

DREXEL GLOBAL ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



Despite strong domestic, geopolitical, and financial headwinds, Drexel's long-term strategy for Global Engagement has enabled us to build broad, sustainable, reciprocal partnerships with select, like-minded university partners in strategic areas of the world.

Three major outcomes have resulted from this strategy:



THE THREE Rs (RESEARCH, REPUTATION, RECRUITMENT)

We have launched academic (transfer and dual degrees), research, and mobility programs with some of the best global universities:

- IIT Madras (#1 university in India)
- Politécnico di Milano (#1 Engineering and Design university in Europe)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey and Tecmilenio (#2 private university in Latin America)

We plan to engage in Asia, Africa, and MENA next.



New partnership with India's #1 University, IITM with focus on Advanced Therapeutics, Advanced Materials, and Entrepreneurship (Sept 2024)

JOINT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: BRINGING THE BEST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO DREXEL

We have developed innovative Direct Pathway (transfer) Master programs through academic partnerships with a handful of select, top universities in India:

- A pilot program with Biomedical Engineering and SSN CoE in Chennai brought 8 outstanding students to our campus.
- Two joint Master's programs with IITM in Advanced Materials and Advanced Therapeutics will launch next year.
- We are expanding partnerships and plan to recruit over 100 students through a variety of programs in the coming academic years.



Students at Jain University (India) interested in joining Drexel (Nov 2024)

GRADUATE CO-OP

To attract more international students, Drexel Global advocated the establishment of Graduate Co-op, which has now been institutionalized in most STEM programs at the Master's level. This is a key differentiator in a competitive market.



Pravanth Kondapalli, MS in Engineering Management working on AI applications for pacemakers (March 2025)

Students who engage in global learning have higher retention, graduation, GPA, and employability rates. As we transition to semesters, **please use this easy, one-page guide** to propel your program onto the global stage!

Global problems can only be solved through global collaboration. We have record or near record numbers of faculty and students engaging with international partners; Global Classrooms connecting our students and faculty with partners abroad; foreign delegations visiting our campus; and students in Education Abroad.

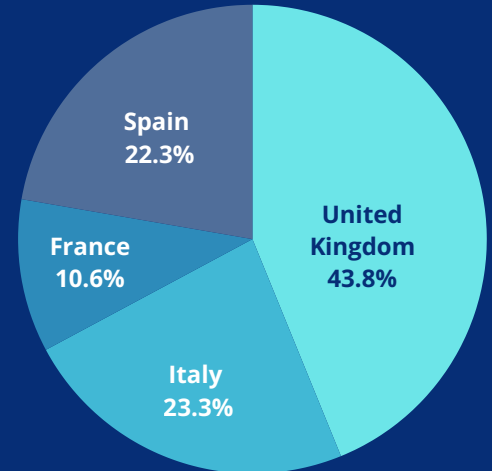
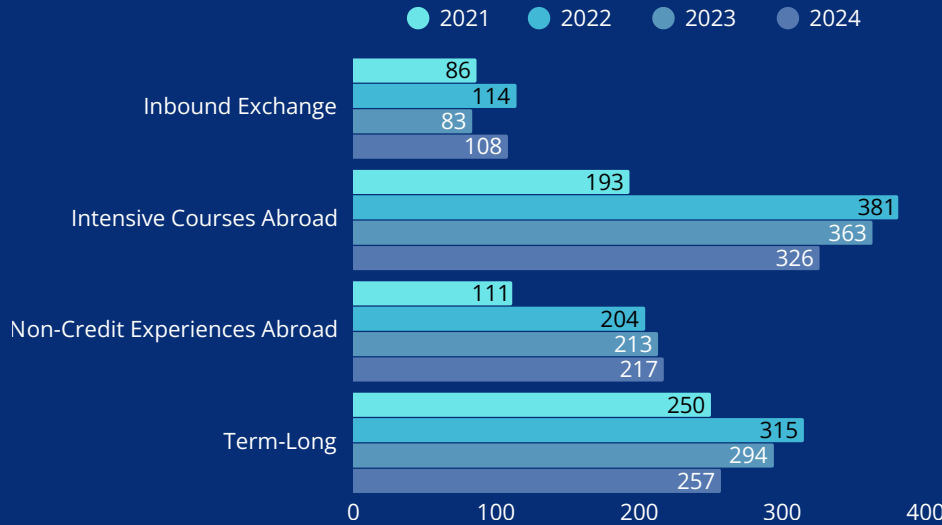
If you travel abroad, please register for your own safety and compliance in our streamlined, automated International Travel Registry! Take action to ensure that Drexel students, scholars, teachers, and staff engage with the rest of the world on and off campus!

VICE PROVOST FOR
DREXEL GLOBAL
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GLOBAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Global education equips students with intercultural skills and competencies needed to excel in a rapidly changing, globalized society and job market.

STUDENT GLOBAL PARTICIPATION, AY 2021-2024



BENEFITS OF GLOBAL EDUCATION & SEMESTER CONVERSION

Study abroad improves retention, graduation, and employability. Studies show that 73% of students are interested in study abroad and 57% consider study abroad in their college selection.

The Semester Calendar will make it easier to enhance Plans of Study with global learning. Globalize your curriculum through this [easy, one-page guide](#).

STREAMLINED OPERATIONS

- Strategic term program consolidation for scalability
- Enhanced faculty-led ICA program logistical and safety support models
- 84% of our study abroad programs are cost-neutral to Drexel vs. high-cost third-party providers

STUDENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Drexel Global awards over \$180K/year in student scholarships:

- Greece Vidalakis Endowment (\$40K/year)
- Ireland Marihel D. Rose Endowment (\$20K/year)
- Scotland St. Andrews McNeil Scholarship (\$40K/year)
- First Time Abroad Scholarship (\$20K)
- Dragons Abroad Scholarship (\$60K/year)

PARTNERSHIPS

Over 50 Partnerships, including new programs in South Africa and New Zealand, where students can spend a full term taking courses across a range of disciplines.

INTENSIVE COURSE ABROAD (ICA) SPOTLIGHT

“Culture & Community Development” has run since 2022 in Ecuador and Tanzania in collaboration with the Lindy Center and the Center for Black Culture.

GLOBAL CLASSROOMS

Since 2013, Drexel has run 125+ Global Classrooms in a wide variety of subjects. These courses connect students through technology with peers abroad. Ex: Biodesign with Politecnico di Milano, Italy (Prof. Ellis); Risk Assessment with the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India (Prof. Gurian); and Comparative Justice Systems with St. Paul's University, Kenya (Prof. Hyatt).

MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP

In summer of 2025, Drexel Global hosted its 8th cohort of Young African Leaders for this US State Department funded, 6-week Institute in Civic Engagement. The Fellowship engages Drexel faculty experts, community partners, and city officials.

GLOBAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONS (GSO)

Drexel University is operating at record or near-record levels of international travel, a testament to the global footprint of Drexel's faculty, staff, and students:

Period	Faculty/Staff Travel Days	Student EA/NCEA Travel Days
2023 - 2024	5,963	22,941
2024 - 2025	7,271	22,163

OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE MADE CRITICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO GLOBAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONS, INCLUDING:

NEW INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REGISTRY

This registry of faculty and staff international travel, launched in 2023, triggers all necessary reviews (Research Compliance, Human Resources, Tax, and more) depending on duration, location, and type of activities for enhanced safety and compliance.

NEW COMMON, LOW-FEE INSURANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Drexel's insurance carrier, On Call, offers all Drexel travelers the same high level of coverage, and schedules and pays directly for medical visits abroad.

NEW GLOBAL SITE VETTING

This new program ensures that Drexel global sites and programs are properly vetted to reduce risk exposure while providing high-level traveler support.

NEW STUDENT TRAVEL PROCESSES

We have streamlined all student travel from a financial, health and safety, and staffing standpoint for increased efficiency and risk mitigation.

NEW GLOBAL WORK TASK FORCE AND TRAVEL RISK REVIEW COMMITTEE

We now facilitate global work needs for Drexel staff and contractors abroad by coordinating the work of Human Resources, Tax, Risk Management, the Office of Research and Innovation, and other relevant units. The TRRC, composed of representatives from many units across Drexel, provides risk assessment and recommendations for University-wide, international travel.

OUR TEAM

(From left to right)



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