



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?

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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?



220+

Program options
throughout
the year



110+

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

Apps open
SEPTEMBER
Apps close
MARCH



Fall and Academic Year

Apps open
NOVEMBER
Apps close
MARCH



Winter Break

Apps open
MAY
Apps close
OCTOBER



Spring or Calendar Year

Apps open
MAY
Apps close
OCTOBER



Spring Break

Apps open
MAY
Apps close
NOVEMBER



How do I choose a program?



Study with Mason Faculty

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





Study at a Partner School

- 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?

Begin your journey today.

Visit our office in the JC or **contact us here.**

[Find Programs](#)

[Browse Photos Here](#)



How to Study
Abroad



Find Programs
and Scholarships



Make an
Appointment



News, Events,
Announcements



Diversity and
Inclusion Abroad



Contact
Information

Research + Locate

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

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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

Program: Chains & Change: Afropolitanism, Social Justice, & Entrepreneurship in South Africa

Term/Year: Summer, 2018

Deadline: 03/04/2018

Dates: 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
Passport Status	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
Application Fee (Mason)	03/04/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intent to Use Financial Aid Form (Summer Programs)	03/11/2018	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature Documents

Apply + Prepare

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



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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

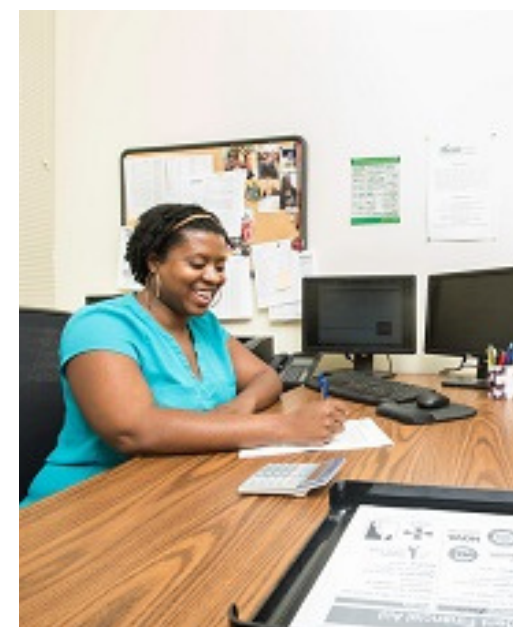
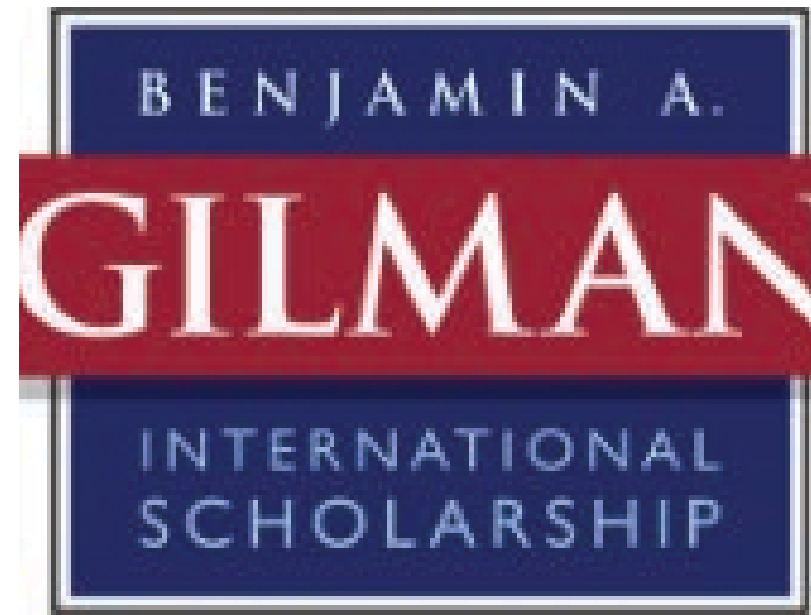
GEO offers about a dozen scholarships: passport grants, travel grants, donor-based scholarships and more.

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?



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 CERS.

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.

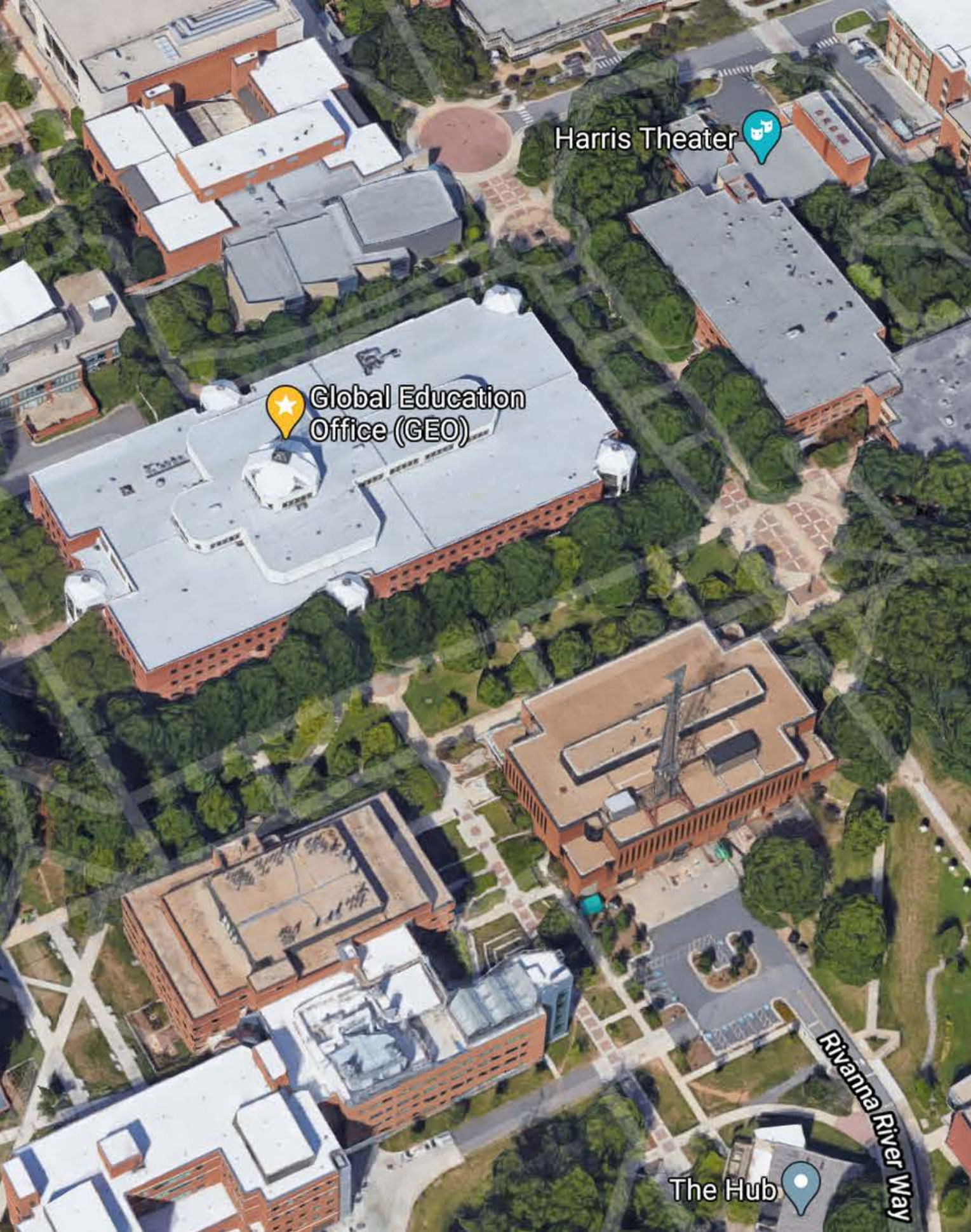
Here you can learn more what it's like living and studying abroad, and research airfare deals.



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