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WHY NOT STUDY ABROAD?

Through study abroad, students have a unique opportunity to develop highly valued intercultural knowledge and to enhance or acquire foreign language skills needed in today’s global economy. They have all kinds of travel adventures. Most return home with greater experience, increased marketability, and a lifetime of memories. Why would you not study abroad?

STUDY ABROAD IS FOR EVERYONE

The Office of International Education (OIE) is committed to serving University of Richmond students of any identity or background. Please see our pages on diversity for information on how a student of color, a student with an LGBTQ orientation, or a first-generation college student can benefit the most from a semester abroad.

STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students who wish to study abroad for fall 2017 or the academic year need to apply by January 23, 2017 for most programs. But there are exceptions:

Apply by January 17, 2017 for these options:

- [London School of Economics and Political Science](http://lse.edu) (LSE) (academic year only)
- [Oxford](http://oxford.ac.uk) (academic year only)
- [Non-UR study abroad program petitions](http://non-ur.urich.edu)

Our [online application system](http://online.urich.edu) allows you to begin an application, save it, and return to finish it later.

Remember that study abroad is a competitive process; there are different academic requirements and a different number of spots available for each program. Acceptance decisions are made primarily on the academic fit between the student and the program.
You should select your first-choice and second-choice programs with equal care as many students are approved for the program they have indicated as being their second preference.

At least one of your preferred programs must be an exchange/direct enroll program. If only one of your choices is an exchange/direct enroll program, your other choice can be an affiliate program. The reason for this requirement stems from UR’s study abroad philosophy of immersion not only in a foreign culture, but also in a foreign academic system.

OUR BLOGGERS

The OIE always has “foreign correspondents” in interesting locations, providing a student perspective on the study abroad experience. In spring 2017, we’ll have people writing from several different countries. Check it out here.

PROGRAMS FOR SOPHOMORES

The mission of UR’s study abroad team is to send as many students as possible on rewarding experiences abroad. We now offer more programs than ever for sophomores. Speak with a study abroad advisor for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** – Emphasis on funding for under-represented students applying for non-traditional destinations. Application deadline for fall 2017 abroad is March 7, 2017 (11:59 pm Central Time).

**Office of International Education (OIE) Scholarship** – For students applying to exchange/direct-enrollment semester abroad programs only. Application deadline for fall 2017 abroad is March 31, 2017.

**Freeman-ASIA Scholarship** – Awards designated for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study in East or Southeast Asia for academic credit. Application deadline for fall 2017 abroad will be early April, 2017.

**Bridging Scholarships** – For study abroad in Japan. Application deadline for fall 2017 abroad is April 11, 2017.

Click here to read about all your options for study abroad scholarships.
FINANCIAL AID

If you are going on a UR semester/year abroad program...

- The same types of assistance for which you may be considered during enrollment at Richmond are available to you for a UR approved study abroad program during the fall and/or spring terms.
- The OIE provides a travel allowance to defray the cost of your plane ticket
- We can reimburse you for the cost of a passport, student visa and/or residence permit abroad

Note for all scholarships & grants: Total awards from all sources may not exceed the Cost of Attendance established by the Office of Financial Aid. We encourage you to contact the Office of Financial Aid with any questions at finaid@richmond.edu or 804-289-8438.