In the aftermath of World War I, the Institute of International Education (IIE) first began its work by organizing student exchanges with several European governments as well as faculty and teacher exchanges. Since that time, IIE’s programs with Europe have grown into multilateral exchange programs that include educational and cultural exchanges, training and internship programs, workshops and seminars, as well as study tours and site visits. IIE’s European office in Budapest was established in 1990 to increase its program operations across the continent. The Budapest office provides outreach to and manages programs in approximately 30 countries in Western, Central, and Eastern Europe and focuses on supporting and strengthening internationalization of universities; developing and managing scholarship and study abroad programs; and supporting English language teaching and testing. This long-standing presence in the region has enabled the Institute to create a broad network with deep ties to universities, advising centers, foundations, corporations, government agencies, and NGOs in the region.

**Scholarship Management**
IIE is uniquely qualified to administer all aspects of scholarship and exchange programs, including recruitment, selection, academic placement, orientation, student monitoring, grant management, alumni activities, and specialized individual services. IIE’s European office works on behalf of numerous funders to administer scholarship and fellowship programs for European students throughout the region, including in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, and the UK.

**Higher Education Support Services**
IIE’s programs and services in support of international higher education development encompass a broad range of activities, including the design and delivery of specialized academic programs and publications. IIE/Europe organizes high-level discussion forums and symposia and holds special press briefings to share research on trends in international education for the European higher education community.

**Extensive University Network**
IIE has long-standing relationships with the most highly regarded higher education institutions in Europe. IIE’s global membership association of over 3,500 international educators is the premier informational resource for nearly 900 higher education institutions in the U.S. and overseas, as well as governments, media, and international education organizations. By utilizing these relationships, IIE is uniquely positioned to offer high-quality services with a global reach.

**English Language Learning and Assessment**
IIE represents the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and its English language learning and assessment services through providing higher education institutions, scholarship agencies, corporations and other partner organizations with the TOEFL Institutional Testing Program (ITP) and the Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC) examinations.

**Training Workshops for European Educators and Administrators**
IIE is well-experienced in conceptualizing and developing workshops for international education professionals to build the skills and knowledge necessary for educators to internationalize their campuses, and understand the relevance of global higher education trends in the European context.

**Visitor Programs for Higher Education Professionals to Europe**
IIE provides professionals from around the world with a comprehensive, hands-on learning experience in European countries, including pre-arranged site visits to universities and facilitated meetings with higher education experts. IIE can tailor programs to fit the educational goals of the partner organization so that participants gain a thorough understanding of the specific topics in a unique European context and network with counterparts to share best practices and form institutional or inter-country linkages.

**European Study Abroad Seminars and Educational Visits for Students**
IIE is committed to opening the eyes and minds of international students by offering short-term study abroad programs in Europe that give them an understanding of realities outside their home countries, challenge their ideas and provoke thought about world issues.

**Internship Opportunities**
IIE/Europe hosts an internship program for college students or recent graduates from around the world who wish to gain cultural and professional experience while interning with an international non-profit organization. The European office, located in the center of Budapest, provides an excellent opportunity to combine work responsibilities with the exploration of local sites.
Scholarship Programs

The Young Bulgarian Leaders Program, launched in fall 2009, is administered by IIE on behalf of America for Bulgaria Foundation. The program engages Bulgaria’s most talented undergraduate students and junior civil service professionals who exhibit excellent leadership attributes in unique scholarships and leadership training in the U.S.

The Eurobank EFG Scholarship Program is part of the Bank’s comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, the first initiative from a private bank, and aims to identify and honor the best graduated students of Serbian state universities.

The GE Foundation Scholar Leader Program is a worldwide program managed by IIE, on behalf of the GE Foundation. IIE Europe conducts this competition at selected Czech, Hungarian, Polish, and Romanian universities to identify up to 20 accomplished second-year students in each country in the fields of economics, management, engineering and technology. The program also provides awards to students studying engineering, technology, economics, and management in the United Kingdom.

Russell Berrie Fellowship In Interreligious Studies, an initiative of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), aims to build bridges between Catholic, Jewish, and other religious traditions by providing the next generation of religious leaders with a holistic understanding of and dedication to inter-faith issues. Fellows pursue License or Doctoral degrees at the Angelicum and, upon completion of the program, are expected to return to their parishes and communities and lead others in efforts to promote inter-faith understanding.

Fulbright Student and Scholar Programs, administered by IIE on behalf of the U.S. Department of State since 1946, have enabled more than 70,000 U.S. graduate students, scholars, and professionals to study overseas, and more than 130,000 of their peers from 160 nations to study in the U.S. The Fulbright program has had a strong presence in Europe for over 60 years.

Short-term Student Exchange Programs

Central Europe Summer Research Institute (CESRI), sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), CESRI is a fellowship opportunity for U.S. graduate students in science and engineering who are seeking a quality hands-on international research experience in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and the Slovak Republic.

The Flinn Scholars Central Europe Summer Seminar, a program of the Flinn Foundation based in Phoenix, Arizona, annually awards 20 outstanding Arizona high school seniors with the opportunity to complete a three-week summer seminar in Central Europe in addition to full scholarships for four-year degree programs in Arizona’s public university system.

The Dorrance Scholars Summer Seminar is part of the Dorrance Scholarship program which provides full scholarships to Arizona residents to complete undergraduate degrees at one of the three public universities of Arizona. The Summer Seminar annually awards up to 20 scholars with a month-long study tour of Italy.

Targeted Program Outreach

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is a new international, graduate-level, independent research university in Saudi Arabia poised to create a world-class research center. IIE/Europe works closely with KAUST to conduct outreach for the KAUST Fellowships.

New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), NYU’s new portal campus in the UAE, is welcoming highly talented students to join its cohort of Global Scholars. In partnership with NYU, IIE/Europe provides unique, strategic global outreach and screening services to identify outstanding individuals from across the continent to receive scholarships to NYUAD.

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, launched by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong in 2009, aims to attract the best and brightest top international research postgraduate students in the world to pursue their PhD degree programs in Hong Kong. The IIE Europe office conducts program outreach to target outstanding fellows throughout Europe.

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Advanced Studies, with financial support from the Japanese government, aims to train Japanese nationals as applied economists to work either at the IMF or in their home administrations. Students in the program are expected to study macroeconomics or a related subject through the Ph.D. level at a leading university outside of Japan. IIE/Europe conducts program outreach to find students with a record of high academic achievement in the region.

Bellagio Center Residencies in Italy, sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, brings together people of diverse expertise and cultures in a neutral, inspiring and thought-provoking environment to promote international understanding. IIE/Europe has assisted with program outreach to invite applications from scholars, creative artists, writers, scientists and policymakers in the region.

EducationUSA Advising

EducationUSA Advising Program, administered on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, has a two-fold purpose: (1) to promote U.S. higher education by offering information about educational opportunities in the U.S., and (2) to facilitate study abroad opportunities around the world for U.S. students. EducationUSA is a global network of more than 450 advising centers and IIE/Europe hosts one of 14 Regional Educational Advising Coordinators (REAC) worldwide.

Regional Educational Advising Coordinator (REAC), in partnership with the Educational Information and Resources Branch, for Europe provides leadership and expertise in educational advising issues to 70 EducationUSA advising centers, Public Affairs Sections and Consular Sections at US embassies in over 35 countries in Europe. REACs work directly with EducationUSA advisers on increasing the dissemination of information on U.S. educational opportunities, trends in international educational exchange, and technical and specialized assistance to improve advising services.