshops available to them throughout campus, CGE sends out a monthly International Student Newsletter and provides additional resources on the CGE's Canvas organization site.

New student Anas Alghamdi from Saudi Arabia begins his master's in public health (MPH) this semester with the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. "I love FSU! I did my undergrad at the University of Michigan, and coming down here it's a different atmosphere. When selecting my graduate program, I searched for a major with a concentration in health policy," Alghamdi said.

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## COGS Supports FSU's Global Community

This summer the [Congress of Graduate Students \(COGS\)](#) donated three umbrellas for use on the terrace outside of The Globe to enhance outdoor seating options for those attending the Center for Global Engagement’s intercultural events.

COGS is the official representative body of graduate students at FSU and includes all post-baccalaureate, special, masters, specialist, professional, and doctoral students.

Chris Hagemeyer, COGS Speaker and fourth-year doctoral candidate studying biomedical sciences in the College of Medicine, attended International Coffee Hour in July to connect with international students and explore more opportunities for collaboration with the CGE.

“Taking care of our constituents is a primary concern. International student welfare is a major priority for COGS as they make up a substantial portion of our graduate student population at FSU,” Hagemeyer said. "We are interested in supporting programs that enhance the graduate student experience, and CGE does a lot for graduate students.”

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## Highlights

### Congratulations, Summer GCC Grads!



We would like to acknowledge all of the students who graduated with their Global Citizenship Certificate this summer.

Students took 4 courses (one required and three electives), attended eight intercultural events, and completed one sustained experience. Through the combination of cirricular and and co-cirricular activities, each developed global skills and knowledge that will help them in graduate school or their future careers.

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### GCC Information Sessions



INFO  
SESSIONS

Tuesdays  
3:00 PM  
Globe 2600

Thursdays  
4:00 PM  
Globe 2600

**Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | Thursdays at 4 p.m.**  
**The Globe Room 2600**

Through a combination of taking academic courses (1 required and 3 electives), attending 8 intercultural events,



and completing 1 sustained experience, you can earn your Global Citizenship Certificate and develop intercultural and communication skills and enhance your knowledge of global issues.

Attend an info session so we can talk about how our program can help you achieve your goals.

Mark Your Calendar

## Global Exchanges Information Sessions



**Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | Fridays at 12 p.m.**  
**The Globe Room 2300**

Join us to find out how you can study at one of FSU's 45+ international partner universities while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid.

You can view the complete list of FSU's Global Exchange programs at [globalexchanges.fsu.edu](http://globalexchanges.fsu.edu).

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## CGE Staff Highlight



The CGE staff extends their gratitude to our Communication and Data Manager, Rebecca Sage, for all that she has done to increase the visibility of the CGE through social media and marketing over the last five years.

She is a writer, graphic designer, and photographer, and is always the one taking the photos at our events but is never in any of them. We finally managed to capture her in action at International Coffee Hour taking pictures of our new students while mentoring her five-year-old daughter, Azlyn, on how to frame the perfect shot.

## Become a Global Ambassador



The Global Ambassadors Program (GAP) gives international students and visiting scholars at FSU the opportunity to be cultural ambassadors. Global Ambassadors engage in speaking opportunities throughout Tallahassee and present to community organizations, K-12 students, and FSU students. They have the opportunity to develop their public speaking and presentation skills in English, meet new people, and use the experience on their resume. We encourage FSU's international community of students, scholars, and faculty to join the program by applying using the link below.

Apply Now

## Earn Your Global Partner Certificate



Attend Bridging Cultures workshops this fall to earn your Global Partner Certificate. The certificate is designed to help participants develop cross-cultural competencies and increase their intercultural knowledge and communication skills.

These workshops are available to all FSU faculty and staff,





including graduate students who are on assistantships and internships. For the full schedule and registration information, click below.

[cge.fsu.edu/globalpartner](https://cge.fsu.edu/globalpartner)

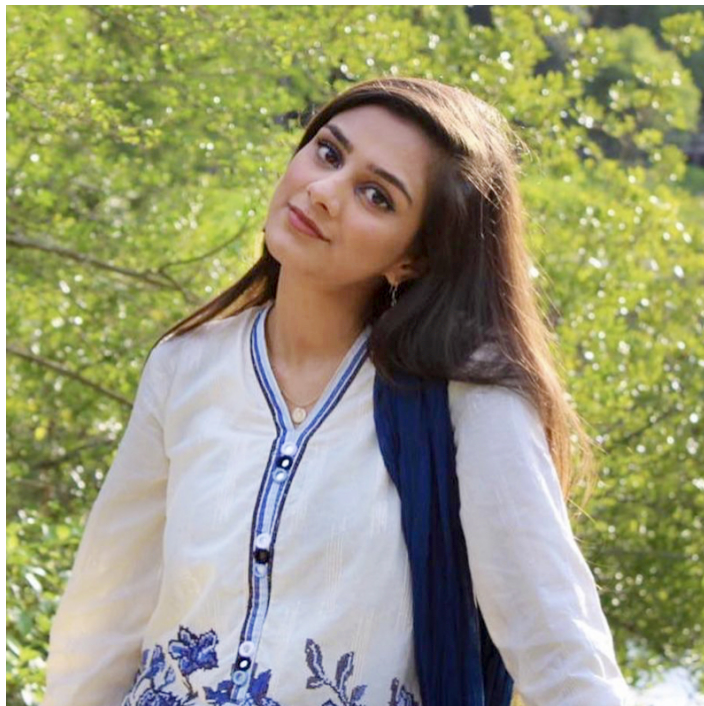
## CGE Student Spotlight

### Shehrzad Rasul

International Student from Pakistan  
*Bachelor's in Psychology*

Shehrzad Rasul, international student from Pakistan majoring in psychology and minoring in biology, has maintained a 4.0 GPA while serving in numerous leadership and academic positions in pursuit of her dream of becoming a neuropsychologist.

One of the reasons Rasul chose to attend FSU is the quality of the psychology department. "I love FSU! Its psychology department is one of the best in the country," Rasul said. "I couldn't be at a better school for my undergraduate studies."



Rasul decided to study neuropsychology after taking a neuroscience course with Dr. Orenda Johnson, teaching faculty in FSU's Department of Psychology. "Dr. Johnson inspired me to pursue this field, and I am extremely passionate about it. I would like to pursue a PhD and obtain the proper certification to become a neuropsychologist and work in either a hospital setting or to open my own practice. I am also looking forward to serving as a TA this semester for Dr. Johnson's course, Physiology of Psychology. This is an amazing opportunity for me as it allows me to pursue my passion for neuroscience and psychology and gain invaluable experience."

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## CGE's Upcoming Programs

### English Conversation Club



**Monday – Friday | 4 – 5 p.m.**  
**The Globe Lounge (First Floor)**  
***Monday, August 30 – Friday, December 3***

English Conversation Club invites all levels of speakers of English as a second/other language to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English speakers. Students, scholars and their families are welcomed to attend! You don't need to sign up in advance, just show up.

[Mark Your Calendar](#)



## International Student Panel

***\*for International Students & Scholars\****



**Friday, September 10 | 4 – 5 p.m.**

**The Globe Auditorium**

**Sign up required: [fla.st/X0E06IPV](https://fla.st/X0E06IPV)**

Join us to hear from current international students as they share their experiences and advice for new students.

Sign Up

## CGE at the Garnet & Gold Tailgate



**Saturday, September 11 | 6 – 8 p.m.**

**Legacy Fountain**

Join us before the FSU vs Jacksonville football game to pick up some sweet treats, play games, and learn more about CGE's programs!

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## International Student Soccer Night & Tailgate

***\*for International Students & Scholars\****



**Saturday, September 18 | 5 p.m.**

**FSU Soccer Complex**

**Sign up required: [fla.st/330XEQXJ](https://fla.st/330XEQXJ)**

International students and scholars are invited to attend a special tailgate before the FSU vs Boston College soccer game!

Sign Up

## FSU Global Events

For a full list of FSU's events with a global focus, [check out this full calendar of events](#) or visit [global.fsu.edu](https://global.fsu.edu).

## Global Citizenship Certificate Events\*



FSU's Global Citizenship Certificate prepares undergraduate students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Students take four academic courses (choose from a list of 500+ approved liberal studies courses), attend 8 intercultural events, and completed a sustained experience.

An asterisk (\*) is used to denote which events qualify as an intercultural event toward the Global Citizenship Certificate. For more information, click below.

[cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen](https://cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen)

# Support CGE Programs



The Center for Global Engagement facilitates international diversity, fosters global understanding and awareness, and enhances internationalization efforts throughout the FSU community.

We envision a welcoming campus environment where students, faculty, and staff value cultural diversity and actively engage in a global community.

If you would like to support our mission by making a donation to our programming fund, please click the 'give' button below. On behalf of the CGE, the Division of Student Affairs, and the FSU Foundation, we thank you for supporting Florida State University.

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