



International Affairs Program

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

IAFS Alumni Newsletter

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Welcome New IAFS Advisory Board Member Martin Mehalchin (IAFS '93)



The International Affairs Program is pleased to welcome **Martin Mehalchin** to the **IAFS Advisory Board**, a dedicated group of alumni and friends who meet twice a year to support key initiatives, including the Global Grants Study Abroad Scholarship, the IAFS Mentorship Program, and alumni engagement. We are excited for the expertise and international perspective Martin will bring to the Board's work on behalf of IAFS students!

Martin is a semi-retired strategy consultant and investor who advised global brands such as Nike, Vans, and the NBA on customer experience and loyalty strategies. Raised in an international family with strong ties to Europe, he holds dual U.S.–EU citizenship and studied abroad in Germany shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall—an experience that shaped his lifelong interest in Europe’s democratic and economic development. He is also passionate about environmental sustainability and global stewardship.

Please join us in welcoming Martin!

Connect With Martin
on LinkedIn

Read Martin's Full
Bio

Learn About the IAFS
Advisory Board

IAFS Mentorship Program Alumni Mentors Needed

The IAFS Mentorship Program connects CU Boulder juniors and seniors with alumni and professionals in international affairs–related careers for guidance and support as they prepare for life after graduation. Mentors serve as sounding boards, share insights from their own experiences, and help students explore career paths, internships, and professional development opportunities.

We’ll be opening applications for new mentors soon (anticipated in early October), and we invite alumni to get involved. Mentorship requires only a few hours a month but makes a lasting impact, both for the students you support and for the entire program. **More details on how to apply will be shared in October!**

IAFS Mentorship Program



Celebrating Global Grants Scholarship Recipients

IAFS is proud to recognize the recipients of the Global Grants Scholarship for Fall 2025 and Academic Year 2025–26! Six students received awards totaling \$16,000 to support semester- and year-long study abroad programs around the world.

Read more about the recipients, follow their journeys, and consider supporting the Global Grants fund!

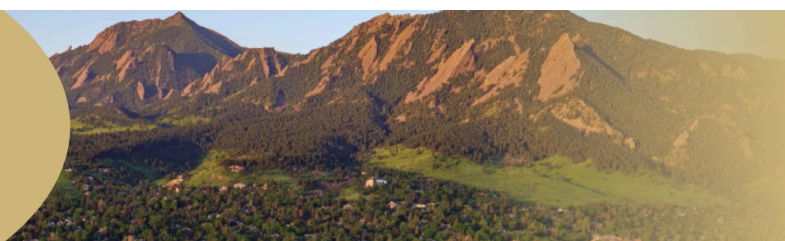
Fall 2025 & AY 2025-
26 Recipients

Read Global Grants
Stories

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Grants Fund



JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



Meet Alexandra Bell:
Nuclear Policy Expert and CEO of The
Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

Ukraine Under Fire:
An Evening with Jordan Campbell
A Forever Buffs Event

Date: Monday, September 15
Time: 3:30–4:30 pm
Location: CU Boulder Campus - CASE
E422

Date: Sunday, September 21
Time: 6:30pm
Location: E-Town Boulder - 1535 Spruce
St., Boulder, CO 80302

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Have news to share?

Do you have stories to share or know of internships, jobs or events that may interest IAFS alumni or students? Email iafs@colorado.edu and let us know!

Check out our [Alumni Spotlight](#) and [Internship and Job Opportunities](#) pages for updates.

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