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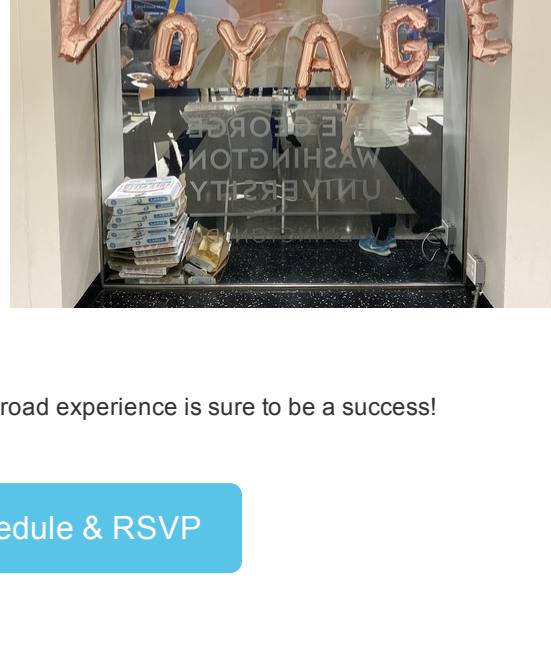


WHAT'S NEW IN Study Abroad? ✈️



SPRING 2022 APPLICANTS - RSVP FOR PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

Spring 2022 Pre-Departure Orientation is happening next week! If you are an applicant to a Spring 2022 program, attending at least 2 sessions of this weeklong event is **mandatory**. If you have not done so already, please RSVP for your preferred two sessions as soon as possible. We strongly recommend one session be one of the "Next Steps & Preparing your Finances" sessions. If you have class conflicting with the session times, please let us know on the RSVP form. The overall commitment process will commence follow PDO live events. Continue to monitor your emails for more information.



With proper planning and expectation setting, your study abroad experience is sure to be a success!

[Check out the Schedule & RSVP](#)



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK THIS MONTH!

Every November, we look forward to celebrating International Education Week. International Education Week (IEW), November 15-19, 2021, is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences.

OSA will be hosting a series of events to celebrate!

Check out our November events below.

[Learn More about IEW](#)

VISA GUIDANCE

As a general reminder, GW OSA does not advise on visas for most programs, with the exception of our GW Study Programs.

Students should be working with their program's provider or exchange university for guidance and support through the visa process.

If your host destination's visa process requires any kind of letter from your home university, please let us know by reaching out to studyabr@gwu.edu. We will be providing all students with Health Insurance Guarantees during the commitment process.



[Visa Policy](#)



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR CIEE'S FREDERICK DOUGLASS GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

The Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship honors the legacy of the abolitionist and statesman with a fully funded summer study abroad program with CIEE focused on leadership, activism, and cross-cultural understanding. Fellows for this prestigious award will be selected based on their academic achievement, communication skills, commitment to social justice, and demonstrated service to others.

CIEE 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 a qualified application automatically earn a \$1,500 scholarship toward any CIEE summer 2022, fall 2022, or spring 2023 program.**

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

[Check out More Info](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

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

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

GW NAMED TOP GILMAN SCHOLAR PRODUCER

George Washington University was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as the Top Producer of Gilman recipients over the past twenty years in the medium institution category. The Office for Study Abroad produced 14 recipients for the March 2021 cycle and 207 total awardees since the program's inception in 2001.



"The Gilman Scholarship has helped the Office for Study Abroad toward its mission and goal of improving access to study abroad. This scholarship has been crucial in its efforts to break down barriers for students who may not have considered studying abroad before because of their initial financial concerns," said Kimberly Rush, Manager of Advising Services.

Throughout its twenty-year history, the Department of State's Gilman Program has reshaped study abroad to make it more accessible and inclusive for American students by providing scholarships to outstanding U.S. undergraduate students who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise participate. This award is given to Pell-eligible students participating in semester, academic year, and summer international programs.

Interested in learning more about the [Gilman Scholarship](#) and other funding opportunities for study abroad? Schedule an appointment with your [Study Abroad Advisor](#) today. Are you a Pell-Grant Recipient thinking of studying abroad next academic year? Applications for the next Gilman Scholarship cycle open soon!

[Check out other External Scholarship Programs](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events this fall 2021 semester will be a combination of virtual, WebEx events, and in-person events. Check out the links below to view all events and register for online events (registration required).

[Check out the Events this Fall](#)

[Register for Online Events](#)

- NOVEMBER EVENTS -

STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSIONS

Join us for our November edition of our Study Abroad 101 info sessions. This online event will allow you to learn all the ins and outs of studying abroad – the application process, financing opportunities, transferring credits, and more! If you're interested in studying abroad, this session is a must! This is the final session for the fall semester, but don't worry, more will be available in the Spring! RSVP (required) with the WebEx link above.

- [Study Abroad 101 Session](#) - Final fall session - Mon. Nov. 8 (4pm-5pm)

SPRING 2022 PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

Reminder for all Spring 2022 to attend a minimum of 2 in-person PDO sessions the week of November 8-12. These events provide a framework to help students understand the diverse cultures and communities they will be entering while also addressing logistical concerns needed to ensure a smooth transition abroad.

RSVP as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS

The Office for Study Abroad will be hosting a series of events during International Education Week (IEW) November 15-19. These events will be focused on navigating different identities abroad with panelists discussing their personal experiences on study abroad and international travel. Sessions include: **Go Abroad (First Gen), Pride Abroad (LGBTQIA+), Women's Health & Safety Abroad, First to Be Abroad (First Gen), and How to be a Representative of the US Abroad.** Mark your calendars for IEW 2021!

More information will be sent out closer to IEW.

MARKETING Study Abroad



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS & STUDY ABROAD

Whether or not you planned it, studying abroad may have made you more marketable to future employers. The skills and knowledge you learned while abroad may be easily transferable into the working world. These transferable skills are relevant across all professions and are developed and taken with us from position to position. However, it is up to you to demonstrate the link between your study abroad experience and the specific skills valued by the company or organization you want to work for. This article walks you through unpacking your study abroad experience and ways you can identify transferable skills you gained while studying abroad.

[Read More About these Transferable Skills](#)

STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET JONATHAN PERLMUTTER

STUDY ABROAD COMMUNITY BAMBASSADOR - GLOBAL BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

Jonathan is a senior majoring in International Business and a minor in Political Science. Prior to his arrival at GW, he knew he wanted to be in the Global Bachelor's Program because of the opportunities it would provide him. Jonathan was part of the Shanghai Cohort that, due to COVID, was diverted to Victoria University of Wellington in Wellington, New Zealand (Spring 2020). He then extended his stay in Wellington to the Fall 2020 semester before returning home. While Jonathan was in New Zealand, he was able to pursue his passions of volunteering and sailing by taking people with disabilities sailing as well as competing in several races with his friends in the cohort. He also competed in a couple of case competitions through the university. Despite the COVID restrictions in place around the world, New Zealand remained open for most of his visit so he traveled extensively throughout the country, going to almost all of the major attractions. The experience Jonathan gained by living in New Zealand for nine months is priceless. Prior to graduating high school, Jonathan spent two weeks in Shanghai on an exchange program and a semester abroad in Jerusalem, Israel. He is excited to help everyone achieve their study abroad goals!

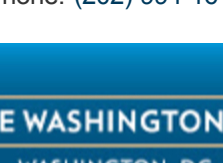


Want to chat more with Jonathan about the GW study abroad process or the Global Bachelor's Program? Jonathan is available in our office on the 5th floor of the University Student Center Mondays-Wednesdays 1pm-5pm

First Year Students - Did you know?: Global Bachelor's Program applications for next academic year will open next month, December 1!

[Check out our other Study Abroad Community Ambassadors](#)

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