

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Education Abroad

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Texas A&M University is committed to providing access to high-impact international opportunities for all students. The ability to engage successfully across cultures and the development of international leadership skills and global awareness are crucial for success and lifelong learning.

Texas A&M Education Abroad is part of the Department of Global Engagement <https://global.tamu.edu/>. Established in 2022, Global Engagement spearheads internationalization at Texas A&M by offering collaborative leadership, strategic coordination, and support for the development and sustainability of global programs and services across the university.

Education Abroad provides access for all Texas A&M students to a broad range of transformational and international experiences lasting from one week to an academic year. Typically, over 5,000 students each year participate in study, intern, volunteer, and research opportunities in over 100 different countries. Our office also contributes to the development of on-campus experiences that foster cultural awareness.

Many graduate and professional students pursue careers in academic, managerial, or administrative positions that benefit from conducting research, attending conferences, working, living, or studying abroad.

When considering an international opportunity, it is important for a student to consult with his/her committee chair early. Not all credits can be applied to a degree plan, so pre-trip planning and approval is very important.

Students are encouraged to make an in-person or virtual appointment with an Education Abroad Advisor by visiting <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/advisor> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/advisor/>). Education Abroad, located on the 1st floor of the Pavilion, weekdays from 8 am – 5 pm for additional information.

Faculty-led and Field Trip Programs

Programs led by a Texas A&M faculty member designed around specific A&M courses. To learn more about faculty-led and field trip programs visit: <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs/>).

Exchange Programs

Pay tuition at Texas A&M but “switch places” with counterparts at one of our foreign partner universities. Students can learn more about our exchange partners at <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs/>).

Affiliate Provider Programs

Pursue a study, intern, volunteer, or research program through one of our third-party affiliate providers. Learn more at <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs/>).

Intern and Volunteer

Students have a variety of options for credit or non-credit intern or volunteer abroad programs through Texas A&M offices and student organizations as well as third-party affiliate providers. Visit Education Abroad to learn more.

Research and Conferences

In some cases, graduate students are employed as part of a research project, and in others, they register for research hours at Texas A&M and go abroad independently. In all such cases, students must register their research experiences with Education Abroad. Learn more at <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs/>).

Students who attend conferences must also register with Education Abroad. Learn more at <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs/>).

Other Opportunities

Students going abroad on a program not organized by a Texas A&M office or department or through an affiliate provider must complete the <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/students/programs/>) if one or more of the following applies:

- Receiving credit (TAMU or transfer) for the experience
- Receiving any support from a TAMU entity (e.g. funding or arranging experience)
- Satisfying a degree or graduation requirement (e.g. thesis or dissertation research)
- Representing Texas A&M University in any way

Funding

Federal and other financial aid may be adjusted to accommodate for extra costs associated with credit-bearing international experiences.

Students interested in exploring funding options should discuss this with your academic department, your education abroad advisor, and Scholarships & Financial Aid. Learn about funding available through Texas A&M, locally and nationally, and from affiliate providers at <https://global.tamu.edu/ea/funding> (<https://global.tamu.edu/ea/funding/>).

University Locations Abroad

Texas A&M has a research and education center in Costa Rica.

Soltis Center for Research and Education

The Soltis Center for Research and Education in north-central Costa Rica was established in January 2009 to support research, education, and outreach throughout Central America. The unique physical and cultural setting of the center provides students and faculty with research and educational opportunities in tropical ecology, civil engineering, ecosystem sciences, geosciences, public and rural health, and agricultural economics.

On-Campus Engagement

Students don't have to go abroad to take advantage of international opportunities offered by Texas A&M. Students who remain on campus are encouraged to participate in many options available including the following:

- Center for International Business Studies (<http://cibs.tamu.edu/>)
- Corps Global Leadership Initiatives (<http://corps.tamu.edu/global/>)
- Halliburton Engineering Global Programs (<http://engineering.tamu.edu/global/>)
- MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness (<http://ltjordan.tamu.edu/>)
- MSC SCOLA (<https://scola.tamu.edu/>)
- MSC SCONA (<http://scona.tamu.edu/>)
- Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture (<http://borlaug.tamu.edu/>)
- Public Policy Internship Program (<http://ppip.tamu.edu/>)
- Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs (<http://bush.tamu.edu/scowcroft/>)
- Student Organizations (<https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/>) – To find internationally focused student organizations, visit <https://getinvolved.tamu.edu/> and search international.

Students should consult their department and college advisers for additional opportunities to engage in global education on or off campus.