STUDY ABROAD, SUMMER 2014, IN BELIZE, CAMBODIA, SOUTH AFRICA OR TURKEY

INFORMATION, APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Community College of Philadelphia is offering four Student-Faculty International Fellowship Programs for 2014. This is an exciting opportunity to study and then travel to the destination to experience directly its culture and contemporary society.


Hard-copy applications must be submitted to Ms. Jackie Harvey, in BR-21.

Students in each group will take a one-credit course (except for the Belize 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 Field School. Approximate travel dates:

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

   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.

Cambodia: Tentative travel dates are May 12-24, 2014

   Led by professors Daravan Yi, Counseling, and Linda Fellag, English, this study abroad program will introduce students to the rich history and magnificent architecture of Cambodia. Participants will explore the capital of Phnom Penh, including the Royal Palace, the National Museum of Cambodia, the Tuol Sleng genocide museum and the Killing Fields, and the Mekong River.
Students will also travel by mini-bus to the famed temples of Angkor Wat, and gain first-hand knowledge of day-to-day life in Cambodia by visiting a rural factory-farm, silk factory, floating village, and an orphanage.

More specifically, this trip will concentrate on the theme *Cambodia and the Human Condition*. We will focus on how this Southeast Asian country represents the innate capacity for human survival. We will study some of the key points in Cambodian history – the Khmer Empire and the 20th century famine and genocide – that illustrate the resilience and strength of humankind.

3. **South Africa: Approximate travel dates are May 21-June 4, 2014**

Led by English professors Debonair Oates-Primus and Lucia Gbaya-Kanga, you will learn about the cultural, social, political and historical developments in multicultural South Africa while earning one academic credit. Discover breathtaking Cape Town via cable car to the top of Table Mountain and experience its bustling city life. Take a ferry to historic Robben Island. Learn about South African diversity through visiting the Khaya La Bantu Village in the Eastern Cape and experiencing Xhosa hospitality. In a series of guided field trips and visits to cultural sites, we will find wildlife in a game reserve; attend folk dance, song, and theater performances; and explore art/craft exhibits, museums, and open-air markets. Join CCP faculty and local experts while we visit Cape Town and beautiful surrounding landscapes and learn from South Africa’s variety of cultural and historic sites.

4. **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—like Hagia Sophia and the Suleymanye Mosque complex—students will explore culture through the history of food and artistic and religious performances (sufi and secular), looking at 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)

1. **Belize:**

   - **Wednesday, October 30, 2013**  
     2:30 - 3:30 PM  
     B2-22-I
   - **Thursday, November 21, 2013**  
     2:30 - 3:30 PM  
     B2-22-I
   - **Monday, January 27, 2014**  
     4:00 - 5:00 PM  
     B2-22-I
2. **Cambodia:**

   - Monday, October 14, 2013 1:30 - 2:30 PM  B2-22-I
   - Tuesday, November 12, 2013 2:00 - 3:00 PM  B2-22-I
   - Monday, November 25, 2013 1:30-2:30 PM  B2-22-I

3. **South Africa:**

   - November 4, 2013 1:00-2:00 PM  B2-22-I
   - November 19, 2013 11:00-12:00 PM  B2-22-I
   - January 17, 2014 1:00-2:00 (Tentative)  B2-22-I

4. **Istanbul, Turkey:**

   - October 23, 2013 3:00-4:00 PM  B2-22-I
   - November 7, 2013 2:00-3:00 PM  B2-22-I
   - January 23, 2014 3:00-4:00 PM  B2-22-I

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**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 2013, be registered in Spring 2014 courses at the College, and be in good academic standing with no disciplinary holds.

2. When the selection process is complete, 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.

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 February 5, 2014.

4. Interviews of the finalists will begin the week of February 10. Selected students will be notified by February 21. If selected, the balance of the program fee will be due 10 days 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 2014, as indicated by grades in courses. A current 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 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, 2014

Please return completed application in person with a $400 initial payment by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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 MARCH 4th, 2014.

For Final Payment information for the Belize trip, please contact Dr. Stan Walling at swalling@ccp.edu

Total cost to students (including deposit):

- Cambodia $800
- South Africa $850
- Turkey $800
- Belize: $1,650 for a two week stay, $2,050 for a 3 week stay, $2,550 for a 4 week stay. A limited number of $500 travel scholarship are available for Belize through this application process.

Please note: The price above does not include the following additional costs:
(All amounts are approximately)

- Travel Insurance $95
- Passport $100
- Tuition for IDS 120 (not for Belize) $153
- Inoculations (if applicable)* $200
- Miscellaneous expenses/personal expenses $300
- Airfare (Belize trip only) $650
- Entry visa $25

*Not all trip require inoculations
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

___ Cambodia

___ South Africa

___ 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). 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 you a recommendation no later than February 5, 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 2014, and I am a student in good academic standing.
I have attached a copy of my transcript that includes my registration for Spring 2014.

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 trip, contact Dr. Stan Walling at swalling@ccp.edu)

Special Considerations:

I understand that the trip that I am applying for will include extensive walking on a daily basis; for the Belize trip climbing and excavating in an unexplored terrain are required. Cambodia and Belize are tropical countries 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: __________________________________________________