

# ALABAMA



ECA's educational, professional, and cultural exchange programs increase mutual understanding between U.S. citizens and citizens from 160 countries.

ECA's programs benefit the state's economy through partnerships with academic institutions, non-profits, local governments, and civic organizations.

## ECA Fast Facts 2023-2024

Of the students and scholars from Alabama...

**23** Participated in the the **Fulbright U.S. Student and U.S. Scholar Programs**.

**41** High-achieving students with limited financial means received **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships**.

**5** Were awarded **Critical Language Scholarships** to study languages vital to American national security and economic prosperity.

**8** Received a scholarship for one of these youth exchange programs:

- **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)**
- **Youth Leadership Program**
- **National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)**
- **Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad**

Of the international scholars, students, teachers, and professionals visiting the state...

**1,892** Engaged with cultural **BridgeUSA** programs as academic, student, and professional exchanges visitors.

**226** Met with professional counterparts, and experienced American culture as **IVLP** participants in 2022.

## Academic Exchanges

**3,832**



Students from colleges and universities in the state studied abroad in academic year (AY) 2022-2023.

**10,071**



International students attended colleges and universities in Alabama during AY 2023-2024.\*

In AY 23-24, international students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$348.6 million** to the state economy.\*

## Leading Host Institutions for International Students

University of Alabama - Birmingham  
Auburn University - Auburn  
University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa  
Auburn University - Montgomery  
University of North Alabama

## IDEAS Study Abroad Grants

Colleges and universities that were awarded IDEAS study abroad capacity-building grants in AY 23-24:

Alabama A&M University  
University of Alabama in Huntsville  
University of South Alabama

\*Open Doors State Fact Sheets, Institute of International Education, Inc.



## Global Ties U.S. Partnership

**Global Ties Alabama** is the local implementing organization that partners with ECA on the IVLP.

This organization turned

**\$117,579**

in federal funds  
for the IVLP



**\$1,406,384**

in FY 2022.\*

\*Global Ties Impact Sheet

## International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)

The **IVLP** is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts.

**1,145**

Exchange alumni  
from Alabama  
in 2023

### **John Propst Blane**

Ambassador of the United States to Rwanda, 1982-1985, Ambassador of the United States to Chad, 1985-1988; (Fulbright U.S. Student to Austria 1952)

### **John Glen Browder**

Former U.S. Representative for Alabama's Third Congressional District, 1989-1997; (Fulbright Specialist to Greece 2015)

## Notable Alumni in Alabama

## BridgeUSA

ECA's **BridgeUSA** exchanges allow students and professionals from around the world to study, intern, train, conduct research, collaborate, and explore culture in the United States. **BridgeUSA** is privately funded and represents ECA's largest and most diverse program.

## Participants by Category

In 2023, participants in Alabama served in the following **BridgeUSA** categories (in rank order):

- Summer Work Travel
- Intern
- Research Scholar
- Secondary Student
- Non-Degree Student

