STUDY ABROAD, SUMMER 2015
BELIZE (Archeology Option) BELIZE (Tropical Ecology Option), ITALY, JAPAN, TURKEY

INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

Community College of Philadelphia is offering five Student-Faculty International Fellowship Programs for 2015. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about and then travel to the destination to experience directly its culture and contemporary society.


Students in each group will take a one-credit course (except for the Belize Archeology Option participants) and travel with a team of experienced Community College of Philadelphia faculty. Final travel dates listed below may change slightly due to airfare availability, etc.

1. Belize, Central America: (Archeology Option). Tentative travel dates:

   1. First two week session: June 15-29, 2014
   2. Second two week session: June 29-July 13, 2015
   3. Three week session: June 15-July 6, 2015
   4. Full four week session: June 15-July 13, 2015

Led by Professor Stan Walling, you will join the Rio Bravo Archaeology Field School in Belize and learn the essentials of field archaeology in a tropical forest setting filled with previously uninvestigated buildings and artifacts left by the ancient Maya civilization. Students will spend time in a research camp as they learn excavation techniques and the use of hi-tech approaches to archaeological mapping. As part of this engaging and intensive Study Abroad experience, students will also take educational tours of restored Maya archaeological sites and attend evening lectures on Maya history, forest botany, and related subjects given by expert researchers.

   This trip requires moderate physical activity and walking in rough terrain in hot, humid, tropical conditions. Most indoor spaces and vehicles are not air-conditioned.


Led by Prof. John Braxton (Biology) and Prof. Margaret Stephens (Environmental Conservation/Geography), you will explore the natural wonders of the tropics and earn academic credit in a field setting in Belize, Central America. Stay at a wildlife sanctuary as you learn about the landforms, geology and rich cultural history of the area. Paddle in tropical rivers, snorkel in the largest barrier reef in the Western hemisphere, hike in the
mountains, visit a huge hydroelectric dam project and ancient Maya archaeological sites with CCP faculty and local experts. Experience the cultural riches of the Creole, Maya, Mestizo, and Garifuna peoples and see how the challenges of sustainable development, globalization & trade, fisheries and forest management are being addressed.

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3. Italy: Tentative travel dates May 4-14, 2015:

Students will travel to Italy and explore the birthplace of the Renaissance with Professors Massimo Musumeci (Foreign Languages) and Sarah Iepson (Art History). With a focus on art and architecture, students will develop an understanding of the complex and varied history and culture of the Italian Peninsula. Students will participate in site visits to famous locations such as the Pantheon and Coliseum in Rome and the Uffizi gallery in Florence, as well as the less well-known ancient and medieval sites of San Gimignano and Civita di Bagnoregio. Each of these locales will strengthen student comprehension of events leading up to the Renaissance and the complex changes that occurred after this significant period. In addition to the historical and art education, students will receive basic Italian lessons; participants will be able to use the language while at restaurants, open-air markets, and other locations. Through the above experiences, students will appreciate the thousands of years of innovative ideas upon which modern Italian culture is founded.

4. Japan: Tentative travel dates are June 24-July 6, 2015

Prof. David Prejsnar (Religious Studies) and Prof. Akiko Mori (Japanese Language) will guide students through the ancient Japanese capitals of Kyoto and Nara, the sacred Mt. Koya, and the modern cities of Osaka and of Hiroshima, site of the first use of the atomic bomb. This study-abroad program will concentrate on the theme Influences On Japan From The Outside World. In Kyoto students will stay in a traditional Japanese-style machiya inn, while visiting beautiful cultural sites such as the Zen temples and gardens of Ryoanji. Students will experience how Japanese culture has been influenced by Asian and Western cultures through food, art, theatre, music, and comic books (manga.) The group will travel to Nara and the breath-taking Buddhist holy mountain of Mt. Koya, staying in a temple-inn, and practicing meditation. In Hiroshima and Osaka the group will explore Japan’s situation in the modern world and Japanese pop culture. Students will learn some basic conversational Japanese and practice and deepen their language-skills.

5. Istanbul, Turkey:  Tentative travel dates are May 9-19, 2014

Cynthia Giddle and John Joyce, teachers of English and Humanities courses, will guide students to the magnificent architecture and historic sights of Istanbul. Students will visit multiple neighborhoods (Sultanahmet, Beyoglu, Kadakoy, Balat, Fatih) while studying the city’s strategic importance to the Christian Byzantine Empire and the Muslim Ottoman Empire, as well as to the modern Middle East. In addition to visiting buildings of architectural and cultural significance such as Hagia Sophia and the Suleymanye Mosque complex, students will learn about the culture through the history of food and
artistic/religious performances (Sufi and secular), and while exploring the subcultures-Kurdish, Gypsy, and Christian--within modern Turkey.

For further information about the one-credit course, travel, costs and the application procedure, please plan to attend one of the following information sessions. (You do not need to attend any of the information sessions to apply)

Except when otherwise stated, all information sessions will take place in B2-22:

1. Belize (Archeology Option):
   - Monday September 29 10:30-11:30 AM
   - Friday October 17 2:00 - 3:30 PM
   - Friday November 7 2:00 -3:00 PM

2. Belize (Tropical Ecology Option):
   - Wednesday, November 19 4:00 - 5:00 PM In room B2-26
   - Tuesday, November 25 3:00- 4:00 PM In room B2-26
   - Tuesday, December 2 3:00-4:00 PM In room B2-26
   - Wednesday, January 14, 2015 2:30-3:30 PM In room B2-26

3. Italy:
   - Thursday, October 16 3:00-4:00 PM
   - Thursday, November 20 3:30 -4:30 PM
   - Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:00-4:00 PM

3. Japan:
   - Wednesday, October 1 4:00-5:00 PM
   - Wednesday, October 29 4:00 -5:00 PM
   - Thursday, November 13 2:30-3:30 PM
   - Wednesday, January 14, 2015 4:00-5:00 PM

4. Istanbul, Turkey:
   - Thursday October 23 2:00-3:00 PM
   - Wednesday November 19 3:30-4:30 PM
   - Wednesday January 21, 2015 3:00-4:00 PM
Participation Requirements and Important Information:

1. To be eligible, students must have completed at least 12 credits at Community College of Philadelphia by the end of Fall 2014, be registered in Spring 2015 courses at the College, and be in good academic standing with no disciplinary holds.
2. When the selection process is complete, for most trips, the selected students must enroll in and pay tuition for the one-credit course, Interdisciplinary Studies 120: Introduction to a Study-Abroad Site. IDS 120 will require approximately 9 hours of pre and post departure meetings, which will be arranged by group leaders. Attendance is mandatory. In IDS 120, students will read, write and discuss materials to prepare for and reflect upon the study-abroad experience. **Note: for the Japan trip, students must enroll and pay tuition for a three-credit IDS 125 course. This 3 credit course will require approximately 40 hours of pre-departure meetings and will be offered in the first summer session of 2015.**
3. Note that you must submit a $400 deposit by check or money order (made out to Community College of Philadelphia) with your initial application. Your check or money order will be returned to you if you are not selected. The application is due on January 28, 2015.
4. Interviews of the finalists will begin on or around February 4. Selected students will be notified on or around February 11. If selected, the balance of the program fee will be due one week after notification of selection.
5. After travel, students will be expected to participate in presentations or panel discussions to share their study abroad experience with others in the College community.

Selection Criteria among Eligible Applicants:

A diverse group of students will be selected based on the following:

1. Academic performance in Community College of Philadelphia courses, including those being taken in Spring 2015, as indicated by grades in courses. A current, unofficial College transcript is required.
2. One CCP faculty member’s written recommendation. Faculty recommendations must address the following: (a) The student’s interest in the target destination, intellectual curiosity, and/or relevant personal/career goals, as well as markers of solid academic work. (b) The student’s reliability, as demonstrated through his/her activities, such as being prepared for class, attending class, and getting assignments in on time. (c) The student’s ability to contribute to and function abroad in a small group: getting along with faculty, other students, and people he/she meets abroad.
3. A carefully written statement by the applicant of 300-600 words explaining past coursework, reading and/or experience that led you to be interested in this particular opportunity, and how studying and visiting the program/country for which you are applying for would further your personal career goals.
4. Selected finalists will be contacted for an interview by a selection committee.

**SEE APPLICATION BELOW**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA
STUDENT-FACULTY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION, 2015

Please return completed application in person with a $400 initial payment by WEDNESDAY, January 28, 2014 to: Ms. Jackie Harvey, Office BR-21

Make checks or money orders payable to Community College of Philadelphia. Your check or money order will be returned to you if you are not selected to participate.

Final Payment Deadline: If you are chosen to participate, you will pay the rest of the trip cost BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2015 (If you cannot make the payment by this date, you will forfeit your place in the program).

For the Belize Archeology Option Only: For Final Payment information please contact Dr. Stan Walling directly at swalling@ccp.edu

Cost to students (including deposit and airfare):

- Belize (Tropical Ecology) $750
- Italy $850
- Japan $850
- Turkey $750

The Belize Archeology Option approximate costs are below:

- $1,650 for a 2 week stay, plus Aprox. $700 for airfare
- $2,050 for a 3 week stay, plus Aprox. $700 for airfare
- $2,550 for a 4 week stay, plus Aprox. $700 for airfare

A limited number of $500 travel scholarships are available for Belize Archeology Option through this application process.

The prices above do not include the following additional costs:

(All amounts are approximate)

- Travel Insurance (required) $95
- Passport (required) $100
- Tuition for IDS 120 (required for all except Belize/Archeology) $153
- Inoculations (if required by program or country) $200
- Entry visa (required for some countries) $25
- Miscellaneous expenses/personal expenses $300
PLACE A CHECK NEXT TO THE PROGRAM FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. If you apply for more than one program you must have a separate application, statement of interest, recommendation and deposit for each program.

___Belize (Archeology)
___Belize (Tropical Ecology)
___Italy
___Japan
___Turkey

Check or money order number:_________________________________________ in the amount of $________

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________

Phone(s) Day: __________________________________ Evening: __________________________
          Cell: __________________________________

CCP student J-number ____________________________________________

CCP e-mail (please write clearly) _______________________________________
Alternate e-mail_____________________________________________________

IDS 120 ____ (For all trips except Belize Archeology Option). Please initial here that you understand that upon acceptance to the program, you will be required to register for the one-credit course Interdisciplinary Studies 120: Introduction to a Study Abroad Site. IDS 120 will require approximately 9 hours of pre and post departure meetings, which will be arranged by your group leaders. Attendance is mandatory. In IDS 120, students will read, write and discuss materials to prepare for and reflect upon the study abroad experience. The College catalog description of the course states:

This one-credit course introduces students to the history, cultural traditions, and current circumstances of a specific study abroad site. This course combines fifteen hours of formal class time with additional co-curricular activities at the program site. Students are required to attend lectures and discussions on campus prior to the trip, at the site, and on campus after returning from the site. Students will spend at least five days at the site not including travel days to and from the destination.
STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Interested students with special needs are encouraged to consult our Center on Disability to discuss how this opportunity will fit into your plans and needs.

PASSPORT INFORMATION
Place a check mark next to the appropriate statement.

___ I have a valid United States passport with an expiration date of at least 3 months after the scheduled departure. Expiration Date: ______________________

___ I do not have a passport, but I plan to obtain a United States passport before leaving. I understand that obtaining a passport takes several weeks to months, and I plan to start the process right away. I understand that I cannot travel without a valid passport. I know that I can obtain a passport application at many post offices or by visiting http://travel.state.gov/passport_1738.html

___ I am not a US citizen. I understand that it is my responsibility to know what is required of me (if anything) to travel to my destination and return to the USA. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary documents and to make arrangements for my legal travel.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

___ I have included in my application a carefully written, typed statement of 300-600 words explaining past coursework, reading and/or experience that led me to be interested in this particular opportunity, and how studying and visiting the country I am applying for would further my personal or career goals.

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation addresses: (a) The student’s interest in the target destination, intellectual curiosity, and/or relevant personal/career goals, as well as markers of solid academic work. (b) The student’s reliability, as demonstrated through his/her activities, such as being prepared for class, attending class, and getting assignments in on time. (c) The student’s ability to contribute to and function abroad in a small group: getting along with faculty, other student participants, and people he/she meets abroad.

___ The following CCP faculty member has agreed to send a recommendation letter no later than January 28, 2014. (Recommendation letter should be sent to Mr. Oscar Cabrera at: ocabrera@ccp.edu) ________________________________
The faculty’s email is__________________________________________

TRANSCRIPT

___ I have completed 12 or more credits at Community College of Philadelphia, I am enrolled in Spring 2015, and I am a student in good academic standing.
I have attached a copy of my transcript that includes my registration for Spring 2015.

DEPOSIT

I have attached a check or money order for $400. I understand that if I am not accepted to the program this deposit will be returned to me. (For the Belize Archeology Option contact Dr. Stan Walling at swalling@ccp.edu for the amount of deposit you need)

Special Considerations:

I understand that the trip that I am applying for will include extensive walking on a daily basis; for the Belize Archeology trip climbing and excavating in an unexplored terrain are required. Belize is a tropical country and you should expect the weather to be very hot and humid.

SIGNATURE

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the information and instructions regarding the fellowship program for which I am applying. If I am accepted into this program, I agree to abide by all due dates, rules, regulations, and requirements of the Community College of Philadelphia and direction of the faculty leaders. I agree to participate fully in pre-departure sessions, in-country activities and presentations after returning to the U. S. to share information about the study abroad experience with others in the College. I verify that I am physically and medically able to participate in the program, and that the information I have provided is current and accurate. Additionally, I understand that if I withdraw from the trip once travel arrangements have been made on my behalf, my deposit may not be refunded.

Signature of applicant: ____________________________________________

Print full name & date: ____________________________________________