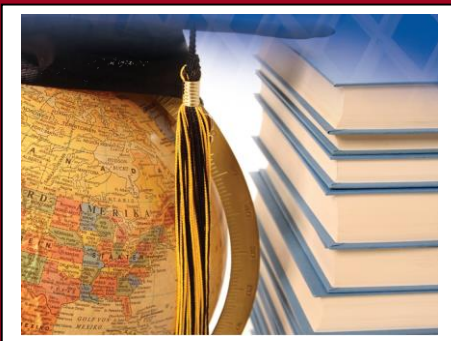


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Greetings from the Office of International Education!

Hello everyone-

The warmth of summer here in Pittsburgh is always a treat after the cold months of winter. Though we had an especially mild winter, students abroad still had some wonderful snow-filled photos to submit for our Spring 2016 photo contest. Look to page 4 to see this year's winners!

The world continues to be an interesting place, and I know many of you, as well as your family members, have expressed concern about recent global events – those related to terrorism, Zika, political instability, etc... Working in a field that seeks global collaboration, peace, and friendship; these obstacles are always difficult to accept. However, they represent a reality, and are things to consider and discuss with your program provider and/or institution abroad. We want you to feel as safe and prepared as possible during your studies abroad. In addition to experts abroad, our office is also here for you, as well. Be in touch if you have questions or concerns. We can discuss considerations, and/or seek to put you in touch with others who can provide assistance.

From an academic standpoint, for those abroad, make sure your summer courses were/are approved for transfer credit, and to order that transcript (to be sent to our office). If seeking to go abroad for another term, let us know! You are not alone, as many summer abroad students seek to go abroad yet again, once they return from abroad!

Finally, for everyone abroad last Spring and Summer, make sure to attend our **Welcome Back Reception – Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, 4:30pm in Danforth room, Cohon Center**. A great way to re-connect with the CMU-Pittsburgh community!

Christine Menand
 Assistant Director, Study Abroad & Exchange Programs

“The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.”
 Oliver Wendell Holmes

NAKATANI RIES: RESEARCH ABROAD, [HTTP://NAKATANI-RIES.RICE.EDU/](http://nakatani-ries.rice.edu/)

Following along from our Spring newsletter, here is an excerpt from a blog by Brinda Malhotra, ME '18. Brinda was chosen for the Nakatani RIES (formerly the NanoJapan program) this summer. Her piece below focuses on Japanese vs. US research:

There are not particularly any strict rules between the different lab mates. However, it is imperative that our professor be addressed with the utmost respect and regard. People address each other with "san" and everyone is friends in our lab, so interaction is quite normal and easy going. Everyone has his or her own lab desk and even a lab locker to put stuff in at the end of the day, so belongings do not need to be lugged around too much. There is even a desk for keeping gifts, typically food, once someone returns back to the lab from a short excursion or break, and it is allowed for anyone to grab food or snacks from this desk. Coffee materials are also shared amongst people within the lab as well. We all also have a tacit agreement that on Fridays right before everyone is about to leave before he or she goes home, we all help one another clean up the lab together. I like how this process works so effectively without anyone bossing one another around or arguing with one another about the messiness of the lab or work areas.

I believe proper understanding and honest work is valued in academic research in Japan, and I believe that this aligns quite well with the same values in the United States which makes them both such great places to do research.

Cont. from previous column...

I have never done big lab work in the United States. I have only done literature review but not a serious and big lab project such as the one I am completing this summer. I have, however, taken classes that require us to do smaller labs relating to more theoretical concepts used to consolidate knowledge, but the equipment is much simpler to use than the one I am using in Japan. I believe that the virtue of teamwork is emphasized a lot more in Japan, and I can see this though both my own interactions as well as my lab results that I have gained this summer.



Brinda Malhotra, ME '18, in Kyoto, Summer 2016.

Have your classes changed?
Complete the [Follow-Up SATC](#)



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

CITY MAPS 2GO

Kayak.com

Hipmunk.com

WhatsApp

Wikitude

AllSubway

Oanda

Wi-Fi Finder

US State Dept. STEP program

Travel.State.gov

Squaremouth.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.

“There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you do not do them.”
Charles D. Gill

TCinGC, SUMMER 2016



Ryan Donegan (Dietrich '16) and Benjamin Junker (SHS '17) participated in summer internships through CMU's TCinGC in Koror, Palau.



Blogs from each of the students can be found here:

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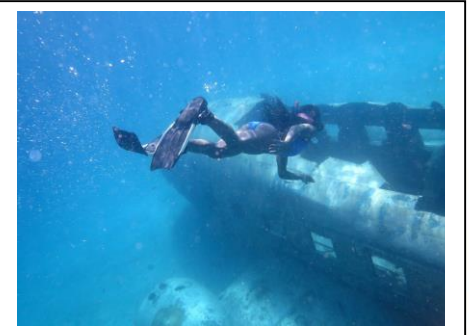
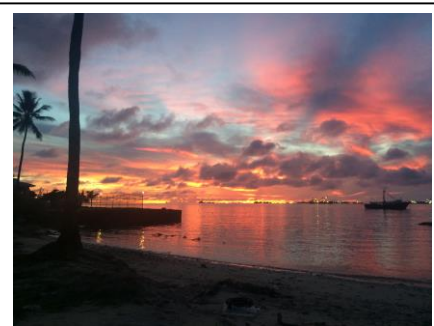
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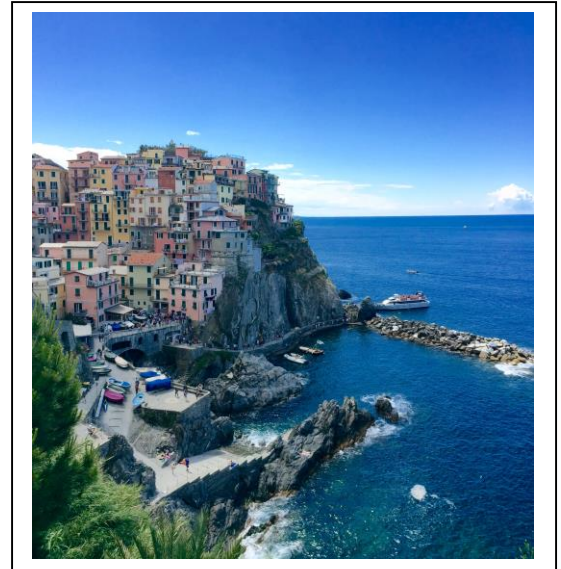
Jibby Ayo-Ani, (Dietrich '16) & Matias Quintana Rosales (Heinz '16) participated in summer internships through CMU's TCinGC, in the Republic of Marshall Islands, Summer 2016.



To learn more about TCinGC (*Technology Consulting in the Global Community*) and how you can apply for next summers' consulting opportunities, visit the TCinGC [website](#).

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless.”
Mother Teresa

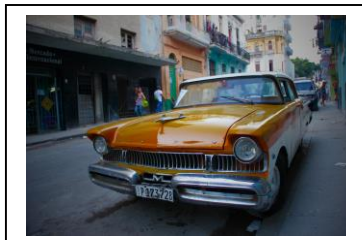
Photo Contest Winners 2016



Top Left: *You abroad:* Kayla Quinn (CFA) – Hobbiton (Matamata), New Zealand
Top Right: *Landscape abroad:* Katherine Wang (CIT) – Cinque Terre, Italy
Left: *People abroad:* Jenna Houston (BHA) – Chennai, India



Congratulations to our other honorable mention awardees: Richard Lee, Colleen Clifford, Charmaine Yau, Allison Fisher, Damin Jung, Madhura Kharche!



“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”
 Mark Twain

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 [e-peer advisor](#)
- Publish your journals, short stories, or poetry
- Enter the [2017 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



Can you
guess the
cities?



Photos
Courtesy of:
Ranika
Kejriwal (top
photo); Rachel
Walsh (bottom)

Looking for your next experience abroad...

Study abroad search engines:

[CMU Study Abroad Portal](#)

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I am convinced that one of the biggest factors in success is the courage to undertake something.”
James A. Worsham