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Greetings from the Office of International Education!

Hello everyone-

It has been a rainy, muggy summer here in Pittsburgh so far! It's also my first summer in Pittsburgh, and my slow and stubborn adjustment to the weather often reminds me of the times I've worked and studied abroad. For each international experience I've had, I eventually learned to acclimate to dry heat, high altitude or persistent humidity, in addition to discovering a whole new culture, language, and way of life.

And for each time I went abroad, I returned to my home state of Ohio, where I found myself adjusting once again. The need to adjust to the place I spent most of my life seemed so strange to me. I would find myself asking weather-related questions like, "Has it always been so cold here?" in addition to culture-related questions like, "Why do we do things this way?"

Many of you have returned or will be returning from life changing experiences "across the pond," in which you've grown and changed in ways you may not have expected. Returning home from an amazing time abroad can be bittersweet, but try to show yourself the same patience when you are readjusting to being home that you showed yourself when you first went abroad. Remember that it is a great sign to miss your life abroad (even if you couldn't wait to be home!). And if you're anything like me, you'll continue to find international opportunities in the future.

Finally, please do attend our *Welcome Back Reception – Thursday*, *August 31st, 2017, 4:30pm in Danforth Lounge, Cohon Center*. This is a great way to re-connect with other returning CMU study abroad students and the Pittsburgh community!

Erin Swift Study Abroad Coordinator

"The shortest path to oneself leads around the world." Hermann Keyserling

TARTANS <u>CURRENTLY</u> ABROAD





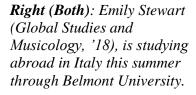
Above: Minghan Chen (Physics, '18) is participating in a summer research internship at EPFL at the Geneva Observatory.

Below: Shivani Shukla (CIT, '20) is studying abroad and doing research through Nakatani RIES in Japan this summer.





Above & Top Right: Eric Huang (Economics, '19) is studying abroad at the London School of Economic this summer term.



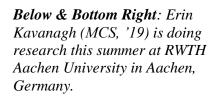












Photo Contest Winners







Top Left: Landscape Abroad: Sarah Keller (CFA) – Camaguey,

Cuba

Top Right: You Abroad: Emily Stewart (BXA) – Brasilito, Costa Rica Left: People Abroad: Leah Anton (CFA) – Barcelona, Spain







Congratulations to our other honorable mention awardees: Daryl Bright, Jing Liu, Kara Gadecki, Allison Fisher, and Michael DiBacco!









"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

There are plenty of ways to bring your experience back when you return to Carnegie Mellon.

- Attend the Welcome Back Reception
- Help out with an *Information*Session and/or *Pre-Departure*Orientation
- Serve as an <u>e-peer advisor</u>
- Publish your journals, short stories, or poetry
- Enter the 2018 Photo Contest
- Use your experience to complete a senior thesis
- Apply for a Fulbright, Rhodes, Churchill, or Marshall scholarship
- Continue your experience with an international internship
- Apply to graduate school abroad
- Apply for the Peace Corps

Looking for your next experience abroad?

Study abroad search engines:
CMU Study Abroad Portal
www.iiepassport.org
www.goabroad.com
www.studyabroad.com

Travel Apps What's your favorite? Others? (Let us know!)

CITY MAPS 2GO

Kavak.com

Hipmunk.com

Whats App

Wikitude

AllSubway

Oanda

Wi-Fi Finder

US State Dept STEP program

Travel.state.gov

Squaremouth.com

WordReference.com

Check these out - see what they can do for you!



Let us know your favorite go-to apps while abroad. Email: goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu.

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Have your classes changed?
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Carnegie Mellon 2015-16 Study Abroad Statistics

Top 10 Destinations:

- 1. China
- 2. United Kingdom
- 3. British Virgin Islands
- 4. Panama
- 5. Nicaragua
- 6. Germany
- 7. Spain
- 8. Israel
- 9. Oatar
- 10. France

When students study abroad:

10% Fall

11% Spring

26% Summer

44% Mini Spring

1% All year

2% Mini Winter

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"Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving." Terry Pratchett