Scholars at the UMN

They are invited to do research. They come to do research. But that is only the surface of what we know about international scholars at the UMN. Although internationalization is not the driving force behind departments inviting scholars or scholars joining our community, there are clear hints of it being a by-product. Scholars come to collaborate and interact with UMN faculty, staff, and students; some teach in our classrooms; others become enrolled students themselves or encourage family members to join the UMN community. What would we find if we looked closer? How do these valuable resources and agents on campus share their skills and contributions and internationalize the University of Minnesota?

UMN Hosting Departments

Top Reported Motivator
→ Finding high-skilled, quality researchers

Top Reported Outcomes
→ Quality research, publications, growing collaborations

International Scholars

Top Reported Motivators
→ Gaining professional and academic experience, collaborating with well-reputed UMN faculty

Top Reported Outcomes
→ Learned new research methods, publications, improved English language skills

In 2010-2011...

1498 total international scholars
85 countries represented
63.9% male, 36.1% female

Top sending countries:
• China (438)
• India (226)
• Republic of Korea (123)
• Canada (68)
• Japan (67)

Top fields of specialization:
• Health Sciences
• Engineering
• Physical Sciences
• Biological & Biomedical Sciences
• Education

Connections to Internationalization

Social Sciences
I’ve been doing research and observation as a scholar for three years. My daughter was just admitted to the UMN as a student.

Arts
I teach students in my department. I occasionally am invited to consult with other local businesses to share my skills, contributing to my professional experience as a scholar and strengthening my department’s partnerships with the local community.

Health Sciences
I am a former student who has returned as a scholar to continue my research collaboration with my department.

Education
My husband teaches as a scholar and I was just hired at the UMN in my field to do research.

Engineering
I have been working on an innovative project in collaboration with the UMN and U.S. government.

Physical Sciences
My wife is a scholar and I was just admitted into a UMN graduate program as a full-time student.

The profiles presented on this poster are based on actual UMN scholar profiles with slight modifications to preserve anonymity.