

# Fostering Global Citizenship

## Global Opportunities Matching Program



### Achieving Excellence on the World Stage

Western is committed to providing international learning opportunities so students can become globally minded citizens. By participating in education abroad, service learning opportunities, or field schools, students develop the skills, perspectives and knowledge required to become global citizens and leaders.

Students want these experiences. In a recent survey by Western's Student Success Centre, 80% of students indicated they are interested in international learning experiences as they pursue an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree. The challenge for students is funding this experience, particularly during the summer when most are working to finance their education.

For students who gain these experiences, the benefits can last a lifetime.

- **Educational Benefits.** By dealing with challenges in unfamiliar situations, students learn adaptive behaviours for success.
- **Employment Benefits.** A "global literacy" of other cultures is important in today's competitive labour market. Employers agree that international experience helps new graduates stand out.
- **Skills Development.** Through learning new languages, overcoming barriers and recognizing how the action of individuals and groups impact the world, students develop new skills.
- **Global Context.** Understanding our world opens many opportunities for Canadian businesses, education and individuals. Employers value graduates who have begun to develop a global network.
- **Social Benefits.** By gaining a new appreciation for one's own culture as well as the culture of others, students learn to work effectively with others to tackle multinational challenges.

Through our Be Extraordinary campaign, our goal is to enable 10% of all students to spend part of their Western education outside of Canada. Such opportunities give students the chance to gain valuable skills by applying their learning in an international context.

With your help, through support of the **Global Opportunities Awards Program**, we can do that.

We believe so strongly in the value of giving our students these experiences that we will match your donations 1:1, doubling the impact of every dollar.

**Be Extraordinary.**  
The Campaign for Western



# Fostering Global Citizenship

## Global Opportunities Matching Program

### Offering the World as a Classroom

The **Global Opportunities Awards** were established in 2012 to support students from faculties across Western to:

- **Study**—on an exchange, in a field course, on a language studies program, or through a customized international experience. The primary purpose is academic study at a partner institution or as part of a Western course.
- **Intern**—to gain employment experience in an industry, non-profit or government organization around the world. These work placements are educational in scope and include both paid and unpaid opportunities.
- **Research**—a project abroad and gain experience in building a global research network. Locations include other universities and research institutes.
- **Engage**—with community partners on campus, locally, nationally or globally to practice communication, problem-solving and leadership skills. These may be part of a Western community engaged learning course/program or a community organization.

Recipients of the awards are selected based on a combination of academic achievement, cost of the program, and proposed length of study.

**Your gifts are matched to offer Global Opportunities Awards valued at \$1,000 or \$2,000:**

Gift Level	Western Match	Award Value	Customization
\$500	\$500	1 at \$1,000	No
\$1,000	\$1,000	1 at \$2,000	No
\$8,000 (\$2,000 for 4-yrs)	\$2,000	2 at \$2,000	Yes
\$9,000 (\$3,000 for 3-yrs)	\$3,000	3 at \$2,000	Yes
\$12,000 (\$4,000 for 3-yrs)	\$4,000	4 at \$2,000	Yes

With your help, we can meet our goals of offering international experiences to increasing numbers of students.

Students who receive **Global Opportunities Awards** gain lifelong benefits and serve as ambassadors of Western's education and research strengths around the world.

**Thank you** for supporting global opportunities for our students.

Sheri Cole  
 Director, Leadership Giving  
 Western University  
 t. 519.661.2111 ext. 88856 e. scole5@uwo.ca



*Anna Maveal (pictured middle right) on the steps of The Great Wall of China with students from Tianjin University.*

### Forging Connections

While completing her engineering degree at Western, Anna Maveal aspired to work with engineers from around the world.

She got the chance when she completed an eight-week research project at Tianjin University, China during her second year.

“With the help of the Global Opportunities Award I was able to experience as many areas of China as I could. Not only did I get the opportunity to gain incredible work experience, but I also made connections with people from a multitude of different countries and became familiar with the lifestyle of a foreign, unfamiliar country.”

The skills gained working with international colleagues continues to serve Maveal in her current employment as a process designer for Imperial Oil.

