

Project Name:	International Student Services International Reach and BRIDGE
MIU Round(2):	Rounds 1 & 2
Sponsor(s):	Division of Student Life, Office of International Student Services
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Project Specific Goal and Measures

Project Impact Measure(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIDGE: Increase contact between international undergraduates and American undergraduates through an international friendship program where new international students are paired with peer mentors early in their transition to UW-Madison. Goal is to be able to increase the number of international students who can participate (pre-MIU, interest exceeded staff capacity). • International Reach: Engage international undergraduate students as speakers, consultants, and resources on international issues and cultures in diverse campus settings, local K12 schools and in the community. Goal is to increase the number of international students participating in the program as well as the diversity of the students (measured by country of origin). <p>Both of these programs were conceptualized and implemented prior to MIU but were supported with grant funding that was ending. MIU funding is used to sustain the program. The goals for both and to maintain (and possibly expand) the number of students served or the number of outreach activities while maintaining strong evaluations.</p>
Project Impact Data Source(s)	International Reach and BRIDGE Annual Report.
Baseline Measure(s)	Number of students served and outreach activities in 2009-10.

General MIU Goals and Measures (applicable to project)

C	Increased capacity for high-impact practices	Better integration of international students into the UW-Madison and City of Madison communities contributes to diversity and globalizing education goals.
F	Decreased achievement gaps	Retention and graduation rates of international students are lower than rates of domestic undergraduates. Helping international students integrate into the UW-Madison community and meet other students will contribute to a sense of belonging and may increase retention.

Progress Reports

Year 1

International Reach: Fulfilled 22 requests for international speakers at events (double the number of requests from 2009-10). Increased the pool of available international volunteers by 51 over baseline (total of 135 volunteers from 40 countries). Increased the number of countries represented in the volunteer pool from 26 to 40.

BRIDGE: Served 202 international students by pairing them with an American undergraduate with similar interests. Increased the number of minority students participating as American peers. Coordinated 2 intercultural leadership workshops, 4 orientation events, 11 large group events, 2 fieldtrips, and 2 awards banquets.
