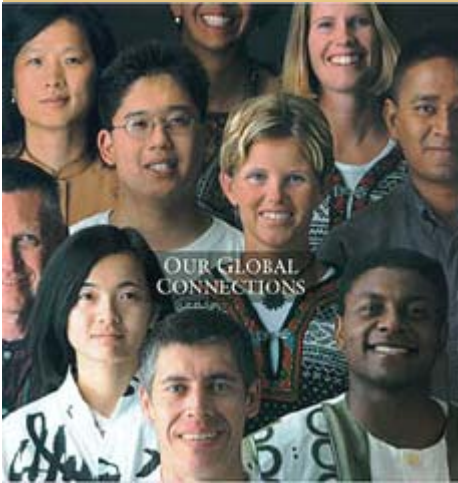


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## The Year of Internationalization at the U

In May 2006 the U's Presidential Task Force on Internationalization, led by John Francis, senior associate vice president for academic affairs, presented its report to President Young. The report included key recommendations to enhance student international experiences, facilitate faculty involvement in international scholarship, create an international institute to provide overall leadership, attract resources for the University's commitment to internationalization, and work collaboratively with the governor's office to enrich the state of Utah's international involvement.

In November 2006 a progress report on internationalization was presented to senior administrators and college deans. Here are some highlights.

- President Young has declared 2007-2008 as the Year of Internationalization. A new website, which will be accessible from the U's home page, will present information on international events and all major areas of international engagement on campus. The year will conclude with a publication highlighting the U's achievements in internationalization.
- Thanks to a generous donation from Asian philanthropist Li Ka Shing, the Hinckley Institute of Politics will now offer paid internships in China, India, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Scotland, and Thailand.
- Colleges are taking steps to strengthen area centers, with particular emphasis in Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East.
- A [faculty research-interest website](#) identifies campus entities engaged in international research projects.

“Internationalization should not be viewed as an

end in and of itself, but as a dimension of the University's educational, research, and service mission," says Francis. "We educate students who increasingly find that their vocations and avocations cross borders. Our research work takes faculty and students to every continent. We work with citizens of other countries to share knowledge and understanding that leads to improved quality of life."

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