Study Abroad Programs Office

International High Impact Education Showcase
Three efforts that have brought national attention to Texas A&M University’s study abroad programs:

- Generation Study Abroad
- National scholarship opportunities.
- Big Event International
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• Studying abroad fits the goals of Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime: “our world needs people who can learn and keep learning, adapt to change, and create new opportunities for themselves and others.”

• Texas is a leader in the global marketplace. In 2013 Texas was ranked the number one state in export revenue for the twelfth year in a row.

• Texas exports totaled $279.7 billion.

• Data from the annual report on Texaswideopenforbusiness.com
Generation Study Abroad

- Organized by the Institute of International Education (IIE).
- IIE’s goal is to double the number of US student studying abroad by the end of the decade.
- Texas A&M is one of 204 Commitment Partners in this national effort.
- Texas A&M is well on the way to achieving this goal – we have 2727 enrolled in credit-bearing programs abroad so far this year – a 22 percent increase from last year.
National Scholarship Opportunities

- Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship
- Boren Awards for International Study
- Critical Language Scholarship Program
- The study abroad office has advisors dedicated to provide support and guidance to TAMU applicants for these scholarships.
Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

- Scholarship opportunities for undergraduate students who have limited financial means.
- Awards up to $5,000 for each individual.
- Emphasis on non-traditional locations.
- Must be in one country for 28 days.
- Ten Texas A&M University students received these awards for summer 2014.
- Texas A&M ranks in the top 20 for Gilman awards.
Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

- Boren Scholarships provide up to $20,000 to US undergraduate students to study abroad in areas critical to US interests.
- Boren Fellowships provide up to $30,000 to US graduate students to add an international and language component to their graduate education.
- Both require at least one year of public service after graduation; preference is given to individuals who choose public service as a career.
Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

• For the first time since 2004, a Texas A&M undergraduate was awarded a Boren Scholarship.
• He is a student in the College of Engineering who will be studying in China.
• For the second year in a row, a student from the Bush School has received a Boren Fellowship.
• He will be studying Swahili in Tanzania.
• Number of applications increased this year.
• Advising efforts will begin earlier to encourage more participation in 2015.
The Critical Language Scholarship Program offers intensive summer language institutes in 13 critical languages.

- 7-10 weeks of intensive language student for students of all language ability.
- All program costs are covered.
- The study abroad office now has an advisor with experience in the CLS, and we plan to focus more attention on providing guidance on this great opportunity.
- Program open to students from all backgrounds and future career paths.
The Aggie Spirit was carried to three overseas locations the spring in organized Big Event activities.

- Bonn, Germany; Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy; Barcelona, Spain.
- Over 140 students participated – even some former students joined the activities.
Passport Services Available

The Study Abroad Programs Office offers passport services to the general public. Additionally, we offer photo services for those who need U.S. Passport sized photos for Optional Practical Training (OPT) or any other government applications or forms. Please read below for important information about applying for a new passport or renewing your soon to expire one.

Hours
Monday: By Appointment Only
Tuesday: 10:00am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Friday: By Appointment Only

Passport Services will not be available on Faculty and Staff Holidays as the University will be closed. Please see the Texas A&M University Calendar for up to date information on University Holidays. http://admissions.tamu.edu/Registrar/General/Calendar.aspx. As there are a limited number of Acceptance Agents, occasionally Passport Services may be temporarily unavailable without prior notice. Please call 979-845-0544 to verify hours.
Thank you for your continued support

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