



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our inaugural newsletter! Our aim is to keep you informed about the various educational programs proposed by the Embassy of the United States of America in France and the French Embassy in the United States. We want FAAX to be a key resource for fostering deeper understanding between our academic communities.

One of our goals at the U.S. Embassy in France is to connect French and American people, and we want to assist educational institutions in bridging the Atlantic Ocean. FAAX is an integral part of this mission, and we look forward to collaborating with you to maximize its effectiveness.

The exchange of academic, cultural, and professional exchanges between France and the United States has never been more important --- or urgent. Daily headlines make it seem as if the world is engulfed in perpetual turmoil. But rather than retreat from the world beyond our borders, we must embrace the challenges ahead of us. The United States and France share history and values that enrich and enliven all of us. We are friends, partners, and allies. We keep our relationship healthy and strong, not through treaties, but by fostering lasting exchanges. In other words, it's the people-to-people ties between the United States and France that ensure we remain allies, partners, and friends for generations to come.

The FAAX newsletter also serves as a platform for your input and ideas, which can be further explored in the FAAX Forum. I encourage you to engage by contributing articles, sharing research, and suggesting topics for future editions. ■

A bientôt!

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION



### The Youth Ambassadors for Community Service

**The Youth Ambassadors for Community Services** is a leadership program for French high school students with previous community involvement. The program consists in an associative or civic project and a 15-day trip to the United States, including a week with an American family in Florida or Missouri. ■

Next Call for candidates in October 2024.



### The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship

**The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship** is a one-month summer program at Purdue University in Lafayette, USA for committed French people aged 16 and 18, who have demonstrated leadership skills and an interest in international issues, diplomacy or public policy. ■




### Smithsonian in France 2024

**Sustainable Communities, how will we help our community thrive?**

The U.S. Embassy in France, Smithsonian's Office of International Relations, and Smithsonian Science Education Center have developed a unique program for students and educators to connect across the Atlantic and focus on sustainability issues. This program designed for 13+ French and U.S. students engages classrooms in English-conducted virtual exchanges. ■

One year ago, President of France Emmanuel Macron launched **French for All**, an initiative founded on the principle that foreign language education should be a right, not a privilege. The initiative supports the expansion and enrichment of French language education and bilingualism in the United States from kindergarten through higher education.

French In Higher Education complements the set of programs that the Embassy of France in the United States manages or promotes. These programs are dedicated to increasing U.S. student mobility to France from the Bachelor's to the PhD level, and to furthering cooperation in teaching and research between French and U.S. institutions.



## GET IN THE FAAX!

Join the community, become a « FAAXER » and enjoy the benefits and advantages offered by this platform for connecting French and American schools and universities.



**CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT**



## The Transatlantic Mobility Program

The [French Embassy in the United States](#) and the [Embassy of the United States of America in France](#) work together to increase Franco-American cooperation between French and U.S. Higher Education Institutions with Grants up to \$20,000 to expand and diversify study-abroad programs. University proposals are evaluated on how projects can effectively and concretely build strong partnerships, develop innovative and sustainable study-abroad models, and design programs for nontraditional students. ■



### MICEFA

The **Mission Inter-universitaire de Coordination des Echanges Franco-Américains** and its partners work at creating student exchanges based on strict reciprocity with over 60 American universities. With the support of the U.S. Embassy in France, MICEFA provides twenty French university students with scholarships to help fund their exchange abroad, based on their academic excellence, the strength of their project, and financial need. ■



## Fulbright

The **Fulbright Program**, established by Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946 to favor intercultural understanding, awards scholarships to Americans and citizens of partner countries for studying, teaching, or conducting research abroad. Co-financed by the respective governments and administered in France by the Franco-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange, the Fulbright Program has supported more than 22,000 individuals from France and the United States. ■



## Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables U.S. students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to national security and economic prosperity. To be eligible for the Gilman Program, applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of their study abroad program or internship. The Institute of International Education has administered the program since its inception in 2001. ■

**Additional programs and opportunities** proposed by the French Embassy in the U.S. to the attention of U.S. students: [click here](#)

### CALL FOR ARTICLES!

You have published an article on a topic related to international education and would like to share it with us? Write to [faax2024@gmail.com](mailto:faax2024@gmail.com) and propose a text for a publication in the next FAAX Newsletter! You would like to engage in a live discussion about a topic that holds personal significance or where you seek external opinions and viewpoints? Come join the FAAX forum right [here](#).

### EVENT

*Let's talk about NAFSA*

#### 2024 NAFSA CONFERENCE:

- Who is going to News Orleans in 2024?
- Which institution will you represent?
- Will you be involved in a presentation?



## IDEAS

The **IDEAS** program assists U.S. colleges and universities in creating, diversifying, and/or expanding their study abroad programming in support of U.S. foreign policy goals. The IDEAS (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students) Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by World Learning. ■

### FACTS & KEY NUMBERS

**8,552** French students have studied in the U.S. in 2022-23 (Figure up compared to 2021-22: 7,751, without however surpassing the number of «traveling» students in 2019: 8,716.)

The U.S. is France's **4th** Study Abroad Destination ranking. Who's First?? The answer will be in the next FAAX Stories' Edition.

**14,397** U.S. students discovered France last academic year... Not bad!

Can you guess the top **3** study destinations for French students? It's California (of course!), followed by New York (as always...), and Massachusetts (What??).

