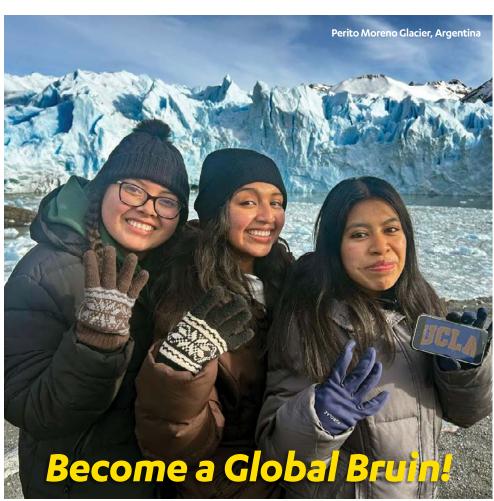


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## Who We Are

### **UCLA Travel Study**

Gain a global perspective with UCLA Faculty during the summer!

- Study on the go for 3 5 weeks with most onsite logistics arranged for you, including excursions and cultural activities
- UCLA curriculum and itinerary is customized to each location

### **UCLA Global Internship Program (GIP)**

Earn a competitive edge in the job market with an international summer internship!

- Conduct an immersive 8-week internship in your career field
- Internships are catered to a student's interest, goals and experience

### **UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP)**

Immerse yourself in local courses, language study, internships, and research on this UC-systemwide program!

- Spend a summer, quarter, semester, or academic year abroad
- Create your own experience by selecting from 170+ programs



# GLEWY OCTOBER 6-9

The International Education Office is excited to host **GLOW (Global Learning Opportunities Week)**, a unique event covering all things study abroad. Sessions throughout the week of **October 6-9**, will introduce you to the basics of studying abroad, guide you in your academic planning, and provide insight into student experiences. **RSVP at ieo.ucla.edu/glow**.

	Monday, Oct. 6	Tuesday, Oct.7	Wednesday, Oct.8	Thursday, Oct. 9
10:00 AM		<b>Study Abroad 101</b> (Zoom Webinar)	GLOW Live: In-Person Tabling Event (Bruin Plaza)	
11:00 AM		<b>UCLA Travel Study</b> (YouTube Premiere)		UCLA Study Abroad Speed Advising
12:00 PM				(Viewpoint Conference Room, Ackerman Union A-Level)
1:00 PM		UCLA Global Internship Program (Zoom Webinar)		
2:00 PM		<b>UCEAP 101</b> (Zoom Webinar)		
3:00 PM		Study Abroad on a Student Budget (Zoom Webinar)		
4:00 PM				
5:00 PM				
6:00 PM	Study Abroad 101			
7:00 PM	(De Neve Auditorium)			

"Studying abroad in Spain is easily the most memorable experience of my life. It's a chance to get out of your comfort zone and see what more the world has to offer. I had such a great experience that I'm even considering doing another quarter abroad!"

Matthew Starr

Travel Study - Spanish (Granada)



## UCLA Travel Study

WITH UCLA FACULTY!

Program options span a wide range of subject areas. Enrollment is open to students from any college, major or minor. Scholarships and financial aid available to qualified students!



\*Course offerings are subject to change.



**UCLA TRAVEL STUDY APPLICATION DATES:** 

NOV. 24, 2025 - MARCH 4, 2026.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT IEO.UCLA.EDU/TRAVELSTUDY.

## My Two Cents about Incense

Natalie Carrillo Andrade is a Travel Study student ambassador who completed the Global Health program in Sydney, Australia. Below, she shares how studying abroad wove together experiences of home and away.

I walked through the milky, lingering cloud of smoke, incense enveloping my body like a familiar hug. I pictured my mother walking through the hallways of our home, trailing the scent of sage behind her. Instead, I opened my eyes and was Welcomed to the Country by the Indigenous Peoples of Australia, 7,200 miles away in Yarrabah County, Queensland.

Later that day, we would visit the Royal Flying Doctors Service, yet another of Australia's unique organizations. Their commitment to expanding access to healthcare amongst Australia's rural communities is essential to overcoming geographical isolations and systemic barriers to health. Under the glistening red airplane wing, we would hear from the organization's staff and maintenance crew, before coming across a UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine graduate who now works for the service.

Hearing his story inspired me to reflect on my own journey, and path to medicine. Having never travelled outside the country, studying abroad had always been an aspect of the university experience I wanted to try. I combed through every pamphlet and corner of the IEO website in search of the ideal program (there

are several) until I came across the Global Health Program, held in Sydney, Australia. Its emphasis on indigenous and community health, combined with shadowing and exploration of the unique Australian environment, immediately appealed to me.

The first couple weeks of the program were exciting, nervewracking, and fascinating all at once. We visited several health clinics, and interacted with various health professionals and specialties. Each experience sparked engagement and curiosity, opening professional and personal doorways that were just waiting to be discovered. Boarding the plane from Sydney to Cairns, Queensland seemed like the beginning of a mini study abroad experience within the program itself.

The contrast between the lively, vibrant city life and the relaxed, community-centered rural area allowed me to analyze the Australian healthcare system through a different lens, a global one. I began to notice the dedicated programs, or arms of an organization that existed to serve the indigenous population. Shadowing the physicians at Holdsworth House and visiting sexual health clinics around the city now always seemed to connect back to that experience in Cairns, Queensland. A reminder that healthcare is about more than just medicine, it is about the cross-cultural connections, equity, and community we find in it.

That lingering scent of sage will always remind me of home, but now it will also remind me of the ways that culture, tradition, and medicine connect those around the globe.













## UCLA GLOBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Gain hands-on work experience by participating in UCLA's Global Internship Program. Participants intern with organizations and companies abroad for academic credit! The Global Internship Program offers an array of work opportunities in 15+ diverse career sectors and 10+ locations throughout the globe. The program is a great way to increase industry knowledge and employability.

Internship placements are approximately 8 weeks long in all program locations. Internships are for academic credit only and are unpaid.

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Colombia
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Japan
- Mexico
- Singapore
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Virtual



## **APPLICATION TIMELINE**













**OCTOBER** 

**NOVEMBER** 

Application Opens Application Closes

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

Video Interview

**Decisions Released** 

**JANUARY** 

**FEBRUARY** 

Payment (or Financial Aid) & Cancellation Deadline MARCH -JUNE

Internship Interview & Placement Finalized

GIP APPLICATION DATES: OCT. 13 - NOV. 24, 2025. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT IEO.UCLA.EDU/GIP.

## MY GIP EXPERIENCE Computer Science in Kyoto, Japan

## Felipe Yaosin Wu

Major: Linguistic and Computer Science

Term Abroad: Summer 2025

**Internship Title:** Frontend Development Intern

**Internship Company:** Compass Inc.

Meet Felipe Yaosin Wu, a Global Internship Program student ambassador! Felipe is a linguistic and computer science major who interned in Kyoto for Compass Inc. Learn about his experiences below!

### What were your primary responsibilities as an intern?

As an intern, my responsibility was developing user interfaces for a job position posting platform with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. I developed a few key features like the login, registration, job posting and management tools for various user roles.

#### What was your biggest accomplishment at your internship?

My biggest accomplishment was independently building the user registration and login system, a critical feature that enabled secure access for different user types. I clarified requirements, created a smooth user flow, and ensured the interface met both technical needs and cultural expectations.

#### What was your favorite part about living in your host city?

My favorite part about living in Kyoto is how life was never separated as traditional life/modern life. I would spend the day walking around temples and gardens and looking at culture in modern workplaces that focus on technology. The city was able to be both calm and inspiring every day of the week because of the weather, great seasonal food, and cultural history.

## What skills did you learn during your internship that you believe will transfer to future career opportunities?

During my internship, I gained technical skills in frontend development and documenting user requirements, along with cross-cultural communication experience in a bilingual, hierarchical environment.

#### What was the most memorable aspect of your internship experience?

The most memorable part of my internship was attending after-work business events with the team. These moments offered a rare chance to connect more personally with my coworkers and hear the CEO's inspiring thoughts on risk-taking, innovation, and building a global startup culture.







From top to bottom: Sogenchi Teien Garden, Todaiji Kagami-ike Pond, Gion Matsuri Festival.

The University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) is the official, system-wide study abroad program for the University of California. UCEAP is partnered with 115 universities worldwide and offers programs in 42 countries. These UC-approved programs combine immersive learning with engaging activities. UCEAP students enroll in courses abroad while earning UC units and maintaining UCLA student status. Many programs offer internships, research, and volunteer opportunities. Choose from summer, quarter, semester, and yearlong options. Financial aid and scholarships are available for qualified students.



## How competitive are UCEAP programs?

Most of our programs are first-come, first-served. They do not require a letter of recommendation, or a personal statement, though there are exceptions. Provided you meet the program's eligibility requirements and submit your application by the deadline, you should be participating on the selected program.

## When should I start planning for UCEAP?

Today! Whether you plan to study abroad next summer or two years from now, we encourage students to start planning as early as possible. Identifying the right program takes time. A few programs may even have prerequisites that students will need to complete pre-departure.

Stephanie Udeze UCEAP, Paris, France

## **UCEAP APPLICATION OPEN DATES:**

**SUMMER 2026: NOVEMBER 13, 2025** 

FALL 2026 / 2026-2027 YEAR: NOVEMBER 20, 2025

**WINTER/SPRING 2027: APRIL 15, 2026** 

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT IEO.UCLA.EDU/UCEAP.



## Will my UCEAP study abroad courses transfer to UCLA?

All courses, units, and grades from UCEAP are guaranteed to transfer to UCLA, which is different from satisfying degree requirements. The coursework automatically counts towards the 180 unit minimum requirements and factor into your cumulative UCLA GPA.

To satisfy major, minor, G.E., foreign language, and other degree requirements, students must petition. Students petition UCEAP courses all the time with their respective departments!



Natalie Villaseñor UCEAP, Oxford, UK



## LONDON CALLING

Brianna Holmes shares her experience of studying at Queen Mary University London with UCEAP!

What inspired you to study abroad, and why did you choose to take part in UCEAP specifically?

Studying abroad had been a dream of mine long before I even went to college. Many people in my family had done a year abroad, including my dad when he went to UCLA, and had nothing but good things to say about it. UCEAP offered the yearlong programs I was looking for and had such a wide variety of countries, schools, and course options for me to choose from. It also allowed me to pick the same program as my sister, who goes to UC Berkeley, so we could study abroad together.



How has the academic experience at Queen Mary University differed from what you expected, or what you're used to at home?

I personally really enjoyed the academic structure at QMUL. The classes I took were much smaller than at UCLA, and instead of being graded on weekly assignments/quizzes/participation, we usually had a couple of papers or a paper plus a cumulative exam that counted for our entire grade. While it could be stressful to have my entire grade be based on one or two assignments, I felt that my classes' discussion-based approach really helped me get a deep grasp on the subject and identify the areas I was unsure about. By the time the finals came around, I felt confident and prepared.



What advice would you give to other students considering studying abroad? What would you tell students who are on the fence about whether they can afford or find the right fit for a study abroad program?

Talk to your academic advisors and meet with advisors at your school's study abroad office! There are so many resources available and so many programs to choose from that you will definitely find one that's right for you. It can be scary at first, but there's such a big world out there, and the best way to learn is to go out there and experience it yourself!



What are your top three London must-sees or must-dos for students who haven't visited before?

Greenwich is my all-time favorite area in London: beautiful greens, lots of museums, a famous British pub, market stalls, and a real tall ship you can visit. You have to see a play or a musical on the West End, and you have to grab a bite at Borough Market!



What was your favorite class that you took while you were studying at Queen Mary University?

Exploring Spoken English was a really fun one!
It was so cool to learn about the linguistic
differences between different English variations,
especially from a British perspective.

## **UCLA FINANCIAL AID TRAVELS WITH YOU!**

A financial aid package consists of loans, grants, and scholarships. If you are eligible, it can cover up to the total cost of the program such as airfare, housing, tuition, meals, etc. Aid is available for any term you choose to study abroad.

Students generally receive their Financial Aid Notification (FAN) roughly one month from departure. How much aid you accept will determine your final out-of-pocket program expenses.

To receive any type of financial aid, including UCLA scholarships,

you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAF-SA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) and we encourage you to submit by the priority deadline. Be sure to complete additional financial aid forms if applicable to your chosen program. Veteran benefits such as CalVet Waiver, Chapter 31 and Chapter 33 may be applicable.

IEO and the Financial Aid office are here to assist you. Please find us on MyUCLA message center or stop by our office in Murphy Hall.



My global internship has helped me think about inequalities through a worldwide lens. It helped me find interconnectedness in two completely different countries. I learned the importance of being open-minded, reflecting, community and the value of finding similarities in differences.

Jocelyn Espinoza,
 Global Internship Program, Cape Town, South Africa

## Making **UCLA Study Abroad**Affordable

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### Choose the Right Program

The cost of studying abroad varies greatly depending on:

- Program Destination
- Length of Study
- Total Units Earned/Term(s) Abroad



#### **Use Financial Aid**

UCLA financial aid (including federal, state and university aid) travels with you.

- File FAFSA or submit CA Dream Act application by priority deadline
- Complete Financial Aid application for your program (if applicable)



#### Apply for Scholarships

Scholarships can be a great way to help you pay for your program.

- Start your research early
- Pay attention to deadlines
- Look for UCLA sponsored scholarships
- Look for external scholarships
- Apply, apply, apply!



#### **Consider Additional Funding Options**

Find creative ways to help pay for your study abroad program.

- Consider crowdfunding or picking up a job
- Cut expenses and open a savings account
- Ask support from family, relatives and friends
- Contact local organizations in your community

## Scholarship Opportunities

One of the best ways to finance your time abroad is through the many scholarships provided by UCLA, UCEAP and a variety of outside organizations. Scholarships are free money - you don't have to pay them back.

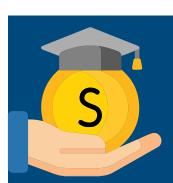
If you're planning to use scholarships to help support your study abroad journey, keep these three key steps in mind:



Start your search
early and pay attention
to application dates.
Some scholarships may
have deadlines eight to
ten months before a
program start date.







### Scholarships Fast Facts:

- 20+ scholarships available
- Average \$2,000 per award
- Eligibility based on financial need, location, program type, etc.





## REASONS TO STUDY ABROA

EARN TRANSFERABLE **CREDITS** 





**BUILD INTERNATIONAL** CONNECTIONS

**ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS** 













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## Study Abroad Timeline: A PLAN FOR SUCCESS



## 1. EXPLORE

· Consider academic offerings, term, length, cost, location, financial aid eligibility, etc. today! It's never too early to think about study abroad.



### 2. PLAN

- Renew or apply for a passport, if necessary.
- Review your degree requirements with your academic advisor to determine what credit you need to complete abroad, if any.
- Form a budget and apply for scholarships.



### 3. CONSULT

- Explore resources offered by IEO, such as info sessions, webinars and other events.
- Seek guidance from your academic and study abroad advisor.
- Gain perspective from past students. The IEO can connect you with returnees!



## 4. APPLY

- Apply ASAP to secure space!
- Applications are due 6-10 months, or in some cases as late as 3 months, before your program starts.



### 5. PREPARE

- Submit paperwork.
- Purchase flight.
- Apply for visa, if necessary.
- Research/familiarize yourself with your study abroad location.
- Review health and safety information and plans.
- Contact bank and cell phone providers.
- Pack!



## 6. BON VOYAGE!

Study abroad! Have a safe, fun and educational trip.





### FROM CURIOSITY TO CONFIDENCE

## One UCLA Alum's Journey Abroad at Yonsei University



**Bruin alum Harkiran Virk was a geography major who studied abroad in**Seoul, South Korea in Fall 2023.

perience of studying in a new and different educational setting allowed me to witness how education greatly varies based on where in the world you are."

For one UCLA graduate, the path to studying abroad began in childhood. Harkiran Virk, a geography major who graduated in 2024 shared: "Growing up,

I always had an affinity for the world around me." Inspired by her father's stories of global adventures, that curiosity blossomed into a deep love for different cultures and, eventually, a passion for Korean pop culture.

"When I found out about UCEAP and the opportunity to study abroad, I instantly fell in love with the idea." Harkiran explained. Choosing South Korea, and specifically Yonsei University, felt natural. "As a top educational institution in Asia and a frequent feature in so many k-dramas, it felt like the perfect place to dive both into my studies and Korean culture."

The road to studying abroad, however, wasn't always smooth. "Preparing for my study abroad program was no easy feat. As a first-gen student, I didn't know many people who studied abroad. I had to navigate most of my study abroad journey on my own." Harkiran turned to YouTube for advice, gathering tips from other students' vlogs. At UCLA, key resources helped bridge the gap: "My

greatest resource was the International Education Office (IEO). I visited a number of times to ask questions and seek advice." She also credited the Undergraduate Writing Center with helping secure a Gilman Scholarship, a competitive, merit-based scholarship funded by the US Department of State.

Looking back as an alum, her time at Yonsei University left a profound impact. "Studying abroad greatly shaped my college experience. Academically, the ex-

perience of studying in a new and different educational setting allowed me to witness how education greatly varies based on where in the world you are." Beyond academics, the personal growth was just as important: "It helped me develop essential skills like adaptability, cross-cultural communication, and resilience – skills that have served me well beyond college."

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Living abroad made me more resilient, independent, and confident. Whether it was navigating a new city on my own or communicating across language barriers, I learned to be confident and adapt quickly. I carry these skills with me in how I approach unfamiliar situations, both professionally and personally.

The Bruin's time in South Korea even changed her professional path. "Prior to studying abroad, I was interested in a career in transportation management or planning. Nowadays, my professional aspirations lie within the world of international education." She hopes to help other students have similarly transformative experiences, starting with a plan to teach English in South Korea.

Connecting with others abroad offered both comfort and challenges. "At Yonsei University most of my classes were specifically for exchange students so I had an easy time connecting with other international students," a shared experience that led to making "lifelong friends along the way." Interacting with Korean students, however, proved more difficult. Harkiran mentioned, "I'm a naturally shy person and I felt nervous about speaking Korean since I was just learning... I regret not pushing my-self out of my comfort zone."

Today, as a graduate and global citizen, her time abroad continues to shape how she moves through the world. "Living abroad made me more resilient, independent, and confident. Whether it was navigating a new city on my own or communicating across language barriers, I learned to be confident and adapt quickly. I carry these skills with me in how I approach unfamiliar situations, both professionally and personally." Above all, the experience deepened her cultural awareness and appreciation. "It helped me see the world from different perspectives."

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## 2025 Student Testimonials

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What made this internship unique and memorable was the combination of professional learning and personal growth.

I not only gained practical skills but also formed meaningful connections and developed a deeper empathy for diverse perspectives.

Bella Bailey 2025 Global Internship Program Cape Town - Global Health







As a pre-med intending to become a physician, this Global Internship experience was unforgettable and will forever inform the ways that I seek to practice empathetic and culturally sensitive care in the future.

Caleb Nguyen 2025 Global Internship Program Oaxaca – Global Health



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I would recommend other students to participate because UCLA Travel Study is the perfect opportunity to put yourself out there and explore your curiosities without having to do the whole travel part on your own. It is challenging, but exciting.

Audrey Ohwobete 2025 Travel Study London - Management (Marketing & Entertainment)



By participating in this program, I had the opportunity to learn a new language, go to historical places from Greek temples in Taormina to archeological catacombs, and discover the diverse and rich natural settings that Sicily has to offer.

> Emanuel Rubio 2025 UCEAP Global Start Sicily, Italy

