

**JOHN WENDT | MONGOLIA, 2015**

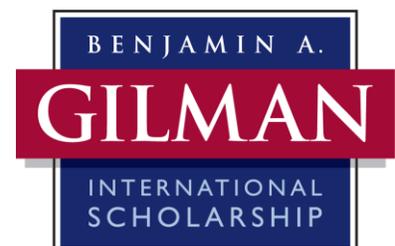
- Ecology at Colorado State University, Fort Collins
- Increased Mongolian language skills
- Gained professional experience through independent study project with an NGO
- Encouraged ecology students to study abroad through informational presentations



John's study abroad program in Mongolia consisted of intensive Mongolian language classes and an independent study project. Through his independent study project, John collaborated with a non-governmental organization to gain greater insight on the inner workings of the world of international development and conservation. His project was published on the study abroad program's online library. John established professional connections when he attended a transdisciplinary research conference that confirmed his interest in international academic research.

John's semester in Mongolia led to his internship opportunity at an award-winning cattle ranch when he returned to the United States. His abroad experience resulted not only in stronger language skills, but it also greatly contributed to his skills and knowledge regarding rangeland management. The firsthand experience he gained working with researchers solidified his desire to develop an ecological research project for his future doctorate.

"I wish to continue to seek similar opportunities to expand my understanding of the world's incredibly diverse rangelands."



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