

A group of approximately 15 young adults of diverse ethnicities are posing for a group photo on the Great Wall of China. They are dressed in casual winter clothing. The wall itself is made of large, light-colored stone blocks and features several watchtowers and arched windows. The background shows the rugged, hilly terrain of the Great Wall, with the sky transitioning from blue to a warm orange and yellow at sunset.

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Building Bridges Since 1947



College Study Abroad students in Berlin

FOR 75+ YEARS, CIEE HAS BEEN CONNECTING DIFFERENT PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND CULTURES TO NURTURE A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD

For more than 75 years, CIEE has been dedicated to advancing peace in our world through international educational exchange programs.

From our founding, our mission has been to both increase the number of young people who embrace other people, countries, and cultures, and to increase the diversity of those young people by democratizing access to international programs. Increasing access for students from all backgrounds is vital to [preparing the next generation of leaders](#) to affect positive change in our world.

Each year, to advance our mission of promoting peace and understanding, CIEE harnesses the limitless potential of a global network of education professionals, volunteers, host families, globally-minded employers, international partners, government leaders, faculty and administrators at thousands of colleges and high schools around the world, and most importantly, over 50,000 young people from over 140 countries.

Together, [we are changing the world, one life at a time](#). We hope you will join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James P. Pellow".



James P. Pellow, Ed.D.

President & CEO,
Council on International Educational Exchange



**CIEE HAS HELPED OVER
1.5 MILLION PEOPLE
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE**

**EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH SKILLS TO THRIVE IN
A MULTICULTURAL AND GLOBALLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD**

For over 75 years, CIEE has helped young people enhance their global perspective by participating in high-quality international exchange and study abroad programs.

Each year, we help **50,000+ young people** experience a new culture, including foreign students and professionals who come to the United States and American students and professionals who explore the world.

Since 1969, CIEE has been the U.S. Department of State's leading sponsor for BridgeUSA programs that advance public diplomacy through academic, cultural, and professional exchange programs in the U.S.



EACH YEAR CIEE HELPS:

15,000+ →

American high school students, college students, and recent graduates to study, intern, and teach outside of the United States

35,000+ ←

people from more than 140 countries study, train, or work a seasonal job in the United States



Participants in 1947 aboard one of the first boats chartered by CIEE (then Council on Student Travel)

CIEE WAS FOUNDED AFTER WWII TO REBUILD TRUST BETWEEN NATIONS



1965
1966

1967 FROM TRANSPORTATION TO INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

We change our name to Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). The first CIEE Study Center opens in Leningrad.



2013
2014

2015 REINVENTING STUDY ABROAD

CIEE adds internships and academic blocks to our comprehensive portfolio of study abroad programs.



1947 OUR BEGINNING

CIEE (then Council on Student Travel) begins coordinating travel for American college students and teachers seeking exchange experiences abroad by arranging passage for them on retired troop ships.



1968

1969 BRIDGEUSA AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT

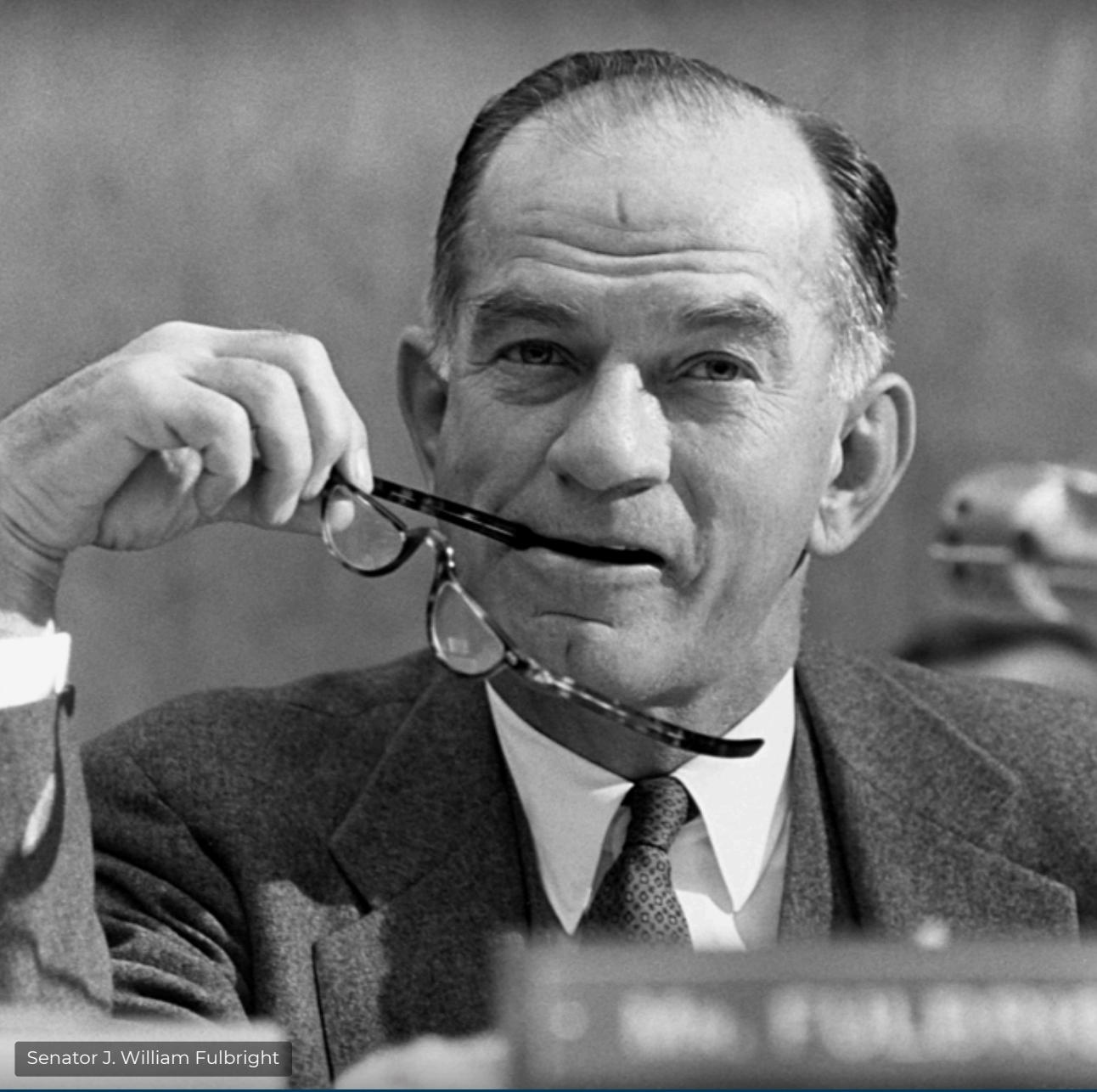
CIEE is the first organization designated by the U.S. Department of State to sponsor the BridgeUSA exchange visitor program, bringing foreign students to the United States for cultural exchange.



2020
2021

2022 CIEE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

CIEE celebrates 75 years of advancing peace in the world.



Senator J. William Fulbright

CIEE BRINGS THE WORLD TOGETHER THROUGH PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGE

ADVANCING PEACE BY FOSTERING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONS

Each year CIEE prepares 15,000+ students from U.S. high schools and colleges to better connect and communicate across cultures by providing international educational experiences, including:

- High School Study Abroad
- Gap Year Abroad
- First Year Abroad
- College Study Abroad
- Internship Abroad
- Teach Abroad

Each year, we help 35,000+ participants from around the world learn about American culture and values while engaging in academic, cultural, and professional exchange programs in all 50 states. Programs include:

- BridgeUSA Secondary School Student
- BridgeUSA Summer Work Travel
- BridgeUSA Camp Counselor
- BridgeUSA Intern-Program
- BridgeUSA Professional Exchange Programs

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Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations. To this purpose I believe the Council on International Educational Exchange is dedicated.

– Senator J. William Fulbright, who introduced the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (also known as the Fulbright-Hayes Act) that created the Exchange Visitor Program (BridgeUSA)



BridgeUSA participant in
New York City, United States

CIEE IS THE LARGEST SPONSOR OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE BRIDGEUSA PROGRAMS

FACILITATING POSITIVE EXPERIENCES OF AMERICAN
CULTURE AND DEMOCRACY IN ALL **50** STATES FOR
PEOPLE FROM **140+** COUNTRIES

Since 1969, CIEE has been the U.S. Department of State's #1 partner, annually supporting **35,000+** participants from around the world as they engage in academic, cultural, and professional exchange programs in the U.S.

IMPACT ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

91%

of BridgeUSA Summer Work Travel alums agreed that they had a better understanding of American culture after the program*

94%

of BridgeUSA Summer Work Travel alums reported making friends with Americans*

*EurekaFacts. (2018). "Summer Work Travel Impact Evaluation Final Report."

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The exchange experience helped me realize what I want to do in the future – see the world, meet all kinds of people with such different life stories, learn about new cultures, and hear about diverse life perspectives.

– CIEE Work & Travel USA Alum



College Study Abroad participant
and his host brother in Rabat, Morocco

CIEE HELPS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD

PROVIDING EXPERIENTIAL INTERNATIONAL LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS FROM **600+** U.S.
COLLEGES AND **500+** U.S. HIGH SCHOOLS

CIEE's culturally immersive Study Abroad, Teach
Abroad, and Global Internship programs promote
academic, professional, and personal growth.

IMPACT ON HIGH SCHOOL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
1 MONTH = **1 YEAR**
WITH CIEE **OF HIGH SCHOOL**

The average growth for high school students in
a CIEE 1-month program approaches or exceeds
the national average growth that students achieve
in 1 year of a high school world language course.*

*Measured through pre-post administration of the STAMP 4S
assessment by Avant

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This experience will forever mark a changing point in my life; it has made me more outgoing, more sympathetic, more loving, more patriotic, and more willing to take chances and take the initiative.

– CIEE Study Abroad Alum

CIEE HAS ROBUST GLOBAL REACH

470+ COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND 100+ HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN 45 CITIES IN 32 COUNTRIES

- Experienced local staff
- Unparalleled Health, Safety & Security support
- Flexible and affordable set of study abroad programs that meet the needs of every student, every major, and every college and university





CIEE High School Summer Abroad
participants in Cape Town, South Africa

10,000

free passports provided by CIEE
at CIEE Passport Caravan events

\$2,000

GAIN travel grant toward airfare
for **EVERY** Pell grant recipient

\$2,500

for **ALL** qualified Gilman applicants
doing a semester program

CIEE AWARDS MILLIONS IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR

ANNUALLY PROVIDING MORE THAN **\$8 MILLION**
IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD TO
3,000+ HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

CIEE provides financial aid opportunities that open doors to educational experiences for young people.

ciee.org/scholarships

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

CIEE was founded to deliver people-to-people exchange programs for all students from all countries.

We award study abroad scholarships and grants to students across three categories: need-based, merit-based, and other areas of funding.



Young Civic Leadership Summit participants
in Washington, D.C., United States

CIEE PREPARES FUTURE LEADERS

PROVIDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS WITH SKILLS TO WORK ACROSS CULTURES

Through a variety of leadership programs, CIEE nurtures young leaders who go abroad with CIEE or come to the U.S. on BridgeUSA programs.

AMBASSADOR JOHNNY AND MRS. ANGIE YOUNG CIVIC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

This public diplomacy program:

- Advances U.S. diplomatic relations
- Improves the perception of the U.S. in the eyes of future leaders
- Enhances national security and economic prosperity

FREDERICK DOUGLASS-DANIEL O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNSHIP

Program cost, airfare, and a stipend are provided to the Douglass-O'Connell Global Interns to support participation in an eight-week work placement in an Irish organization and participation in a credit-bearing academic course on Irish History and Culture.

IMPACT ON GLOBAL LEADERSHIP



1 IN 3

Current World Leaders is an Exchange Alum***

***Coalition for American Public Diplomacy and Leadership



With the help of a grant from CIEE, BridgeUSA alumna Andrea (center) published "Volamos Juntos" to raise awareness for neurodivergent children in Ecuador

CIEE CHANGES LIVES, OUR ALUMNI CHANGE THE WORLD

EXTENDED IMPACT



Josie, a high school student from North Carolina who spent a year abroad in Chile, says the cultural stories and broadened perspective that she gained from studying abroad did not only benefit her, but also her family members who do not have much international travel experience.

INSPIRED TO GIVE BACK

Alaa from Egypt, an alumni of the CIEE Young Civic Leadership Summit and CIEE Work & Travel USA Program, was inspired by his exchange experience to create a non-profit organization empowering young people to address issues related to the environment and public health.



LEAVING A LEGACY

Chongdah, a Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) student from Nigeria, made such an impact on her Texas high school community they named a locker after her so they could have a lasting memory of her positive impact even after she returned home.



YOU CAN HELP US BUILD THE NEXT ONE MILLION BRIDGES

CIEE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. 100% of your tax deductible donation goes to fund scholarships that increase access to CIEE's international education and exchange programs.



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