EVERY MASON STUDENT SHOULD HAVE A MEANINGFUL GLOBAL EXPERIENCE.

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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?
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?
Applications open: SEPTEMBER
Applications close: MARCH

Applications open: NOVEMBER
Applications close: MARCH

Applications open: MAY
Applications close: OCTOBER

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Applications open: MAY
Applications close: NOVEMBER
HOW DO I CHOOSE A PROGRAM?

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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?
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
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.
TAKE OFF + ENJOY

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

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HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
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, varies 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 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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