International Opportunities for Students

Education Abroad

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 as graduates enter the work force and commit to lifelong learning.

Texas A&M 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. Last year, over 5,800 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.

Students are encouraged to visit Education Abroad, located on the 1st floor of the Pavilion, any weekday from 8 am – 5 pm for additional information. It is also important to consult with your academic advisor to identify courses to take abroad.

Faculty-led and Field Trip Programs

Programs led by a Texas A&M faculty member designed around specific A&M courses. To find the most recent offerings, visit http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Faculty-led.

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 http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Exchange.

Affiliate Provider Programs

Pursue a study, intern, volunteer, or research program through one of our third-party affiliate providers. Learn more at http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Affiliate-Provider-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

Texas A&M faculty engage in research around the world. Students who join faculty to research overseas, who develop independent research opportunities, or attend conferences, must also register with Education Abroad. Learn more at http://abroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Independent-Travel.

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 Independent Travel Registration 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 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 education abroad advisor, and Scholarships & Financial Aid. Learn about funding available through Texas A&M, locally and nationally, and from affiliate providers at http://abroad.tamu.edu/Funding.

University Locations Abroad

Texas A&M has a research and education center in Costa Rica as well as a campus in Qatar.

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.

Texas A&M’s branch campus in Qatar, part of the 2,500-acre multi-institutional campus known as Education City formally opened on September 7, 2003. Texas A&M University at Qatar is fully funded by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development and provides a unique opportunity for the University to expand its international presence and provide educational and research opportunities for all faculty and students. Learn more at http://qatar.tamu.edu.

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
- Corps Global Leadership Initiatives
- Halliburton Engineering Global Programs
- MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness
- MSC SCONA
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- 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 (http://studentactivities.tamu.edu/app/search/index/) and search international.
- Undergraduate Research (http://ugr.tamu.edu/)

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