



# STUDY ABROAD 101

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**EVERY MASON STUDENT  
SHOULD HAVE A MEANINGFUL  
GLOBAL EXPERIENCE.**

George Mason University, Strategic Plan 2014





# WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?



*Study Abroad is an educational program – usually run by a university – where you live in a foreign country or study at a foreign institution and receive credit.*



- GEO stands for Global Education Office.
- We are the hub for all things abroad at Mason.
- We're located in the Johnson Center, Room 235.





# WHERE CAN I STUDY ABROAD?



A photograph of three young adults (two women and one man) sitting on the ground in a field with several donkeys. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. A white horizontal line with four circular markers runs across the bottom of the image, positioned above the statistics.

**200+**

Program options  
throughout the year

**60+**

Countries and partner  
institutions worldwide

**30+**

Global internship  
opportunities,  
summer or semester

**500K**

Dollar amount  
disbursed in GEO  
scholarships



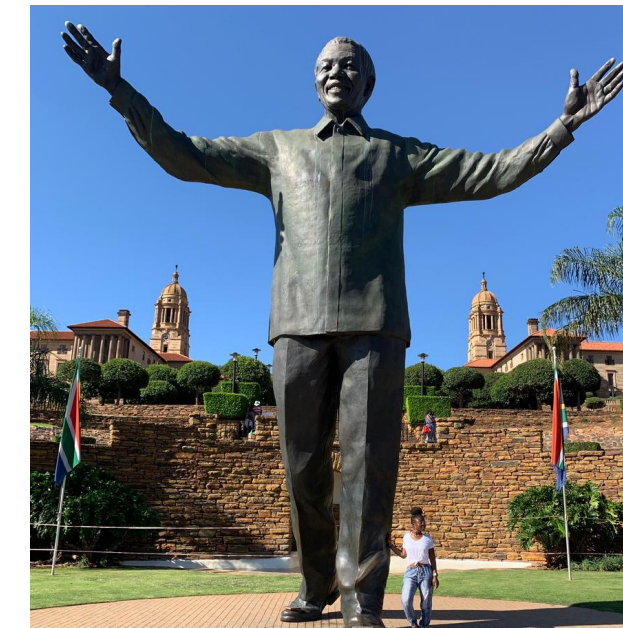


# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



# STUDY ABROAD BENEFITS

- **Expand** your academic learning.
- **Advance** your career.
- **Experience** personal growth.
- **Develop** leadership skills.
- **Learn** another language.
- **Enhance** your global awareness.







# WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?





## SUMMER ABROAD

Applications open:

**SEPTEMBER**

Applications close:

**MARCH**



## FALL SEMESTER

Applications open:

**NOVEMBER**

Applications close:

**MARCH**



## WINTER BREAK

Applications open:

**MAY**

Applications close:

**OCTOBER**



## SPRING SEMESTER

Applications open:

**MAY**

Applications close:

**OCTOBER**



## SPRING BREAK

Applications open:

**MAY**

Applications close:

**NOVEMBER**







# HOW DO I CHOOSE A PROGRAM?



# MASON-LED PROGRAMS

- Program led by Mason faculty.
- During summer or winter.
- Semester in Oxford or Florence.
- Earn Mason credit.







# PARTNER SCHOOLS

- Summer, semester, year-long.
- Enrolled in a partner school.
- Choose from a course catalog.
- 60+ partner institutions.



# EMBEDDED PROGRAMS

You need to be enrolled in a semester long course that offers a Global Discovery travel component to be eligible to participate.







# GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

- Summer or semester.
- Live and work abroad.
- 20+ locations worldwide.





# HOW DOES IT WORK?



Visit our office in the JC or [message](#) us.

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PROGRAMS



HOW IT WORKS



SCHOLARSHIPS



EVENTS



NEWS



ABOUT

# RESEARCH + LOCATE

- Search for options in your major.
- Find destinations you want to visit.
- Research deadlines and requirements.







# MEET + DISCUSS

- Meet with advisors (peer advisor, academic advisor, program officer) and discuss available options
- Talk to your financial aid counselor (if applicable)
- Ask GEO staff if you have questions





# Program Application Page (Pre-Decision)

## Simulated User

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Chains &amp; Change: Afropolitanism, Social Justice, &amp; Entrepreneurship in South Africa</b>
<b>Term/Year:</b>	Summer, 2018
<b>Deadline:</b>	03/04/2018
<b>Dates:</b>	TBA

## Application Instructions

**Thank you for starting your MasonAbroad application!**

### Now what?

**Application Deadline: March 4, 2018**

You must complete all of the application requirements by the application deadline unless otherwise noted.

## Application Questionnaire(s)

Click the following to view and complete the following online questionnaire(s). You may begin a questionnaire and save it for later completion, but note that you must click Submit in order for the questionnaire to be logged as complete and ready for review.

Items to Submit	Due Date	Received
<b>Passport Status</b>	03/04/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Material Submissions

Click the following to view instructions and/or printable forms which require the physical submission of materials.

Items to Submit	Due Date	Received
<b>Application Fee (Mason)</b>	03/04/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Intent to Use Financial Aid Form (Summer Programs)</b>	03/11/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Signature Documents

# APPLY + PREPARE

- Create a profile on [StudyAbroad.gmu.edu](https://StudyAbroad.gmu.edu) ► Login/Register.
- Work on your application; apply for scholarships.
- Submit required documents.
- Complete the pre-departure orientation.







# TAKE OFF + ENJOY

- Enjoy a fantastic experience abroad.
- Share your stories with GEO!







# HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?





# COST AND FUNDING

## Financial Aid

Study abroad is eligible for financial aid.  
Talk to your financial aid counselor.

## Cost can vary greatly

Cost depends on type of program, length, and location.

## Consider studying with Mason faculty

Mason-led programs offer a quality experience at an affordable price.

## Research your semester options

Some semester programs can be equal or less than a semester at Mason.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## GEO Scholarships

GEO offers about a dozen scholarships: passport grants, travel grants, donor-based scholarships and more.

## Mason Scholarships

George Mason departments frequently offer scholarships that can be used for study abroad.

## External Fellowships and Grants

There are many more scholarships offered through the United States government, e.g. Benjamin Gilman and Boren, various NGOs, or even country-specific opportunities.







# WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

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# LINKS AND RESOURCES

## **Visit the GEO website often.**

Use the advanced search function to filter results by term, area of study, country, type of program and more.

## **Going for a semester? View the course database.**

Go through the CERS course database see what courses our partners offer. Remember, if a Mason faculty is present, coursework will affect your GPA.

## **Browse links and travel resources.**

Here you can learn more what it's like living and studying abroad, and research airfare deals.





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