



# STUDY ABROAD BULLETIN

*FALL SEMESTER 2019*

## ***STUDY ABROAD FAIR SEPTEMBER 17, 2019***

Join us at the annual **Study Abroad Fair** from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on September 17, 2019 in the Alice Haynes Room of Tyler Haynes Commons. Stop in to meet program representatives, talk with former participants and study abroad staff, and learn more about Richmond's many paths to the wider world.

## ***PASSPORT FAIR SEPTEMBER 18, 2019***

International Education will hold a passport fair on September 18 in the INTC Commons, 9 AM – 2 PM. A team from the State Department will be here to accept applications for new US passports or renewals – file your application right on campus! And, if you are a Richmond student applying for your first-ever passport, International Education will pay your application fee (\$145). Visit <http://bit.ly/2JEvUjP> to make an appointment and to learn about the four things you need to bring:

- **Proof of US citizenship, like an official birth certificate (request this 2 -3 weeks in advance from the government of the state where you were born) (+ a copy)**
- **Photo ID like a driver's license (+ a copy, front and back)**
- **Form DS-11 (completed but not signed)**
- **One passport-format color photo of yourself**

## ***APPLICATION DEADLINES***

★ **September 22, 2019 for most spring or calendar year programs**

★ **But there ARE exceptions!** 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.



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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.

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.

## *OUR BLOGGERS*

The OIE always has "foreign correspondents" in interesting locations, providing a student perspective on the study abroad experience. In fall 2019, we'll have people writing from several different countries. Check it out [here](#).

## *SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD*

[Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) – The online application deadline for spring 2020 abroad has not yet been announced, but is typically **early October**.

[Bridging Scholarships](#) – For study abroad in Japan. The online application deadline for spring 2020 abroad is **October 10, 2019**.

[Freeman-ASIA](#) – Scholarships for study abroad in Asia. The online application deadlines vary; see website for details.

[Fund for Education Abroad](#) – Up to 70 need-based awards available. The deadline is 12:00 noon on **September 10, 2019** for spring 2020 abroad.

Click [here](#) to read about all your options for study abroad scholarships.

## *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
- Additional allowances may be available; see details [here](#).



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**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](mailto:finaid@richmond.edu) or 804-289-8438.