GET STARTED

1. EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS
   - Visit cofc.via-trm.com for a list of programs.
   - Consider your academic, personal, and career goals and contact CIE for advising.
   - Attend an Affiliate group advising session (required for Affiliate Programs only). Sign up on Appointment Manager.

2. PLAN AHEAD
   - Work with your academic advisor to determine what courses you should take abroad.
   - Research program costs, applicable financial aid, and scholarship opportunities.
   - Discuss your study abroad plans with a CIE advisor.

3. APPLY
   - Submit your application at cofc.via-trm.com.
   - Be sure to submit supplemental applications if you have selected an exchange or affiliate program.

4. PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE
   - Confirm your passport is valid for 6 months after your program ends.
   - Complete all enrollment forms on ViaTRM.
   - Attend pre-departure orientation.
   - Check to see if your program choice requires a visa.

HAVE A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE!
**PROGRAM TYPES**

**COFC FACULTY-LED SEMESTER**
Students earn 12-15 credits of CofC coursework while studying with their fellow CofC students in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, France, Italy, or Spain. Participants pay their regular tuition plus a program fee to CofC.

**COFC FACULTY-LED SPRING BREAK**
There are several courses offered in the Spring semester with an embedded study abroad component taking place over Spring Break. Students pay their regular tuition plus a program fee.

**COFC FACULTY-LED SUMMER**
CofC faculty regularly offer more than 30 short-term programs where students take a variety of courses in a multitude of subjects. Summer programs range from 1 to 5 weeks in duration. Students pay CofC tuition plus a program fee.

**EXCHANGE**
CofC has exchange agreements with 30 academic institutions around the world. Participants enroll as regular students at the partner university while paying College of Charleston tuition, many courses offered in English. Some exchange partners also offer summer programs.

**AFFILIATE**
The College currently partners with over 20 program providers, independent study abroad organizations offering a wide range of courses including internships throughout the world. Students are not charged CofC tuition; instead they pay a program fee directly to the affiliate provider. Summer programs are available.

**PROGRAM LISTINGS**

**CofC Faculty-led Semester Programs**
- **Fall:** Santiago, Chile | La Rochelle, France | Trujillo, Spain | Florence, Italy
- **Spring:** Buenos Aires, Argentina | Havana, Cuba | Trujillo, Spain

**CofC Faculty-led Summer Programs**
- Programs offered throughout the world in countries such as Bahamas, Brazil, Cambodia, Germany, India, Italy, Panama, Spain, South Korea, Thailand, and Uganda.

**CofC Faculty-led spring break Programs**
- FYE Abroad Courses offered in countries such as Costa Rica, Iceland, Peru, and Spain
- Upperclassmen programs offered in countries such as Cuba, Canada, and Scotland

**Exchange Programs**
- **Australia:** University of New South Wales
- **Austria:** Johannes Kepler University, Management Center Innsbruck
- **Barbados:** University of the West Indies
- **Brazil:** Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina
- **Canada:** Carleton University
- **China:** University of Nottingham (Ningbo)
- **Egypt:** American University Cairo
- **Estonia:** Tallinn University of Technology, University of Tartu
- **France:** Catholic University of Lille, EDHEC Nice, EM Strasbourg
- **Georgia:** Caucasus University
- **Germany:** Bamberg University, University of Ludwigshafen, University of Tuebingen
- **Ghana:** University of Cape Coast
- **Greece:** The American College of Greece
- **Ireland:** Technological University Dublin
- **Italy:** Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- **Japan:** Kansai Gaidai University
- **The Netherlands:** University of Groningen
- **South Korea:** Sung Kyun Kwan University (SKKU)
- **Taiwan:** University of Taipei
- **United Kingdom:** De Montfort University, Queen’s University Belfast, University of Hertfordshire, University of Nottingham, University of Sussex

**Affiliate Programs**
Academic Programs International (API), Academic Studies Abroad (ASA), American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), Arcadia University’s College of Global Studies (Arcadia), Butler University’s Institute for Study Abroad (Butler), College Year Athens (CYA), Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA), Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS), Global Experiences, IES Abroad (IES), ISEP, International Studies Abroad (ISA), School for Field Studies (SFS), School for International Training (SIT), Sea Education Association (SEA), Semester at Sea, Spanish Studies Abroad, Study Abroad Italy (SAI), Studio Art Centers International (SACI), The Education Abroad Network (TEAN), University of Southern Mississippi (USM), University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)
BUDGETING

DETERMINE YOUR EXPENSES

Programs vary in cost and what is included in the program fee. Keep this in mind as you evaluate your program options.

Costs to consider:
- Tuition and Associated Fees
- Housing/ Accommodations
- International Airfare
- Food
- Textbooks
- Excursions
- Local Transportation
- Personal Expenses

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Research the exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar to the host country's currency.
- Cost of living can be less expensive in smaller cities.
- Meals are included in a homestay while they may not be in a residence hall or apartment.
- In some cities you may use public transportation to commute to class so you should factor in that expense. Student discounts may be available.

STUDENT DISCOUNTS ABROAD

- Inquire about a student discount when visiting museums or historical/ cultural sites.
- Get an International Student Identification card (ISIC) to find discounts on transportation, dining, and more!

COFC STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
- This is a general scholarship worth between $500- $1500 (summer) or $500-$2000 (semester) for faculty-led, exchange, and affiliate programs. Criteria include academic merit, demonstration of financial need, a personal statement and 2 faculty recommendations.

CAIN FAMILY INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
- This scholarship supports students spending a semester or more studying in non-English speaking destinations with preference for students going to non-Western Europe countries. Minimum 3.2 GPA and demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students enrolled in the Honors College.

JOE MILLIGAN AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP
- This scholarship assists students with the costs of studying abroad for a semester in Australia. Preference will be given to the student with demonstrated financial need and a 3.0 GPA or better.

ANNA B. COX SCHOLARSHIP
- This scholarship will supports students studying abroad on an approved program in France. The student must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

HUGE FOUNDATION STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP
- This scholarship assists students studying abroad at the University of Tartu, Estonia, an international exchange partner.

NANCY BROWN SPAIN STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP
- This scholarship supports students participating in the College of Charleston’s Spring Semester program in Trujillo, Spain.

JORGE AND DOROTHY MARBAN ENDOWED AWARD
- This scholarship supports students with a major/minor in a foreign language studying abroad in Spain or Italy. Students must live with a host family. Preference will be given to students participating in a College of Charleston Faculty-led study abroad program.
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

Whether you are spending a week, a month, a semester, or a full year abroad, it is important to set goals so you can have the most fulfilling study abroad experience possible.

Ask yourself:
- Why do I want to study abroad?
- Where do I want to study abroad?
- What do I hope to accomplish while abroad?
- Do I have any course(s) I must take while abroad?

When you think about studying abroad, what do you imagine?

Picking a program:
- Program with CofC students & faculty or a more independent experience?
- Big city or small town?
- Courses with U.S. students or local students?
- Homestay or residence hall?
- Language immersion or English-speaking?

ACADEMIC GOAL(S)

PERSONAL GOAL(S)

PROFESSIONAL GOAL(S)

CAREER BENEFITS

Results from a 2019 Erasmus Impact Study:

72% of Erasmus+ graduates reported that mobility (study abroad) had been beneficial for their careers and 85% felt that studying abroad helped them build job skills.

92% of employers prefer transversal skills in their employees, which you learn when studying abroad.

Results from a 2017 AIFS Participant Survey:

40% of alumni reported that they were told in the interview that study abroad set them apart from other candidates when being selected for the job.

24% of alumni reported being given a job assignment as a result of their study abroad experience.

Studies also show that students who studied abroad earned 25 percent more than their peers who did not study abroad.

Results from a 2017 Institute for International Education Impact Study:

A majority of respondents reported that their study abroad experience helped develop or improve several critical competencies necessary for employment in the 21st century.

- Intercultural skills
- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Curiosity
- Confidence
- Self-Awareness
- Interpersonal Skills
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Language Skills
- Tolerance for Ambiguity

Internships Abroad

Students can intern abroad and earn academic credit through Faculty-led or Affiliate Programs.

CofC typically offers Faculty-Led summer internship programs in France & Germany.
FINANCING STUDY ABROAD

USING YOUR CURRENT FINANCIAL AID

You can use the following on CofC, exchange, or affiliated study abroad programs:

- State Scholarships- Life and Fellows
- Foundation Scholarships*
- Federal Loans
- Pell Grants
- State Grants

In addition to the above, you can use the following on CofC Faculty-led semester or exchange programs:

- CofC Academic Scholarships
- College of Charleston Scholarships
- Institution need-based grants

- CofC Merit Scholarships*
  *please see CIE for more information

*Students will always need to request additional Financial Aid for summer programs

FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FREEMAN- ASIA

- For students with demonstrated financial need studying in East or Southeast Asia
- https://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

- For Pell eligible students
- Preference is given to underrepresented students studying in non-traditional locations or underrepresented disciplines such as STEM fields
- https://www.iie.org/gilman

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

- For students studying critical languages and in non-traditional locations
- There is a campus nomination process
- www.borenawards.org

COFC DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Inquire with your major/minor department(s) about scholarship opportunities.

AFFILIATE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Most program providers offer their own scholarships. Students should inquire with their specific host program.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS INTERNATIONAL (API)

- Semester and summer programs; apply via CIE

ACADEMIC STUDIES ABROAD (ASA)

- Semester programs only; apply via CIE

ARCADIA

- Semester and summer programs; apply via CIE

INSTITUTE FOR STUDY ABROAD, BUTLER UNIVERSITY (IFSA)

- Semester and summer programs; apply via CIE

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE (CIEE)

- $1000 grant for semester programs; apply via CIE

COLLEGE YEAR ATHENS (CYA)

- Accepted students receive $3000 off semester programs

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- Accepted students receive discounts on semester and summer programs

IES ABROAD

- Accepted students receive $2000 “Public University Grant” for most semester programs

SAI PROGRAMS

- CofC students receive discounts on semester programs

SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING (SIT)

- Semester and summer programs; apply via CIE

THE EDUCATION ABROAD NETWORK (TEAN)

- Accepted students receive grants for semester and summer programs
RECOGNITION

2019 INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION RANKINGS:
The College of Charleston is nationally ranked among Master’s Level Institutions:

- #5 in the total number of study abroad participants
- #5 in mid-length (semester) participation
- #6 in short-term participation

STATISTICS FOR 2018-2019

989
Number of CofC students who studied abroad in 2018-2019.

$83,000
The amount of scholarship money CIE awarded to students who are studying abroad in Spring 2018.

50
The number of countries CofC students studied in during the 2018-2019 Academic Year throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, South America, the Caribbean, and North America.

44.4%
Class of 2018 estimated level of participation in study abroad