



Office for Study Abroad presents

Going GLOBAL

~ A Monthly Newsletter ~

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



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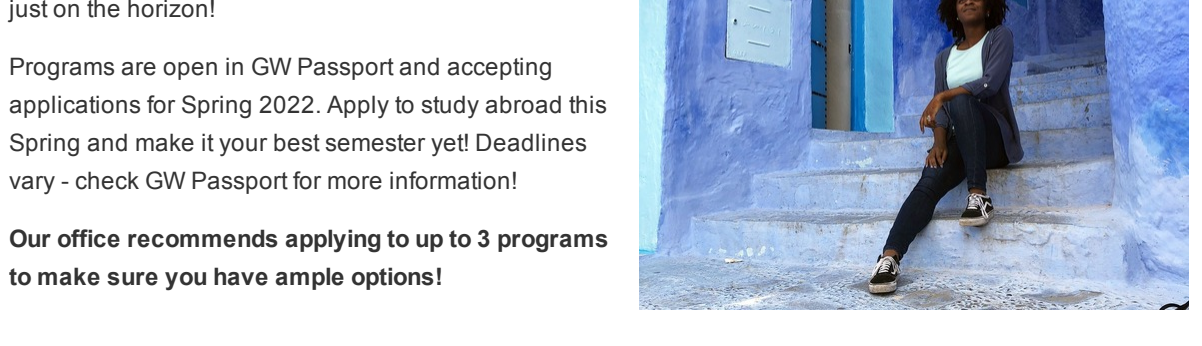
DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

We are so excited to be back on campus this fall! Although much has changed for all of us over the past year and half, one thing remains the same: the Office for Study Abroad is here to support you and help you achieve your international education goals during your undergraduate experience! We look forward to connecting with you in-person or virtually, and we look forward to seeing you soon at our events. Please read on to find out how to engage with our office, the university, and international education this fall. Welcome back!

- Dr. Jennifer Donaghue
Interim Director, Office for Study Abroad
Director, International Services Office

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WHAT'S NEW IN Study Abroad?

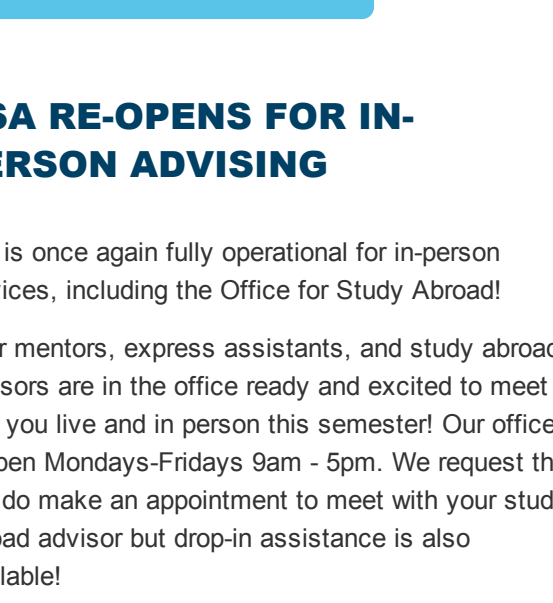


APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING 2022 ARE OPEN IN GW PASSPORT

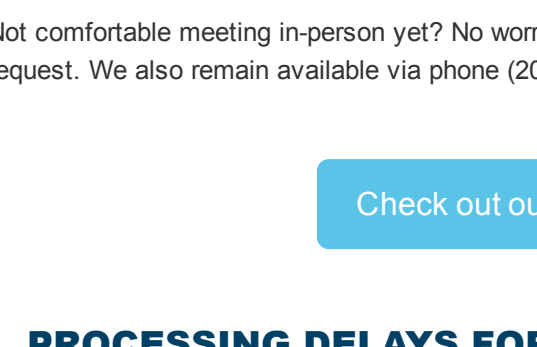
Study abroad is back! And amazing opportunities are just on the horizon!

Programs are open in GW Passport and accepting applications for Spring 2022. Apply to study abroad this Spring and make it your best semester yet! Deadlines vary - check GW Passport for more information!

Our office recommends applying to up to 3 programs to make sure you have ample options!



Search for Programs & Apply Now in GW Passport



OSA RE-OPENS FOR IN-PERSON ADVISING

GW is once again fully operational for in-person services, including the Office for Study Abroad!

Peer mentors, express assistants, and study abroad advisors are in the office ready and excited to meet with you live and in person this semester! Our office is open Mondays-Fridays 9am - 5pm. We request that you do make an appointment to meet with your study abroad advisor but drop-in assistance is also available!

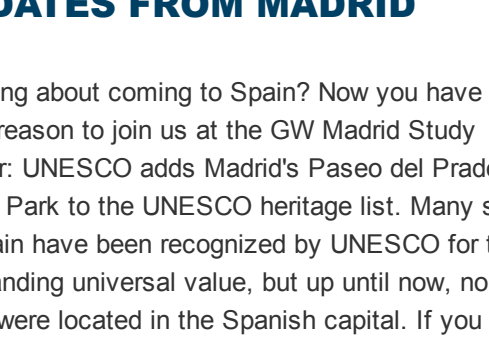
Not comfortable meeting in-person yet? No worries! Virtual appointments can be accommodated upon request. We also remain available via phone (202-994-1649) and email (studyabr@gwu.edu).

Check out our Advising Services

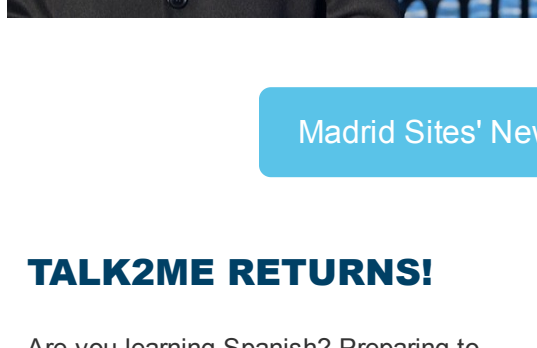
PROCESSING DELAYS FOR U.S. PASSPORTS

Are you ready to go abroad? Don't let the plane leave without you!

The U.S. Department of State has updated their statement on processing times for new and renewed U.S. passports to let citizens know to expect delays. If you do not have a passport or your passport expires in less than 6 months after the end of your desired study abroad program, we recommend not letting the time pass you by! Apply or renew as soon as possible!



See the Full DoS Announcement



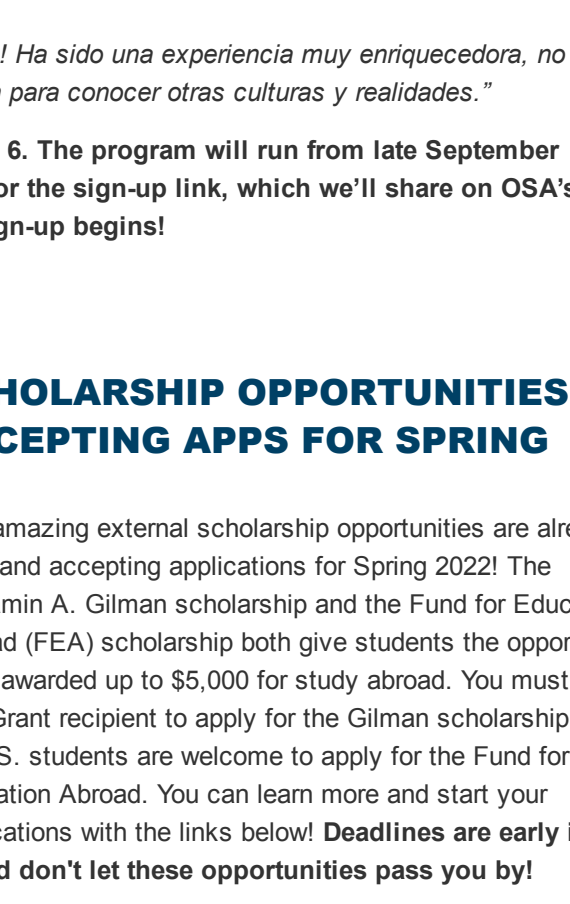
UPDATES FROM MADRID

Thinking about coming to Spain? Now you have one more reason to join us at the GW Madrid Study Center: UNESCO adds Madrid's Paseo del Prado and Retiro Park to the UNESCO heritage list. Many sites in Spain have been recognized by UNESCO for their outstanding universal value, but up until now, none of them were located in the Spanish capital. If you want to learn more about these places in Madrid see following links:

Madrid Sites' New World Heritage Status

TALK2ME RETURNS!

Are you learning Spanish? Preparing to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country? Brush up on your conversational skills through the Talk2Me program, a virtual language exchange organized by Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, one of the GW Chile program's local host institutions. You'll be assigned a Chilean language buddy for weekly Zoom calls—half in English, half in Spanish, so you both get to practice your target languages.

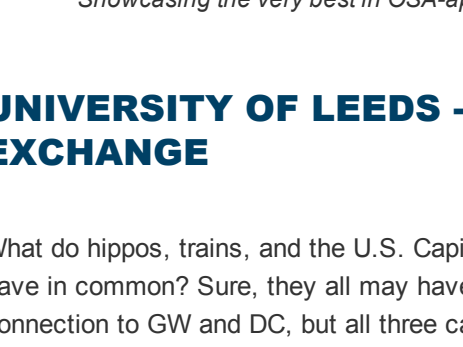


Past participants have said:

"I love this program! I'm so glad I can say I have a friend who lives in Chile :)"

"Muchas gracias por organizar este programa! Ha sido una experiencia muy enriquecedora, no solo en términos de idioma, sino que también para conocer otras culturas y realidades."

Slots are limited and sign-up begins Sept. 6. The program will run from late September through mid-November. Keep an eye out for the sign-up link, which we'll share on OSA's Instagram (@GWAbroad) shortly before sign-up begins!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ACCEPTING APPS FOR SPRING

Two amazing external scholarship opportunities are already open and accepting applications for Spring 2022! The Benjamin A. Gilman scholarship and the Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) scholarship both give students the opportunity to be awarded up to \$5,000 for study abroad. You must be a Pell-Grant recipient to apply for the Gilman scholarship, but all U.S. students are welcome to apply for the Fund for Education Abroad. You can learn more and start your applications with the links below! **Deadlines are early in the semester (FEA closes 9/15)! so act fast and don't let these opportunities pass you by!**

Gilman Scholarship

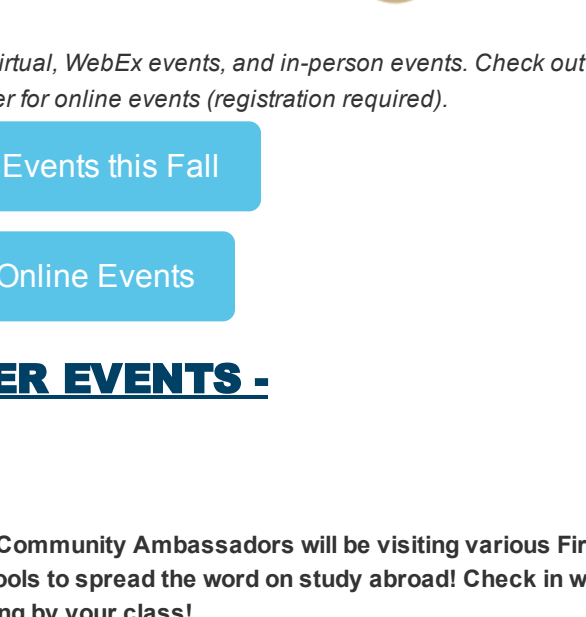
Fund for Education Abroad

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

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

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS - GW EXCHANGE

What do hippos, trains, and the U.S. Capitol all have in common? Sure, they all may have a connection to GW and DC, but all three can be traced back in some form to Leeds, England! As an exchange student at the University of Leeds, you'll have the opportunity to study in the place where hippos once roamed, where the world's first steam locomotive was made, and where the architect of the U.S. Capitol, Benjamin Henry Latrobe, was born. [Click here](#) to learn more about what makes Leeds unique!



Leeds is a large, affordable and multicultural city, surrounded by easily accessible countryside. It is just two hours by train from London and three hours from Edinburgh. Situated just outside of the city center, the University of Leeds is one of the largest universities in the UK with over 32,000 students. With over 700 undergraduate programs and an extensive research record, the historic University of Leeds offers students a wide range of courses that complement the programs of almost all major fields at GW.

Interested in learning more about the University of Leeds? [Click here to chat with a current student](#) at the university or click [here to take a virtual campus tour](#).

Start an application on GW Passport today with the link below! The deadline to apply for Spring 2022 is September 16th! Don't miss out!

Interested in Leeds? Apply Now by Sept 16

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

- SEPTEMBER EVENTS -

OSA VISITS FYE

During the fall semester, our staff and Study Abroad Community Ambassadors will be visiting various First Year Experience classes within the different GW schools to spread the word on study abroad! Check in with your FYE professor to see if and when we'll be dropping by your class!

STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSIONS

Join us for our September editions of not only our Study Abroad 101 info sessions but also two new sessions taking more in-depth looks into funding your semester abroad and transferring credits. These online events 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, all of these sessions are a must! Additional sessions will be held throughout the Fall semester! RSVP (required) with the WebEx link above.

- Study Abroad 101 Sessions - [Wed, Sept 8](#) (12-1pm) & [Tues, Sept. 28](#) (3-4pm)
- "Let's Talk Finances" - [Funding your Semester Abroad](#) - Fri, Sept. 10 (11am-12pm)
- [Everything You Need to Know About Transfer Credit](#) - Thurs, Sept. 16 (1-2pm)

"STUDY ABROAD IS BACK" TABLING EVENT

Stop by our table on the first floor of the University Student Center to celebrate the return of study abroad! Chat with one of our Study Abroad Community Ambassadors, learn more about the return of our in-person services and more! We hope to see you drop by!

Date: Monday, September 13

Time: 1pm-5pm

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS

Are you a Pell Grant Recipient interested in studying abroad? Did you know you could be awarded up to \$5,000 with the Gilman scholarship? Join us to learn more information about the Gilman scholarship and preparing your essays. Check the WebEx link above to register. Space is often limited!

- [Gilman Essay Writing Workshop Session 1](#) (9/14)
- [Meet a Gilman Alum - Alumni Q&A Panel](#) (9/27)

Time: 12pm-1pm (both sessions)

MARKETING Study Abroad

CAREER SERVICES

ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SUCCESS

THE PROFESSIONAL VALUE OF STUDY ABROAD

"Studying abroad is an immensely valuable experience to have during college. People have pivotal personal growth with an increase in confidence and maturity, a stronger comprehension of the language of where they are studying, and perhaps one of the most important parts is the awareness and appreciation of different cultures, traditions, and people.

In addition to global fluency, those who study abroad also enhance all of the other competencies employers are looking for from communication to leadership to critical thinking. By far, one of the most important benefits is being fully immersed in a potentially brand new culture. Adapting to this change and having the ability to be flexible are skills that can be translated to all future experiences. We work and live in a global environment and being able to communicate with people of varying backgrounds is a skill needed to thrive.

All of this combined can truly change a person's perspective on life, on people, on different experiences they have moving forward. The resiliency, communication skills, flexibility, and ability to navigate cultural differences are only some of the major benefits gained from studying abroad."

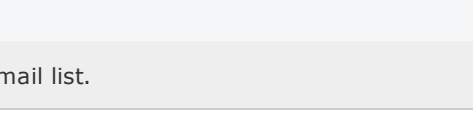
- The Center for Career Services Team

Meet with a Career Coach

STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

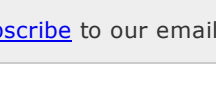
WELCOME SYDNEY SPARROW - NEW CCAS STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR

Sydney Sparrow is a Virginia native and a graduate of James Madison University. Her professional career has been shaped by a passion for helping others achieve their personal and professional goals. As an undergraduate, she studied abroad in Japan at Ritsumeikan University and interned with the Japan-America Society of Washington DC. After graduation, she worked as an Elementary ALT (Assistant Language Teacher) in Toyota City, Japan. After completing her time in Japan, Sydney relocated to Washington, DC, to focus her career at Howard University. While at Howard University, Sydney worked for the U.S. Department of State's Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship and the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship Programs. Sydney serves as a Study Abroad Advisor in the Office for Study Abroad for CCAS students. She is looking forward to working with GW students to ensure their international exchange experiences lend well to their personal, professional, and academic goals.



Learn More or Schedule to Meet with Sydney

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