

What IPSL Alumni Are Doing

IPSL alumni find rewarding careers in government, higher education, and nonprofit organizations and NGOs addressing the world's most pressing and challenging problems. IPSL alumni are working as:

- Regional Field Director, Nature Conservancy (New Jersey, USA)
- Executive Director, NGO Fighting Human Trafficking (Washington, D.C.)
- Event Coordinator, International Non-Profit (The Hague, Netherlands)
- International Studies Faculty/Program Director, University (Quito, Ecuador)
- Physician (New Orleans, LA)
- Program Specialist, Cambodian Youth Organization (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Director of Communications, Disability Advocacy Organization, (South Africa)
- Grants Manager, International Education Nonprofit (New York, NY)
- Program and Training Officer, Peace Corps (Washington, D.C.)
- Service-Learning Program Director & Faculty (St. Louis, MO)
- Founder and Director, HIV/AIDS Prevention NGO (India)
- International Visitor Services, World Affairs Council (Portland, OR)

Housing

Students receive room and partial board throughout the program during each term abroad as part of their program fee. International flights are also included in the program fee (restrictions apply).

Application Requirements & Process

Admission to the International Development & Service (IDS) and Community Organizing and Social Activism (COSA) graduate programs require: two letters of recommendation, a personal statement, official transcript(s), and an interview (Skype or in-person) to assess how well your goals fit with each program. Access the online application and checklist at www.ipsl.org.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- A complete online application and application fee (see instructions at ipsl.org).
- Official, sealed transcripts verifying a baccalaureate degree from an accredited post-secondary institution.
- Note that students below a 2.8 GPA will have the opportunity to provide a justification for a waiver.
- Two confidential letters of recommendation.
- Personal Statement Essay (see application for guidelines)
- Informational interview with the admissions team. This can be done at any point after you have submitted your online application and can take place in person, remotely via Skype, or by telephone.
- Valid Passport. U.S. applicants must have a passport that is valid for at least six months **beyond the end date** of your last term abroad. If you do not have a passport, apply immediately.

Note: The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is NOT required for admission.

International Students

In addition to the requirements previously listed, international students may need to report a passing score of an English Language proficiency test and any other requirements.

paper-based = 575 internet-based = 88 IELTS = 7.0

Program Costs

SPRING 2019 COHORT SCHOLARSHIP! Apply, get accepted, and pay your tuition by December 1, 2018 and receive an automatic scholarship worth \$8,000! This means your total program fee will be \$54,850*! (normally \$62,850)

* Study abroad site-specific fees are subject to change. See IPSL website for current fees. The program fee includes international flights (restrictions apply).

Program fee covers all tuition, lodging in Portland OR during the Residencies, room-and-partial board abroad, international airfare (restrictions apply), most fees (including graduation fee), orientations, professional development, career guidance, and service-learning placement and oversight for each term. It also covers emergency medical/evacuation insurance while abroad, and enrichment activities/excursions for the three terms students are abroad.

Program fee does not cover meals during the short-term residencies at the IPSL Institute for Global Learning in Portland, books, personal spending money, local transportation, international airfare (IDS), and independent travel. Students are responsible for securing their own visas and any expenses related to obtaining visas or passports. Students are also responsible for any vaccines required for travel.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

IPSL understands and appreciates the huge commitment that graduate school is. Your time, money, and dedication to your education are important. That is why our organization

- works to keep program fees affordable and accessible,
- provides some IPSL-based scholarships where possible,
- provides information on funding options so that students can inform themselves and seek the most appropriate funding for their situation.

IPSL graduate students finance their degrees through a variety of channels. Please call us with your questions; we are here to help you.

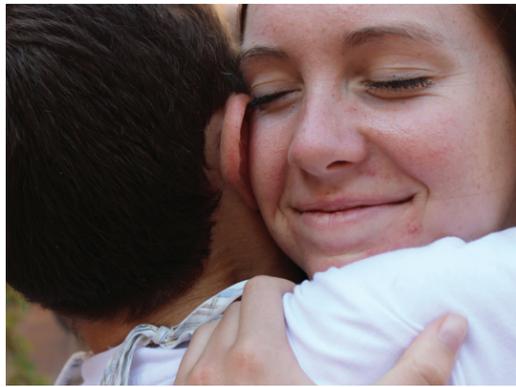
For qualifying AmeriCorps Alums and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, IPSL offers an automatic \$5500 scholarship to be distributed equally over each term (students must remain in good standing).

The IPSL application processing fee is waived for AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, IPSL, and Service Year Alliance Alumni. For more information regarding financial aid, please contact IPSL at graduate@ipsl.org

IPSL Institute for Global Learning GRADUATE PROGRAMS WITH A GLOBAL IMPACT



Graduate Programs in:
**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT &
SERVICE or COMMUNITY
ORGANIZING & SOCIAL ACTIVISM**



WHAT MAKES IPSL GRADUATE PROGRAMS UNIQUE?

- **Individual Attention:** Program is oriented toward quality rather than quantity; cohorts are capped at 18 students.
- **Theory-to-Practice:** Students apply their learning immediately and directly in the field internationally.
- **Global Exposure:** Multinational programs in USA, Europe, SE Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
- **Transferable Skills:** Students build tangible and transferable skillsets that prepare them to master problems from theory to practice.
- **International Networks:** Students build a global professional network from their direct experience across different locations. A global network is invaluable for launching an international career.



Overview of Graduate Programs

To meet today's growing demand for diverse perspectives and leaders who can navigate complex partnerships, IPSL Institute for Global Learning offers these graduate programs, which are interdisciplinary and require both significant hands-on service-learning and international study activities. Drawing from the fields of international development, global nonprofit management, global health, international education, human rights/social justice, sustainability, and global studies, these degrees educate leaders for professional careers with NGOs, educational, and community development organizations with an international and/or diversity focus.

The Master of Arts in International Development & Service (IDS) and the Master of Arts in Community Organizing & Social Activism (COSA) programs are 13-month graduate degree programs that incorporate multinational, multi-institutional studies at IPSL Institute for Global Learning-Portland, OR, and our partner institutes in Peru, Colombia, Tanzania, and Vietnam. Both programs combine rigorous interdisciplinary graduate-level study with hands-on volunteer service. Originally launched in 1994, these theory-to-practice, experiential learning graduate programs are designed to prepare leaders who serve others through careers with global nonprofits, educational institutions, B-Corps, and community development organizations.

Two Graduate Program Options:

- **International Development & Service (IDS)**
- **Community Organizing & Social Activism (COSA)**



M.A. in Community Organizing and Social Activism (COSA)

- COSA is thirteen months long (two intensives and three terms/semesters abroad).
- Cohorts start in September, January, or May of each year.
- 32 semester credits minimum to graduate.



M.A. in International Development & Service (IDS)

- IDS is thirteen months long (two intensives and three terms/semesters abroad).
- Cohorts start in September, January, or May of each year.
- 32 semester credits minimum to graduate.



PROGRAM CALENDARS (IDS AND COSA)		
TERM	LOCATION	EMPHASIS
Pre-Departure Intensive (2 weeks). August, January, or May.	IPSL Institute for Global Learning	Social Research Methods. Foundation for ethical engagement, advocacy and best practice research, international development and role of professionals. Students begin coordinating with key academic advisors.
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Terms (approximately 11-12 weeks each). Students choose 3 locations.*	Medellín, Colombia Cuzco, Perú Arusha, Tanzania Hanoi, Vietnam	Cross-national exposure in service settings, cultural contexts, and diverse institutional frameworks. Students work with their advisor on-site or virtually to plan and research culminating projects. Additional training in social and economic development. Exposure to providing service in the context of critical shortages of resources for empowering communities. Emphasis on the role of globalization in the development and service context.
Re-Entry Intensive (1 week)	IPSL Institute for Global Learning	Reflection workshop and preparation for completing and presenting Culminating Project.

*Program locations subject to change

The key difference between the two degree options is that the International Development & Service graduate program requires at least one development-related course per term abroad. Students work with their advisors to choose the degree path that is right for their own goals.

Service Placements

Service-learning lies at the heart of IPSL degree programs. Students engage in 10-15 hours per week of service in the field during semesters abroad. IPSL students serve with a variety of organizations based on their specific interests. IPSL and its international partners assist students in identifying service placements and opportunities, and provide on-the-ground support to students actively serving in the field. Examples include:

- Sustainable Development Organizations
- International Disaster Relief Agencies
- Public and Private Educational Institutions
- Refugee / Resettlement Organizations
- International Student Services / Study Abroad Offices
- Residential Facility for Children Living with HIV/AIDS
- Residential Facility for the Disabled
- LGBTQ Rights Advocacy Organization
- Arts and Theatre Group Working with Disabled Adults
- Animal Welfare for Homeless Populations
- Residential Facility Assisting / Educating Sex-Workers
- Women's Reproductive Health and Community-Based Clinics
- Centers for At-Risk Youth
- Conservation and Environmental Agencies

