

# Boston University's global reach



## BU WORLDWIDE: BY THE NUMBERS

- **18,834** hours that 1,361 BU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends volunteered at 289 projects during the 2019 Global Day of Service in 159 cities worldwide
- **11,158** international students enrolled in Fall 2019 (*Forbes* ranked BU #7 on its list of best US colleges for international students)
- **2,600+** undergraduate students in our 90+ Study Abroad programs annually, in 30+ cities and 25+ countries
- **1,396** BU alumni who have served in the Peace Corps since 1961, placing the University among the top all-time producers of volunteers
- **189** countries in which BU alumni live (there are 195 countries in the world)
- **130+** countries represented by BU faculty, scholars, and students
- **33** international alumni groups around the globe, with China, India, Pakistan, and Canada boasting multiple networks

Boston University, one of the largest and most highly regarded urban-based research universities in the United States, is also a major point of intersection for the global community. Every year, as thousands of BU students and researchers travel to work overseas, thousands of international students and scholars come to our three Boston campuses to participate in globally focused instructional, research, and social action programs. At the center of all this activity, in research centers and academic departments such as the Global Development Policy Center and Department of Global Health, students, professors, and researchers are generating new knowledge about questions of pressing worldwide concern. Having launched the United States' first collegiate international exchange program more than a century ago, BU now has students and faculty working in more than 90 countries on all seven continents (including Antarctica), where they are involved in approximately 400 research, study, and service ventures. Global engagement is in our DNA and will always be vital to the University's mission.

Critical to so many of BU's international endeavors is support from philanthropic partners—in particular, foundations and other private institutions. BU is proud to have received major, long-standing support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation, among many other funders with a global profile.

## BENEFITS OF PARTNERING WITH BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1839, Boston University was the first American institution of higher education to open all its departments to women (in 1872). It has graduated many luminaries, including Nobel laureate Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (GRS'55, Hon.'59), Pulitzer Prize winners, Guggenheim awardees, and MacArthur fellows.

Today, BU is the fourth-largest private research university in the United States, with more than 15,000 graduate students, nearly 17,000 undergraduates, and just over 4,000 faculty members. We offer more than 250 degree programs through



our 17 schools and colleges, ranging from liberal arts, science, and technology to professional programs, including business, law, and medicine. BU most recently placed 40th among US universities in *U.S. News & World Report*, and several of its individual schools and colleges rank higher, including its Schools of Public Health and Social Work, both in the top 10.

Foundations supporting BU make possible world-class research, fieldwork, and the delivery of services that improve the lives of people around the world. By joining BU's philanthropic community, you will have a front-row seat to your impact through progress reports, informal communications, and if desired, visits with project leaders, either on campus or in-country. Your support will be recognized in publications and popular media generated by supported projects. Your foundation will also be invited to special events—for example, VIP webinars by leading BU faculty on global challenges. Leading funders also have the opportunity to serve on the international advisory boards of our schools, colleges, and the entire University.

### **SPOTLIGHT: PARDEE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES**

The Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University is dedicated to advancing human progress. The members of its community work tirelessly to ensure a future with peace that lasts, development that works, and knowledge that transforms. They are at the forefront of the global push toward achieving the world's Sustainable Development Goals, acting now to eliminate poverty, inequity, and preventable illness and death by 2030. They collaborate with communities, governments, and international development partners to improve the health of populations, and to train future global health leaders through classroom and field-based experiences. The Pardee School unites several programs and centers with a strong track record of outstanding teaching, research, and policy outreach in interdisciplinary international studies, such as: the African Studies Center; the Center for the Study of Asia; the Center for the Study of Europe; the Center for Latin American Studies; the Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs; the Global Development Policy Center; and the Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future.



### **CONNECTING WITH BU: FOUNDATION RELATIONS**

The BU Foundation Relations team provides concierge service for international foundations interested in engaging with any part of Boston University. They can provide information about and connect you with programs, faculty, and research well aligned with your philanthropic priorities. They can coordinate with all University offices (for example, Global Programs) to ensure that your engagement with BU is as seamless as possible—in effect, one-stop shopping. And they can help advance your philanthropic goals, by keeping you abreast of progress made by the people and projects at BU receiving your support.

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