Together we can Develop Global Leaders for a Better Future
“There is a common humanity. We laugh, we cry, we hope, we fear... we connect and out of that connection we create something together that is stronger than what we create as individuals. We are always better together, always.”

- Dike Chukwumerije
International Visitor Leadership Program Alumnus
Activist & Spoken Word Poet from Nigeria
Our Ecosystem

Cultural Vistas is a non-for-profit organization that leverages the power of global education and exchange to address the world’s most pressing challenges.

Creating global leadership and exchanges around the world since 1963

150,000+ alumni worldwide who represent a wide range of professional expertise

Over 6K+ program participants from 130+ countries served annually

A network of partners & more than 1500 companies across the globe

We have a proven history of creating, innovating and building connections that make a difference. Join us on the journey as we build our global community.
A New Path Forward

Growing inequality, lack of access to healthcare, climate threats and COVID-19. Global challenges are intertwined and increasing in complexity, requiring a new kind of leadership.

This moment calls for a **bold vision** to develop global leaders that can come together to help solve the challenges we face.

Cultural Vistas is committed to building bridges between cultures, bringing people together in new and innovative ways, expanding access to global engagement, and creating impact in communities around the world.

Our goal is nothing less than building a better future. **But we cannot do it without you.**
According to U.S. News the average undergraduate student loan debt in the U.S. has hit an all-time high, making participation in international internships prohibitive.

Only 1 in 10 Americans study abroad during their undergraduate degree, according to the latest data in IIE’s Open Doors Report.

A study from the University of California found 97% of those with international experience on their resume find employment within 12 months of graduation & applicants with global internships on their resume get hired 2x as fast.

**Inclusive solutions rely on diverse perspectives**

A lack of access to international experiences creates a major gap in global leadership.

**$30,000**

Employment within 12 months

- Studied Abroad
- Did not Study Abroad
Increase access and equity in global affairs We must increase funding and develop on-ramps to provide equitable access to leadership programs for those not represented in global affairs.

Scale the exchange of knowledge, values and ideas through technology We are incubating innovative programs that leverage technology to foster collaboration across the globe.

Invest in a strong & vibrant civil society Our over 150,000 alumni are changemakers, human rights agents, entrepreneurs, women in tech, experts in sustainability, government officials and more.
Increase access & equity in global affairs
Help us close the gap through the following initiatives:

Partner or Fund

- **Expand the Cultural Vistas Fellowship Program**, which funds international internships in three countries for 15 emerging leaders from communities historically underrepresented in study abroad.

- **Create STEM Career Pathways** for students from Minority Serving Institutions through our model for exploring global STEM career opportunities to spark interest in going abroad.

- **Build new Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges & Universities** by supporting our Thurgood Marshall College Fund global initiatives which include career connections and mentorship.

"Those of us who believe in a true democracy must challenge the status quo and dissect deeply rooted structural inequities at the highest levels of government and industry. **Global experiences are integral to changing this.**"  

- **Dr. N. Joyce Payne**, Founder of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund & Cultural Vistas Board Member
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Create with Us

Increase annual participation through online engagement
We serve 6K+ participants annually, 90% of whom come to the United States. Online platforms will allow us to increase the number of participants we serve annually.

Expand participation from countries across the globe
There are regions of the world including Africa and the Middle East that we have not been able to engage due to mobility limitations. Technology tools can help remove those barriers, but we must invest in technology that can be accessed by all.

Deploy Artificial Intelligence (AI) to connect individuals
We can develop deeper relationships by connecting participants and alumni throughout their program and beyond using AI to build a stronger network of global leaders.
Invest in a strong & vibrant civil society. With your support we can develop new programming to connect our alumni and build a strong and vibrant civil society across the globe. Our network of alumni worldwide will inspire and mentor the next generation of global leaders.

Alumni Leading the Way

Alaina Percival
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange 2003
Founder of Women Who Code & 2019 Distinguished Alumni Leadership Award for creating a network of support for women in tech around the world.

Cherrie Atilano
Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative 2015
Founder of AGREA Network & 2020 Alumni Impact Award for engaging and training local farmers in sustainable farming in the Philippines.

“The work that we do in the Philippines will not only inspire Filipinos, but the world. This is the beauty of Cultural Vistas - alumni inspiring each other. With this inspiration, we can definitely change the world for the better.”

- Cherrie Atilano
“Your support will help us make strategic investments in our diverse community so that we can continue to drive innovation in cultural exchange and create a future based on global cooperation that works for all.”

- Jennifer Clinton, President + CEO | Cultural Vistas

Thanks to the dedication of the staff of Cultural Vistas we’ve continued to keep the door to global experiences and connections open throughout the pandemic. They kept our mission alive by conducting virtual programs, reimagining existing program models, building a diverse and committed Board of Directors and Alumni Council, creating a new strategic plan, and leveraging technology in new and innovative ways.
Our Board of Directors is a dynamic group of leaders guiding us to ensure the impactful use of your contribution.

“We have amazing opportunities ahead for Cultural Vistas work in building an even broader community.” – Rekha Grennan, Chair of Development Committee

Also serving on the Board: Kevin Gully, DXC Technology
Help us Bring Our Bold Vision to Life

We offer various ways to give at culturalvistas.org/donate

Or contact us directly to create a custom gift: donate@culturalvistas.org

- Make a one-time or recurring monthly donation
- Find out if your company matches your gift
- Sponsor our Annual Awards Benefit
- Host a peer-to-peer fundraiser
- Honor someone in a meaningful way with a memorial or honorary gift
- Make a transformational donation from your charitable estate
“What Cultural Vistas is doing is to remind people there is a world out there. That it is rich and diverse, that it requires an enormous amount of energy and attention.

Keep doing what you’re doing. Do it with pride and with strength and with vigor. And ultimately, you will prevail.”

- Fareed Zakaria, CNN Worldwide Host & Best-selling Author & 2020 Cultural Vistas Awards Benefit Keynote Address