INTERNATIONAL HOUSES WORLDWIDE

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSES WORLDWIDE INC.

We are a consortium of 17 International Houses that are financially and organizationally independent, non-profit institutions which span four continents and are united by one mission:

To provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding, and international friendship.

This mission is achieved by daily interaction among our resident members through programs, facilities, and community life designed to foster diversity of thought and experience. This dynamic flow of ideas elevates our communities as places where students and scholars from around the world are able to share discoveries, approaches, and various points of view. Through such experiences, I-House residents learn about other cultures; at the same time, they also learn to transcend cultures and to appreciate their common humanity. It is this shared experience that prepares our students to meet the challenges of a global world.

For over a century, we have attracted the best and brightest students and scholars from around the world to live together in community and learn from one another. International Houses Worldwide alumni are equipped to think creatively and critically and have made contributions to a broad range of fields and to the larger society. As they shape our world, International House alumni share a common pride in an extraordinary tradition of community, excellence, and global leadership. From Nobel laureates, business and education leaders, CEOs, prime ministers, princes and ambassadors, literary and film agents, winemakers, and history-makers, International House alumni carry forth the tradition of using their experience to make a substantial difference in the world wherever their life journeys take them.

I took advantage of the International House mentor program and had lunch with the great Shelby Cullom Davis, who introduced me to the world of finance. He said, “Young man, I think you ought to go into finance. And, that one piece of advice redirected my career. So, I owe all of that to International House.”

James Gorman’87, Chairman and CEO, Morgan Stanley (I-House New York alumnus.)

The role and mission of International Houses Worldwide are more important than ever before. In order to have the greatest possible impact on the international marketplace of ideas, students and scholars must be engaged with ideas and divergent approaches from around the world. I-House encourages them to do that, while also enabling them to contribute significantly to the intellectual and cultural fabric of the academic communities where they are located.

Today, the 17 members of IHWW accommodate some 9,500 residents annually from more than 125 countries. There are nearly 350,000 individuals who are able to claim alumni status at one or more of our organizational members and many of them give back to the movement through their annual financial and other voluntary contributions. This giving results in more than 800 scholarships offered annually which serve to promote the academic, economic, and geographic diversity of our member houses.

For more information: visit: www.ihouseworldwide.org
The origins of the International House Worldwide movement date back to 1948, when the International House Association (IHA) comprised of the Rockefeller-funded Houses in New York, Berkeley, Chicago, and Paris was incorporated. The IHA focused principally on bringing together the alumni of the four Rockefeller I-Houses on a regular basis. I-House New York’s alumni association dates back to November 10, 1936 and its success in drawing together its alumni became the stimulus for alumni of all I-Houses to gather in other major cities around the world regularly. These activities continued until the early 1960s when there was less emphasis given to meeting under I-House auspices. Within Australia, “Corroborees” were held bringing together I-House residents from Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, and Wollongong to sustain and nourish the I-House identity down under.


The association formally changed its name to International Houses Worldwide, Inc. and was incorporated on October 28, 2010. Our legal address for the purposes of incorporation is I-House New York with the treasury function residing at I-House New York as well.

The presidents of IHWW, Inc. have been:
Denise Jorgens – Chicago (Current President)
Carla Tromans – Brisbane
Tanya Steinberg – Philadelphia
Donald Cuneo – New York
Jane Munro – Melbourne
Peter Anwyl – London

This group of International Houses, or I-Houses, shares a common mission and most were conceived through philanthropic initiatives sponsored by the Quakers, the Rockefeller and Dodge families, Rotary International, the Duke of Grafton and the Honorable Patrick Wills, and the Goodenough family. Although there are a variety of different I-House traditions, most of them observe Sunday Suppers, the Candle-lighting ceremony, and the International House pledge to cement and celebrate the common threads of our collective history. Each I-House, however, has its own distinctive history and organizational framework. These can be found on their websites and by reading the accounts captured in their historical summaries.

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Note: Individual I-Houses each have their own history most of which can either be found on their websites, by reading their historical accounts captured in text or books, or by contacting the individual I-House.
International House
at the University of Alberta
is an international community
built upon respect and openness
that fosters global citizenship,
socially responsible leadership
and enduring friendships. Opened
in 2004, the House is home to
154 Canadian and international
students from over 40 countries.
Active student leaders, resident
assistants and our Global Education
Program plan over 100 social
and educational events annually.
Residents enjoy feasts, cultural
events, simulations, inter-cultural
training and meeting distinguished
visitors. Daily interactions create
a vibrant sense of community as
residents spend time together in
the kitchens and lounges, play
intramural soccer, dance, engage
in leadership training, write for
the newsletter and even climb
mountains.

International House
offers housing to students
at the University of Alberta,
one of Canada’s leading research
and teaching universities, with
39,000 students and 15,000
faculty and staff. The University
of Alberta offers close to 400
rigorous undergraduate, graduate,
and professional programs in 18
faculties on five campuses. The
University and its people remain
dedicated to the promise made in
1908 by founding president Henry
Marshall Tory that knowledge shall
be used for “uplifting the whole
people.”
I-House Berkeley is a vibrant residential and program centre affiliated with the United States’ top-ranked public university. Thriving on the energy of the San Francisco Bay Area and the adjacent Silicon Valley, I-House Berkeley sparks and engenders a lifetime of friendships and personal connections for all who decide to reside in its historic facility. We accommodate upper-division undergraduate and graduate students in addition to visiting scholars and post-docs for a minimum stay of one semester during the academic year and for summer sessions of various lengths. The stunning facility, dating to 1930 and built in the Spanish Revival architectural style, has been extensively updated and renovated over the last two decades. Short-term visitors may be accommodated in the Ambassador Suite, and both the Dining Commons and Café are open to walk-in guests during academic terms. I-House Berkeley is home to 590 students during the fall and spring semesters and another 500 residents during the various summer terms. All residents participate in our integrated dining program as it is the hallmark of a residency here. Over the 12-month calendar year, I-House also sponsors more than 100 cultural events and related activities for its residents and guests including Sunday Suppers which bring the entire community together in celebration of the I-House ideals several times each academic year. Residents of I-House enjoy:
- Forays across the bay to San Francisco
- Field trips across California to places such as Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park along with homestays in the Central Valley in affiliation with Rotary International
- Films, lectures, and music concerts
- Dance classes, yoga, and movement workshops
- Culturally-themed coffee hours and dinners
- Credit-bearing courses and workshops in intercultural leadership and global citizenship
- On-site library, dining commons, computer and game rooms

I-House Berkeley welcomes guests and visitors who wish to tour our facility, enjoy a meal in our Café or Dining Commons, and see in person how our mission pervades every aspect of life in this place.

Our Mission since 1930 is now more important than it has ever been:
"Fostering cross-cultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills for the promotion of a more tolerant and peaceful world."
In 1965 I-House Brisbane opened with 50 residents as part of the 50th Rotary International Anniversary Project. I-House is now home to 240 International and Australian residents from 40 nations and who are attending The University of Queensland.

Our Vision: A global community of connected, capable and compassionate young leaders.

Our Purpose: To provide students from diverse cultures and backgrounds with the opportunity to live and learn together with respect, empathy and international friendship.

For over 50 years, I-House Brisbane has provided a welcoming, supportive and safe environment while offering a rich educational, cross-cultural and social experience. More than just a place to stay, I-House provides residents with opportunities for personal growth, academic excellence, leadership and professional development. Our indoor-outdoor spaces allow residents to relax, study and mix with other residents.

Residents of I-House enjoy:

- Single occupant fully furnished bedroom/study
- Single occupant fully furnished bedroom/study with ensuite
- Lifestyle package of gym and pool membership
- Cultural events – Soirée (multicultural festival), Tabiat Selasa, I-Feast and Festival
- Annual program of IH Student Club led social, sporting and cultural and cross-cultural activities
- Eco-friendly program and location
- Recreational space – games room, volleyball court, common/kitchen space, study areas, computer lab
- High-speed wireless internet access
- Gardens and BBQ facilities
- Academic and pastoral support
- Rewards and awards program
- Fully catered and self-catered options
- On-campus location
- Scholarships and bursaries

Live to Learn/Learn to Lead

The title of our recent book: Fifty Years of Friendship: A History of International House Brisbane 1965 to 2015 by Dr Jon Puccini sums up the overwhelming outcome of living at I-House Brisbane – lifelong friendships.
Having 1,800 students and young professionals of different nationalities living in the 925 studios and apartments on campus, International House Bucharest is the biggest of all International Houses Worldwide. It is also the biggest private campus in Romania.

Located in Bucharest, close to universities, academic and cultural institutions, but also public transportation, International House Bucharest offers a variety of living options, including two types of studios and one-bedroom apartments that are fully furnished and equipped.

The campus has strong, modern principles at its core and all the amenities and services needed by the youth community are at their disposal, all the time. The young residents live in an environment that respects both multiculturalism and national values, learning how to develop together in a strong and friendly community.

Together with AIESEC and ERASMUS, the students take part into a lot of extracurricular activities, networking opportunities, cultural events, festivals and workshops, therefore we like to say that International House Bucharest becomes “students’ home away from home”.

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The mission of International House of Chicago is to enable students and scholars from around the world to live and learn together in a diverse community that builds lifelong qualities of leadership, respect and friendship. This mission is achieved by daily interaction among students and scholars through programs, facilities and community life designed to foster diversity of thought and experience.

Founded in 1932 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., International House of Chicago is a department within the University of Chicago Campus and Student Life organization. Since its founding in 1932, the International House of Chicago experience of international cultural exchange in a diverse community has transformed the lives of more than 42,000 people.

International House also serves the greater Chicago community as a cultural and intellectual center for a wide array of programs. Over 200 public programs are held each year at International House. These include music and cultural performances, outreach programs with Chicago-area international organizations, collaborations with foreign consulates, language exchanges and discussions, and forums and debates led by distinguished guest speakers through the Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series. Each year, International House provides over 35,000 attendees with meaningful opportunities for discussion and engagement in community, national, and world affairs.

The Graduate Commons Program offers fellowships and internships to UChicago graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, and sponsors programs to help ensure the exceptional diversity of the graduate community connected to International House. Programming includes weekly language and culture tables and related dining activities, professional development opportunities, health and wellness programs, and social programs that promote interpersonal and intercultural understanding and friendship among all UChicago grad students.

The role and mission of International House of Chicago and International Houses Worldwide is more important than ever: in order to make the greatest possible impact in the international marketplace of ideas, Chicago students and scholars must be engaged with ideas and approaches from around the world. International House helps them do that, while also contributing to the intellectual and cultural fabric of the greater Chicago community.
To live at International House Darwin (IHD) is to live in the Australian tropics, and that’s different. It places you in indigenous and multicultural Darwin, and that’s distinctive. It locates you in the Northern Territory on the doorstep of South-East Asia, and that’s unique.

IHD has come a long way since it opened as University House in 1985. It joined IHWW as North Flinders International House in 1997. More than 20 years later, IHD takes the time-honoured traditions of academic residential communities and combines them with local life to provide a well-balanced student experience.

Each year, IHD is home to 360 residents from 40 to 50 countries. By committing to the values of respect, understanding, encouragement and friendship, individuals have the chance to be transformed by their collegiate experience.

The key to living at IHD is getting involved. There are a range of cultural, sporting and social activities for residents to engage in, providing relief from the rigour of study. IHD encourages residents to strike a balance between the two. A healthy community is a happy community. Through IHD’s pastoral programs, resident leaders and staff, members of the community have the support to thrive and flourish.
Goodenough College is the principal residential centre in London for international post-graduate students and serves every academic and professional institution in the capital. It is committed to the traditional values of a university with a strong ethos of tolerance and service within its diverse student community. It seeks to promote international understanding and goodwill amongst the student members, drawing on its historical association with the Commonwealth.

Although originally reserved for Commonwealth students the College was opened to those from the United States in 1957 and from Europe in 1974. In 2001 the College became fully international and its student community of 700 now represents approaching 100 countries.

The range of extra-curricular activities within the College is constantly evolving to reflect the interests and backgrounds of its members. The College has an impressive musical tradition and a strong interest in the visual arts. Members take a keen interest in outreach projects in the local community and further afield.

Sport is an important and popular feature of College life. Academic activities are at the core of College life with a multitude of debates, talks and conferences each year and we attract amongst the best overseas post-graduate students in London.

The personal development of members is an equally important strand and we aim to provide them with an understanding of global citizenship, leadership and social responsibility during their time at the College. Most of our members go on to senior positions within their chosen professions across the world and the 'Goodenough College experience' provides a formative and lasting influence on their careers.

Eighty-six years from foundation Goodenough College remains faithful to the vision of its founder as a secure and welcoming environment within central London for young people far from home. It treasures its unique ethos and reputation and commands great affection amongst its past and present members.
Established in August of 2002, the International House Harrisburg was designed to provide a warm and friendly environment where foreign and U.S. students, scholars and interns can live and learn from one another through their everyday activities.

Located in the center of Downtown Harrisburg, IHouse has become the “home away from home” for students from several of our local Colleges and Universities, as well as a large number of interns who come the Harrisburg/Hershey area to complete their internships. We offer short-term and long-term housing which allows the residents to have their lease mirror their academic semester or their internship assignment.

We have 3 complexes which encompass 50,000 square feet and include 150 beds and 4 student lounges. Apartments are self-contained with a private bathroom and kitchenette, offering privacy for personal activities. Single, double, two-bedroom suites and multiple occupancy rooms are available to meet resident needs for interaction or privacy. Each apartment is fully furnished, and residents are provided with linens and kitchen amenities.

The International House Manager and Resident Advisors stand ready to assist residents with questions or concerns they may have while living in Harrisburg. A rich monthly calendar of activities, held in one of our lounges, is designed specifically to encourage interaction and the development of long lasting friendships. Additionally, residents have the opportunity to participate in events and attractions in the local area such us cultural and sporting events by having access to complimentary or discounted admission tickets. IHouse Harrisburg also partners with different community organizations to offer our residents community services and volunteering experiences.

The IHouse Harrisburg is conveniently located near several major cities. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York City, Washington D.C. and Baltimore are just 2 to 4 hours away, giving residents wonderful opportunities for weekend trips. Following our mission, “To provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding and international friendship”, this unique home-like living experience gives residents the chance to interact with people from all over the world while staying in Harrisburg.
International Students House has been providing a safe and vibrant home for students in London since the 1960s. Used by thousands of students from around the world, ISH offers the opportunity to study in London with scholarships, affordable accommodation, in addition to events and educational opportunities, all designed to enrich their lives and to support them in their studies.

ISH has become a ‘home away from home’ for many students, the many facilities and our fun and friendly environment makes ISH the perfect place to spend your time in London.

ISH was opened at Great Portland Street by our first patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in 1965 and has gone from strength to strength with over 600 residents, compromised of students and their partners and children, from more than 109 countries and student members more than 60,000. Our current patron is HRH The Princess Royal.

Our sister businesses 229 The Venue (Live music venue), One Park Crescent (meeting spaces) and The Thirsty Scholar (coffee house and bar), provide revenue to support our charity, maintain the mission of the House and enable us to offer over 90 student scholarships.
Founded in 1957, International House Melbourne Australia is the most internationally diverse residential college at the University of Melbourne. We bring together over 350 undergraduate and graduate students from Australia and overseas, in a community that is devoted to multicultural understanding, academic success and personal development. Our welcoming and friendly atmosphere promotes social inclusion, and provides a safe and supportive academic community for students undertaking tertiary study. By living at IH, students become part of a unique group of global citizens, all with different cultural backgrounds yet united by similar goals and ideals.
Envisioned by Harry Edmonds and opened in 1924 through the generosity of John D Rockefeller Jr. and the Cleveland H Dodge family, International House is a vibrant community of 700 graduate students, interns, trainees and visiting scholars from more than 100 countries, including the US, each year. IHouse residents study, train conduct research at more than 100 academic and professional institutions in New York in the fields as varied as physics law finance and dance.

IHouse NY’s mission is to enable its resident members to live and learn together, building lifelong qualities of leadership, Mutual respect, and friendship by daily interactions through programs and residential life designed to foster diversity of thought and experience. The house offers an immersion in cross-cultural understanding and communication, but no classroom by itself can provide.

International House offers educational programs which complement graduate study, facilitate intercultural exchange, and provide leadership training across cultures.
The International House at Northern Arizona University was founded in 2012 by the NAU Center for International Education. The NAU I-House serves around 260 students from over 25 countries each year. This unique community offers intercultural experiences for residents through shared apartment living and cultural programs and events that are open to the entire Northern Arizona University Campus.

The International House uses its event center, the International Pavilion, to host cultural events throughout the year and provides that space for other campus entities to provide programming focusing on topics of diversity and sustainability. The NAU International House is the premier place at Northern Arizona University for students to develop as global citizens.
Founded in 100 years ago in 1910, International House Philadelphia is an independent, non-profit organization housing nearly 2400 students, scholars, and interns from over 80 countries, including the US. We provide a unique residential experience that supports the development of future leaders by offering a program that supports individuals abilities to work with and interact successfully with people from all backgrounds. For our Residents and the Greater Philadelphia community, IHP has long been the premier presenter of international arts, humanities and cultural programs.

International house Philadelphia is a multicultural residential center, a source of distinctive programming, and the embodiment of an ideal. Our critical threefold mission: to maintain a diverse and welcoming community for scholars from around the world, while introducing them to the American experience; to broaden the horizons of its residents and the larger community through high quality international arts and humanities programs, and to encourage cooperation and respect among the peoples of all nations.
The International House (I-House) at UC San Diego is a vibrant and engaging programming center and residential learning community of nearly 350 students, roughly half U.S. and half international, representing 45 countries. Through its programs, events and activities, I-House brings together students, staff and community members from diverse cultures, backgrounds and disciplines in an engaging and supportive environment where they can expand their knowledge, develop their skills and grow as global citizens. The mission of I-House at UC San Diego is to promote intercultural and global awareness, understanding and citizenship in order to foster a more tolerant, sustainable and peaceful world.

I-House at UCSD is making significant and vital contributions to internationalizing the campus and to student learning by serving as a hub for global engagement, awareness and community at UCSD, and by serving as a bridge to partners and opportunities outside the university. Through these efforts I-House provides leadership and contributes to UCSD's efforts to produce high-preforming graduates who are aware, informed, engaged and resilient global citizens.

Building on its founding core principles, I-House is ....

A living-learning community that promotes and facilitates intercultural exchange, dialogue and understanding.

A teaching-learning center that serves as a programming hub able to generate new academic and co-curricular programs which complement the international curricular activities of academic departments, and furthers students’ interests, knowledge, personal growth and development.

A service-learning community that works with university departments and community organizations to develop and facilitate opportunities for students to apply their knowledge, develop their leadership skills and learn about themselves and the importance of compassion (for themselves and others) through various community-based service projects.

A center for community involvement that enhances opportunities for community/university interaction around shared international and global interests, for alumni to maintain their affinity to I-House, and for both (alumni and community) to financially support I-House.

I-House embraces the privileged opportunity to complement our students’ academic learning by providing them with opportunities that also develop their personal growth and development in order to prepare them to be aware, responsible, active, and engaged global citizens.
Founded in 1967, International House, The University of Sydney, is a residential community of 200 scholars from Australia and the world.

As the most culturally diverse community on campus, International House offers a unique international residential experience to prepare its residents for the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly globalised and connected world. Our mature living environment of undergraduate and postgraduate students, fosters a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures and nationalities through a program of formal and informal events, lectures, sports, cultural celebrations and academic support.

International House offers its resident students an opportunity to participate in a

Global Leadership Program which promotes global leadership through the development of self-awareness and cross-cultural competencies. Peer learning is also encouraged through an academic tutorial program, where residents can receive complimentary tutoring from fellow residents for almost any subject at the University. We also offer a variety of cultural events and roundtable discussions on global issues.

The house provides ongoing global connections and support through its alumni network, Sydney University International House Alumni Association (SUIHAA), an active community of 6000+ former residents from around the world.
Each year, ISH-DC welcomes approximately 300 resident scholars from 70 countries. The average age of our residents is 27, and they are pursuing Master’s, Doctoral, or other professional degrees while in Washington. Many are also participating in fellowships and internships at prestigious institutions and organizations such as the United States Congress, foreign embassies, the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, the White House, and many more.

ISH-DC hosts a number of engaging programs throughout the year with Ambassadors, Members of Congress, and foreign policy organizations focused on engaging with the next generation of leaders.

The House also presents cultural evenings hosted by our residents, concerts, and other substantive programs.

An alumna from Germany recently wrote an open letter to her former housemates upon her departure that captures the mission of the House well:

*Before I traveled to the US, I was feeling truly hopeless. I have been afraid about our future. Meeting the residents and friends, like you, who support ISH-DC’s work has changed my world. Thank you. Meeting you has given me hope.*
International House is the original University of Wollongong residents and an affiliate of the 15 international houses worldwide. First opening its doors to students in 1980, today this residence proudly boasts the community representing over 30 nations, living and learning peacefully under one roof.

The mission of International House is to promote global wealth by enabling its residence to be international leaders. Intercultural leaders understand cultural differences and help others to understand their differences and built international friendships.

International House offers a vibrant and culturally diverse support network for its students, with a widely varied character of activities, which, through participation, strong cross-cultural friendships are formed.

Through the award-winning i-LIVE program, a range of activities is held on a regular basis and includes BYO Academic, iFeast, Meet The Teach, Tuesday Topicals, Global Voices and Farewell Formals. Involvement in such events offers all residents the opportunity to enjoy an enriched community where they can share in different cultures and customs and form bonds with students from all over the world.

Student residence managers Dr Lindsey Oades and Alison Hemsley were awarded a vice chancellors general staff award for outstanding contribution the Teaching and learning for the iLive Program at International House.

In 1980 international house became the first University of Wollongong student residence. In 2010 to mark 30 years of International House, the International House Global Wellbeing residential scholarships were launched.
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