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 re-adjusting 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
**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.

**Right (Both):** Emily Stewart (Global Studies and Musicology, '18), is studying abroad in Italy this summer through Belmont University.

**Below & Bottom Right:** Erin Kavanagh (MCS, '19) is doing research this summer at RWTH Aachen University in Aachen, Germany.

“The best journeys answer questions that in the beginning you didn’t even think to ask.” Jeff Johnson
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.”
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 e-peer advisor
- 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

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

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

CITY MAPS 2GO
Kayak.com
Hiphunk.com
WhatsApp
Wikitude
AllSubway
Qanda
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!

Have your classes changed?
Complete the Follow-Up SATC

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. Qatar
10. France

When students study abroad:
10% Fall
11% Spring
26% Summer
44% Mini Spring
1% All year
2% Mini Winter

“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