

# INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

## Education Abroad Programs Office

<http://abroad.tamu.edu>

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.

The Education Abroad Programs Office 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. Last year, over 5,500 students participated 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 visit the Education Abroad Programs Office, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Pavilion, any weekday from 8 am – 5 pm for additional information.

## Faculty-led Programs

These are programs led by a Texas A&M faculty member and students receive A&M credit. To find the most recent faculty-led program offerings, visit <http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Faculty-led>.

## Exchange Programs (REEPs)

These programs give students the opportunity to enroll and pay tuition at Texas A&M but “switch places” with counterparts at foreign institutions. Students can find both university-wide exchange and college-specific exchange programs at [http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Exchange-\(REEPs\)](http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Exchange-(REEPs)).

## Intern and Volunteer

Students have a variety of options for credit or non-credit intern or volunteer abroad programs. Students can find opportunities through Texas A&M offices and students organizations as well as third-party affiliate providers at <http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Intern-Research-Volunteer>.

## Research

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 the Education Abroad Programs Office.

Learn more at <http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Intern-Research-Volunteer>.

## Transfer Credit and Supervised Direct Enrollment

Students may opt to pursue a study abroad program through one of our third-party affiliate providers. Please check with your academic advisor to determine courses that can transfer and visit our website to learn more at <http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Transfer-Credit>.

Another option is to direct enroll at a foreign university as a non-degree seeking student to study. In some cases, your faculty advisor or academic department may have an existing collaboration with a foreign university.

## Degrees from Foreign Universities

Occasionally, a student may wish to receive an advanced degree from an international university, such as a master's degree. Students should work with their advisor to identify degree programs that will fit into your long-term academic or career plans.

## University Locations Abroad

Many Texas A&M partner organizations offer international opportunities to students. Students can check the Education Abroad Programs Office search engine to locate such experiences or contact their academic departments about programs and locations they recommend. In addition, Texas A&M has a research and education center in Costa Rica.

## The Soltis Center for Research and Education in Costa Rica

<http://soltiscentercostarica.tamu.edu>

The Soltis Center for Research and Education in north-central Costa Rica was established in January 2009 to support research, education and outreach in Costa Rica and 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.

## Funding to Go Abroad

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 study abroad advisor, and Scholarships & Financial Aid. Learn about scholarships and financial aid available through Texas A&M, locally and national, and from affiliate providers at <http://abroad.tamu.edu/Funding>.

## On Campus Engagement in International Opportunities

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>)

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- 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 (<http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/app/organization>) – To find internationally focused student organizations, visit <http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/app/search/index> and search international.

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