APPLICATION DEADLINES

★ February 3, 2019 for most fall or academic year programs

★ January 18, 2019 for Oxford

Click here for details.

HOW TO APPLY

Our online application system 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. You indicate both preferences in the same application.

One or both of your first or second-choice 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.

WILL I GET MY FIRST CHOICE?

Five or six times as many UR students apply to go abroad in the fall than in the spring. It’s just the opposite at most US colleges and universities. This means that there are many more people applying for spots in popular programs for the fall.

If your GPA barely qualifies you for the program you want, and/or if that is a very competitive program (the advisor in charge can tell you), then you may not get your first choice. If that happens, you need to ask yourself if you want to compromise on where you study abroad, or when.

Think about it this way:

Student A applies to the program of their dreams in a challenging and picturesque country whose language they are learning. But they’re not accepted for fall, so they take a place in a less interesting location so they can still go abroad when their friends do. They give up the once-in-lifetime chance to spend 4 or 5 months in a country that will give them a uniquely rewarding experience in order to stay with the Richmond crowd.
Student B applies to the same program and is also not accepted for fall, so they meet with their study abroad advisor, and learn that they will be more likely to have the experience they want if they aim for spring.

All in all, students who compromise on which semester they study abroad are happier than those who go on a program that does not excite them.

OUR BLOGGERS

The OIE always has “foreign correspondents” in interesting locations, providing a student perspective on the study abroad experience. In spring 2019, we’ll have people writing from several different countries. Check it out here.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program – Emphasis on need-based funding for US students from under-represented groups to study and intern in a diverse array of countries. Application deadline for summer 2019, fall 2019, or 2019-2020 academic year participants is March 5, 2019 (11:59 pm Central Time).

Freeman-ASIA Scholarship – Awards designated for US undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study in East or Southeast Asia for academic credit. Application deadline for summer 2019, fall 2019, and 2019-2020 academic year will be announced in February; deadline likely to be in April, 2019.

Bridging Scholarships – For study abroad in Japan. Application deadline for fall 2019 and 2019-2020 academic year participants is April 10, 2019.

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

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FINANCIAL AID

If you are going on a UR-approved semester or year abroad program…

- The same types of assistance that are available to you for a semester at Richmond are still available to you
- All participants get special support from UR; see details at https://international.richmond.edu/study-abroad/finances/support.html

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 our colleagues in that office with any questions at finaid@richmond.edu or 804-289-8438.