

**A Global Vision for Accelerating Internationalization
in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
University of Wisconsin-Madison**

CALS: A BRIDGE TO THE WORLD

CALS will be a bridge to the world for...

STUDENTS: International learning will be an integral part of a CALS education.

- Students will expect to have an opportunity and be encouraged by faculty and administration to learn abroad as part of their curriculum, and they will be able to take courses on campus that focus on international issues.
- CALS faculty and staff will have international experience and will relate their discipline to international issues.
- Every department (or cluster of related departments) will contribute to study abroad programs related to its discipline.
- Students will have access to financial support and academic counseling to achieve an international education.
- High school students and their parents will be attracted to CALS because of CALS' international learning opportunities.
- Upon graduation, students will have a broader global perspective in their scholarly development.

FACULTY AND STAFF: International activities will be encouraged, rewarded, and facilitated.

- Faculty and staff will expect to have opportunities and be encouraged to participate in international activities throughout their careers, including international research and teaching collaboration, leading student programs abroad, and researching topics in other countries.
- CALS will offer financial and logistic support and will help faculty and staff secure outside funding for such activities.
- The strength of an individual's international portfolio will be an important factor in hiring, promotion, and merit salary increases.
- Faculty and staff will be attracted to careers in CALS because of its global dimensions, and CALS will actively seek such individuals.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS: Visiting students and scholars will be an integral part of the CALS community and educational experience.

- CALS will help international students and scholars participate fully in campus life and the broader Madison community.
- International students and scholars will have opportunities to enrich academic and cultural learning on campus and in the community.

STAKEHOLDERS: CALS will work with stakeholders to provide information about and connections to other countries.

- Wisconsin citizens, businesses, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations will look to CALS for leadership, assistance and the latest information when they wish to expand their activities and make connections around the world.
- Businesses, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations will look to CALS to provide potential employees with global educations.
- Businesses, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations will work with CALS to help provide more venues for international educational experiences for students and scholarly activities for faculty and staff.
- CALS will help Wisconsin residents and its other stakeholders be informed global citizens.

THE WISCONSIN IDEA: CALS will be a bridge to the world by taking the Wisconsin Idea international. With stronger partnerships between CALS and communities outside of the US, CALS will be better prepared to assist in addressing critical needs identified by those communities.

- Great universities have an obligation to address the great challenges of the day. This includes helping to lift the burdens of poverty, hunger and disease that disproportionately affect rural residents in poor countries. It also includes natural resource and climate change issues that impact the health and vitality of our environment. These challenges are especially germane to CALS, with its great strengths in rural development, agriculture, human health, biological sciences, natural resources, food and nutrition.