Bringing Learning to Life Through Global Experience

The Journey

Imagine Ananya, an MBA student who comes from India to UC Davis with a dream of owning her own design business. A seminar on global start-up ventures sparks her interest in the economic impact of micro-enterprises in developing nations. With her faculty advisor’s encouragement, she applies for a service learning fellowship that takes her to a classmate’s community in Peru, where she helps a group of weavers develop a business model and streamline production. Inspired by her experience, she now plans to launch an Indian textiles micro-enterprise that will inspire others in turn—from empowering women entrepreneurs in her home country to motivating a new generation of Aggies to pursue social change on a global scale.

Ananya’s path—transforming her dream from personal passion to global good—has been paved by the cross-cultural research and service learning opportunities she has gained at UC Davis, where she is building the knowledge and experience to lead in a global world.

Pathways to a Global Education for All

UC Davis is forging pathways to open the world’s doors for every student. Fostering opportunities for global experiential learning, service and impact is key to this vision. We will engage students in research that broadens their understanding of major world challenges, and we will create transformative opportunities for them to apply their knowledge across cultural borders locally and globally—from internships with multinational corporations and immigrant community organizations, to clinical outreach and service at home and abroad.

The Philanthropic Opportunity

- Establish Global Engagement Professorships to create new global learning opportunities
- Launch a new Global Impact Fellows program
- Fund student research grants, service learning grants, and social impact fellowships
- Develop robust globally-oriented service learning programs domestically and abroad
- Support campus-wide theme events focused on engaging students in significant global issues

UC Davis is educating the next generation of global problem-solvers. We invite the partnership of alumni and friends in empowering every student to learn and lead in an interconnected world.