

BRIAN GIBSON

Washington, DC, 20020

Executive Leadership: Research ▪ Global Partnerships ▪ Multidisciplinary Thought Leadership, Internationalization, DEI, Policy Making, Strategic Planning

✪ Unique Ability to lead diverse global teams & Translate research into action and impact ✪

Summary of Position Specific Competencies:

- **Over 20 years of experience** directing the recruitment of international students and scholars more than 120 countries
- **Over 20 years of experience** building and leading teams in multi-cultural environments and fostering collaboration, transparency and empowerment
- **Over 20 years experience** designing, implementing and innovating international education programs (study, research and experiential) at Columbia, Northeastern, George Mason Universities and the University of Utah
- **Over 14 years of experience** leading program development by successfully soliciting millions of dollars in contributions from foundations and corporations and US government grants
- **Over 13 years experience** overseeing grantmaking to hundreds of organizations around the world while at the US State Department and the Institute of International Education
- **Over 10 years experience** storylining, communicating and presenting on global education and engagement

Thought Leadership & Research



Strategy & Execution



Inspiration & Innovation



Trusted Relationships

Profile

- **Successful leader of internationalization and global engagement efforts at some of the most influential institutions in the world, including academia, government and private enterprise**
- **Builder of a global network of key thought leaders in global education, rule of law and development**
- **Passionate advocate of inclusive excellence**

Chronological Professional Experience

American Councils for International Education (ACIE) Washington, DC

2024 to Present

Recognized as one of the nation's premier public R1 institutions of higher learning with one of the largest global footprints of any US university.

Vice President for Language Programs

Exercises financial and operational oversight over two global campuses, oversees more than 200 study and research programs focusing on major global challenges, designs and implements innovative trainings and curricula.

- Manages the largest ACIE division encompassing dozens of programs and thousands of students
- Establishes and oversees partnerships with key strategic partner institutions
- Develops programming for at-risk global scholars
- Heads global risk management committee responsible for safety of thousands of students
- Spearheads government-wide engagement efforts and secures new strategic partners
- Provides oversight and guidance over a number of large Education, State and Defense department grants
- Identifies possible new offices and program locations around the world
- Increases funding and scholarships opportunities for applicants throughout the US and abroad
- Works closely with development team on prospective projects and programs
- Advocates for increased funding on Capitol Hill and at key executive agencies

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

2021 to 2024

Recognized as one of the nation's premier public R1 institutions of higher learning with one of the largest global footprints of any US university.

Chief Global Officer

Exercises financial and operational oversight over two global campuses, oversees more than 200 study and research programs focusing on major global challenges, designs and implements innovative trainings and curricula.

- Oversaw the Office for Global Engagement with 100+ professional staff and over 300 programs
- Promoted internationalization of the curriculum, foreign language learning and diversity
- Developed new and innovative approaches to global research
- Enhanced the international student experiences by streamlining and adding more support
- Led campus-wide engagement efforts and secures new strategic partners
- Provided oversight and guidance over a \$19 million USAID project
- Explored/identified possible new global campuses and oversees existing ones in Asia and Africa
- Increased learning abroad opportunities for a wider array of students
- Secured new funding sources for global programs
- Provided pro-bono legal services to African NGOs (while on sabbatical)

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

2016 to 2021

Largest university in the Washington, DC region and a recognized leader in innovation and DEI.

Executive Director, Global Education Office

- Oversaw all university's global learning programs
- Founded the university's Global Education Office
- Served as university's Senior International Officer
- Spearheaded global engagement and the development of strategic partnerships
- Launched the university's first global experiential learning program
- Established university's first international travel safety and security system
- Directed the development and management of more than 200 global programs
- Doubled the number of Mason students going abroad each year
- Conceived of and launched customized programs for international professionals
- Managed an organization over 30 full-time professional staff
- Oversaw a complex annual budget of more than \$8 million
- Hired and negotiated contracts for more than 100 faculty annually
- Led and taught two of the most popular study abroad courses at the university

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

2014 to 2016

The acknowledged leader among world universities in global experiential learning and research.

Director – Global Experience Office

- Oversaw all facets of the university's global experience operations
- Led course development process including service and experiential learning
- Provided leadership in strategic planning for over 200 new courses and internships
- Served as key diplomatic and ambassadorial representative
- Directed the development and oversight of global, institutional partnerships

City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

2012 to 2014

One of the most highly ranked and regarded universities in Asia.

Professor and Special Advisor to the Dean

- Advised on globalization and establishing international partnerships
- Provided guidance for clinical and experience learning opportunities
- Designed the structure of a global judicial training program
- Delivered modular courses on comparative legal cultures and traditions

Columbia University, New York, NY 2006 to 2012

One of the world's foremost schools specializing in international affairs.

Assistant Dean, International and Comparative Law

- Directed the planning and operation of all global programs
- Provided advice and oversight for the management of global regional centers
- Developed and managed multi-million dollar budgets
- Co-authored significant portions of institution's global vision and mission statement
- Co-ordinated the drafting and review of innovative exchange and grant agreements
- Organized a series of important U.N. conferences and seminars on globalization

US Department of State, Washington, DC 2004 to 2006

The Pre-eminent US agency handling US foreign policy and public diplomacy.

Acting Branch Chief, Bureau of Cultural and Education Affairs

- Led policy formulation within the branch
- Designed recruitment and screening processes for high-level international visitors
- Oversaw the monitoring of grant agreements and subcontracts
- Managed review of grant proposals from US host institutions
- Chaired key panels focusing on public diplomacy

Thacher Proffitt and Wood, New York, NY 2000 to 2004

Leading Wall Street Law Firm Specializing in Global Finance.

Associate Attorney, Global Finance Practice

- Advised on international financial regulatory and tax issues
- Served as chief recruiter of international associates
- Provided pro-bono services to organizations devoted to refugees and displaced persons

Institute of International Education, Washington, DC 1991 to 1999

Director of Programs

- Managed all aspects of two large USAID-funded projects that exceeded \$50 million
- Secured the placement of 100s of African graduate students at US universities
- Supervised relations with funding agencies and organizations
- Oversaw the drafting of numerous successful funding proposals
- Managed the opening and operations of global field offices
- Directed an advising staff of 18 professionals

Education

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

PhD – Legal Pluralism and International Development

Columbia University, New York, NY

MS – International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

JD – Comparative and International Law

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

BS – International Economics

Societies/Memberships

- NAFSA
- AIEA
- Forum on Education Abroad

- Diversity Abroad
- Council on Foreign Relations
- African Studies Association

Language

French – Intermediate

Arabic – Basic

Swedish - Conversational