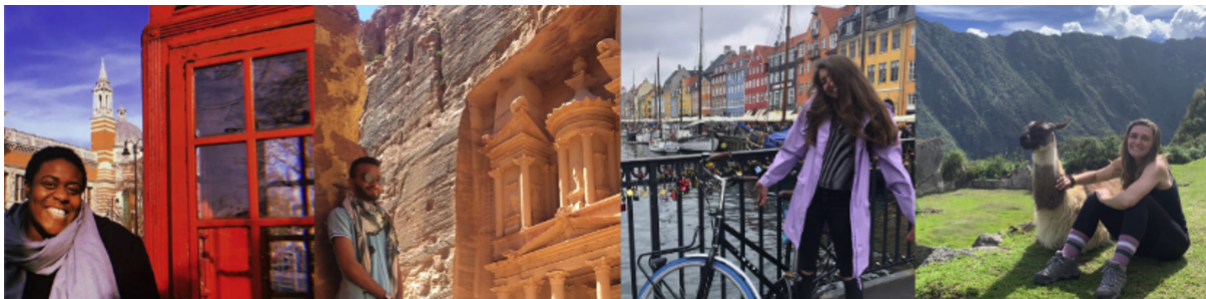

Study Abroad Newsletter - December Edition



Keeping you up to date and connected with our office and the world!



WHAT'S NEW IN *Study Abroad?* ✈️



**LOOKING AHEAD: SUMMER,
FALL & ACADEMIC YEAR 2021**



As we draw closer to 2021, the Spring semester, and beyond, we continue to look ahead with optimism and excitement for possibilities later in 2021. The Application Cycle for Fall, Summer, and Academic Year 2021 will open in mid-December. There is still much to look forward to and plan for! Start researching programs now!

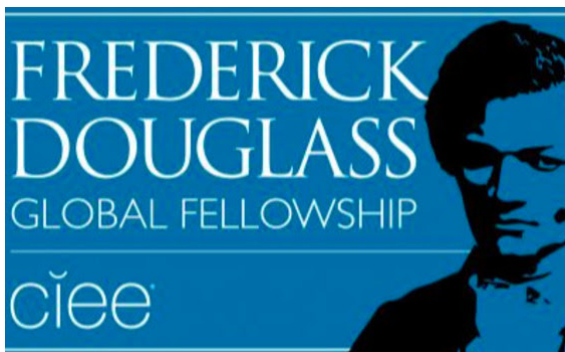
Research Program Options

CALL FOR RETURNEE VOLUNTEERS TO BE FEATURED IN NEW OSA VIDEOS!

The Office for Study Abroad is currently working to create some new and fun videos looking at the study abroad experience from different lenses -- highlighting the student experience, the benefits of studying abroad, and other topics including students with restrictive majors going abroad. We are currently looking for a few student volunteers to either send in some videos taken while abroad and/or to volunteer to be interviewed for one of the videos.



Volunteer/Share your Story



APPLY FOR THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

The Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship through CIEE honors the legacy of the abolitionist and statesman with a fully funded summer study abroad program. This Fellowship is developed for students of color and selection is in the spirit of Douglass himself

with special emphasis on leadership, social justice, agitation for positive change and cross-cultural understanding.

This year's cohort is co-sponsored by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Douglas's four-month journey around Ireland. The Fellows will be based in Dublin – where Douglass would meet Irish abolitionist Daniel O'Connell in 1845 – and travel to other cities where Douglass campaigned. They will have the opportunity to meet senior government representatives, including the Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister), as well as the leaders of organizations who support social justice and the advancement of diverse communities.

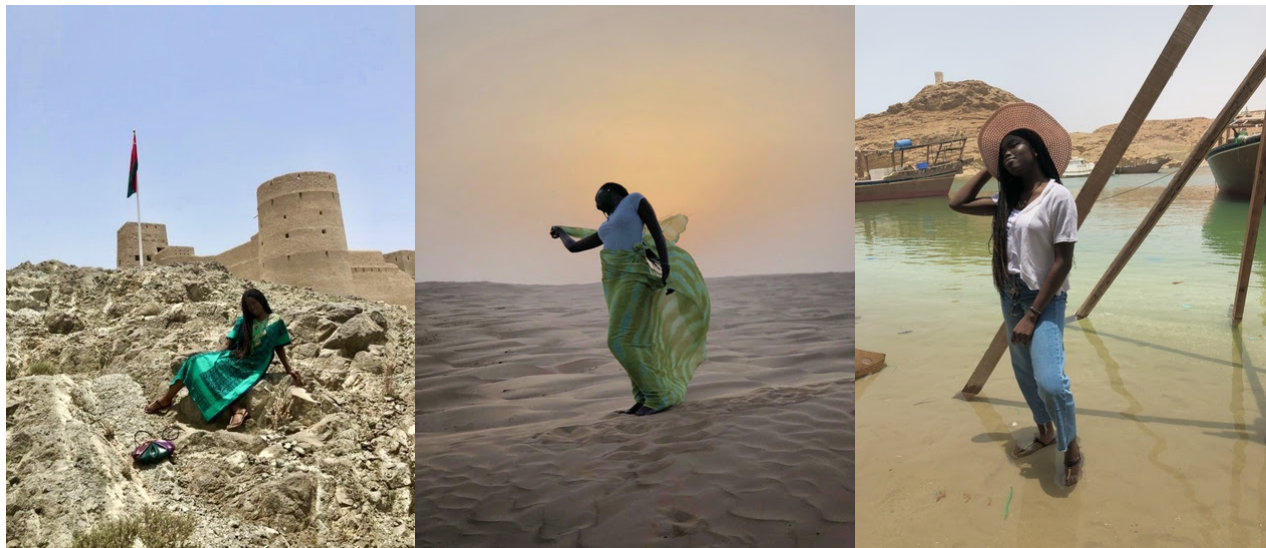
They invite applications from first-, second- or third-year students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from ethnic backgrounds typically underrepresented on study abroad programs. As part of CIEE's mission to increase access, all eligible students who submit an application qualify for a \$1,500 scholarship toward any CIEE summer program.

This program is independent of GW Study Abroad opportunities but is an excellent opportunity for students to pursue.

The application is online and due on February 14, 2021 - Frederick Douglass's birthday.

[Learn More and Apply with CIEE](#)

STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT



EDNA KARLO **OSA INTERNATIONAL ED WEEK PHOTO CONTEST WINNER**

Elliott School of International Affairs
SIT - Global Development Studies in Uganda, Fall 2019
Summer Arabic Language & Media in Oman, Summer 2019

"Study abroad allowed me to experience life from a different lens. I was allotted the opportunity to study in the remote culturally-rich region of Manah, Oman. While there, I really appreciated the Omani culture and the Arabic language. I also gained insight into how and where I want to utilize my Arabic knowledge post-graduation. My advice to individuals studying abroad is to be aware of how your identity may impact your study abroad experience. As a woman and POC, I noticed how locals would interact with me versus my "Americana" counterparts. For this reason, I advise everyone to advocate for themselves and others. However, do not let potential challenges deter you from going abroad and having a great time. I loved my study abroad experience and would do it all over again!"

Check out our Top 5 submissions along with other honorable mentions on our Instagram!

[Check out the Contest Submissions](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

All OSA events for the Academic Year 2020-2021 will be virtual, WebEx events. Register for any of the below events AND MORE with the link below.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FALL EVENT ATTENDEES

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall 2020 semester events! We hope you found them informative and enjoyable! We have wrapped up our events for this semester but are already looking forward to the Spring. As we prepare, we want to hear from YOU! What events would you like to see the Office for Study Abroad provide? If you have an idea, please fill out the short, anonymous form below!

[Tell us your Event Ideas](#)

MARKETING *Study Abroad*

PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH STUDY ABROAD IN MIND

As you begin polishing your resume, we strongly suggest highlighting your study abroad experience! However, you should be prepared for potential employers to ask you questions about this experience. Prior to an interview, expect to share more about your



studies abroad and prepare responses to typical interview questions.

Begin thinking about how you may respond to these questions and weave in your study abroad experience in advance. Here are some of our recommendations on how best to work it into the conversation:

1) Keep it **positive!** - don't dwell on any negative experiences or challenges unless you are prepared to talk about how you overcame the challenge, or changed a negative into a positive, or kept a upbeat outlook/perspective

2) Make sure it's **natural** - don't try to force in a study abroad story if it doesn't fit into the conversation or

topic naturally, there are plenty of natural connections you can make, wait for those moments

3) Keep it **professional** - remember where you are: you're in a professional interview with a potential employer, make sure the stories you're sharing reflect a sense of professionalism and maturity

4) **Think beyond** just your studies - study abroad is an academic experience and your experiences doing research, fieldwork, etc. are extremely valuable, but don't forget that you also may have gained skills abroad when you were least expecting it in the daily aspects of your life in your host city - interacting with new people, potentially overcoming language barriers, etc. - share those stories, as well

Learn more about leveraging study abroad in your job search and interviews from GW alum, Rachel Dimston, B.A. International Affairs '17

[Read More on GW Career Success Blog](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Showcasing the very best in OSA-approved programs and study abroad scholarship programs

GW EXCHANGE - CHARLES UNIVERSITY, EAST & CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES

"Prague is a mysterious, beautiful city with so much to explore. I was lucky enough to spend four wonderful months studying at the oldest university in Central Europe. Every single day came with new challenges and adventures that have made me a more well-rounded, open-minded individual. I would do it all again if I could. The friends I made

and the opportunities I was given in the Czech Republic through the GW Exchange program are like no other. I will cherish every moment I spent there and will remember the experience for the rest of my life."

**Jacquelyn Clarke, Political Science and History
'21**

Applications for Fall and Academic Year 2021 open soon! Start picturing your semester in Prague.



[Learn More in GW Passport](#)

MISSED PAST EVENTS?

No worries! We recorded everything for you! Watch any session you were interested in with the link below!

[Study Abroad Fair 2020 Recordings](#)

[Marketing Study Abroad Recording](#)

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