



**University of Michigan-Dearborn and University of Michigan-Flint  
Joint Statement on Global Learning Collaboration**

Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues,

As we celebrate [International Education Week](#) (November 18-22), we are thrilled to announce an exciting step forward in the University of Michigan-Dearborn and University of Michigan-Flint's cooperative educational efforts through a [Joint Statement on Global Learning Collaboration](#). This initiative advances our shared commitment towards developing globally focused educational experiences for our students that draw upon our combined resources and expertise and are in line with both universities' missions. As regional public universities, we are both embedded in our communities and connected to the large international network of families and traditions that shape the lives of many of our students. Through our strategic partnership, we aim to foster ethical community-based partnerships and advance global learning opportunities that build on the strengths of our students and prepare them to thrive in an interconnected world.

Both campuses recognize the importance of offering students transformative educational opportunities that blend global ideas with local actions. By pooling our resources, we can offer distinctive study abroad programs, local community projects with global or intercultural components, virtual exchanges, collaborative online courses, and comprehensive professional development for our faculty and staff. This partnership is not just about expanding horizons; it's about empowering our students, and our campus communities to become critically-minded global citizens who can address complex, borderless issues sustainably and justly. We invite you all to engage with this collaboration enthusiastically, as we move towards achieving our shared vision of excellence in teaching, learning, research, and community impact.

As we embark on this journey together, we seek to develop a better understanding of the great work already being done on both campuses relating to global learning. To be more specific, we want to know if your teaching, research, service, or programming (for-credit or not-for-credit) involves any of the following:

1. the crossing of intercultural boundaries (physically or analytically),
2. the examination of global (i.e., meaning "affecting the world," not a "totality") systems or legacies,
3. the development of global citizens,
4. the addressing of complex, borderless issues, or
5. the engagement of community partners in the addressing of such issues.

Please complete [this short form](#) by **Monday, December 16th** to let us know of any related work you are doing and what assistance we might be able to provide to better support your efforts. We will follow up with all those who complete the form shortly.

We look forward to hearing from you and partnering with you in this exciting collaboration.

Sincerely,

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