



BOSTON COLLEGE

OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

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Dear Colleague,

Please accept this letter as an invitation to submit a proposal to teach a Boston College course abroad during the summer of 2025. Summer abroad programs play an increasingly important role in the Office of Global Education's overall international education strategy. Summer programs allow students who may otherwise be restricted, or unable to participate in a semester abroad to still have an abroad experience. For other students, summer programs may provide an introductory international experience which could lead to a longer term abroad.

I believe there are significant faculty benefits as well. A summer program abroad offers the chance to teach your expertise in a specific geographic setting or to innovate and collaborate with colleagues. For MCAS faculty, Dean Greg Kalscheur offers a grant program that allows for the combination of summer teaching and research activity.

The OGE continues to align the summer program locations with the Office of Global Engagement's strategic goals. Priority will be given to faculty who propose to teach in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East & Northern Africa, and Eastern Europe; more specifically, we are looking to develop new programs with our [SACRU](#) partners and other Jesuit institutions. In addition to regions, we encourage faculty from diverse academic fields to consider proposing a program.

Summer programs are generally three credit courses and span four weeks in length. Teaching faculty from all schools and disciplines can submit proposals. Summer programs count towards the students' graduation requirements. Anyone teaching a summer program abroad will receive an overload/PT rate, reimbursement for an economy round-trip airfare to their program, and a reasonable housing allowance. OGE will help defray meals and incidental expenses with a specific stipend amount. The OGE will also provide administrative support, both here at BC and overseas.

Proposals are due **April 8, 2024**. To submit a proposal please follow instructions provided in the next few pages. You can also find submission guidelines on our [website](#). Faculty members who are new to the process are strongly encouraged to discuss their proposal and seek guidance prior to preparing their submissions. Returning faculty are welcome to propose new or established programs in strategic locations, but should not expect that programs in the running will be automatically renewed for future years.

We hope that you will join us for one of the information sessions that will provide more details about the proposal process: The first of these sessions will be via Zoom on Wednesday, January 10 from 4:00pm–5:00 pm. The second will be at Hovey House on Friday, February 23, at 12:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP [here](#). Faculty members are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Shannon Williams, OGE's Summer and Internships Program Manager, and/or me, so that we can provide feedback before the final proposal reaches our office.

Please do not hesitate to contact Shannon (shannon.williams.4@bc.edu) or me with any questions that you might have.

Regards,

Larry Pickener
Director, Office of Global Education

Faculty-Led Program Proposal

Summer 2025

Instructions for Preparation and Submission

- Faculty are required to submit a program proposal each year that a program will be considered, but returning programs submit a significantly abbreviated version.
- Both the Office of Global Education (OGE) and the Office of Global Engagement review proposals.
- Departmental approval is a necessity for any summer program. Faculty are encouraged to reach out to department chairs to gain approval and support for their proposed program prior to submission.
- Faculty will be notified by mid-June 2024 with decisions.
- All BC faculty members are welcome to submit a proposal, regardless of department or rank.
- Faculty act as the director and primary contact for all aspects of a summer program, even when an onsite coordinator has been contracted to assist. In addition to teaching, faculty will be required to play a role in other aspects of the program such as cultural activities, excursions, housing, meals, budgeting, safety and emergencies.
- The Program Proposal Form will be filled out online. All other documents can be sent electronically to shannon.williams.4@bc.edu. Incomplete proposals will not be considered for review.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 8, 2024

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Submission Checklist

NEW or RETURNING PROGRAMS

A complete proposal for any 2025 program will include the following:

- [New BC Summer Program Abroad Proposal Form](#)
 - Draft syllabus (attach it to proposal form)
 - Signed terms and conditions form (attach it to proposal form)

If you are a new faculty member we will be hosting two [information sessions](#) to answer questions and to help with planning.

OR

- [Returning BC Summer Program Abroad Proposal Form](#)
 - Signed terms and conditions form (attach it to proposal form)
 - Optional updated syllabus (attach it to proposal form)

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**Terms and Conditions
for BC Faculty Leaders Teaching Summer Programs Abroad (2025)**

OGE Support Structure and Resources

1. Role of the OGE

The OGE acts as the primary resource for all faculty planning a summer abroad program. The OGE encourages faculty to utilize the office's support structure, both on campus and in the host country. In the planning and teaching phase, faculty will closely work with the OGE staff and on-site support in all aspects of the course. This includes coordination of housing for both students and faculty, meals for students, and the organization of cultural activities and excursions.

2. Support of on-site coordinator

Summer programs require the assistance of on-site support to secure housing and appropriate classroom facilities, organize activities and excursions, and provide back-up for faculty in emergency situations. The OGE, in consultation with the faculty member, decides which person or institution in the host country should perform such services.

Please note that the faculty member acts as the leader and primary contact for all aspects of a summer program, even when an on-site coordinator has been contracted to assist.

3. Risk management: Assistance and support in emergencies

Faculty, as primary contacts, and on-site coordinators are responsible for providing reasonable assistance to students throughout the duration of the course. This may include assistance during an incident or emergency. In addition, if illness or emergency makes it impossible for the faculty leader to perform their duties, the OGE must be notified immediately and a system must be in place to transfer responsibility to another authority on-site.

The OGE has an Emergency Response Plan and resources in place should any incident or emergency take place overseas. Additional resources are made available to faculty in written format and through a mandatory pre-departure workshop for all faculty members, which will take place in the spring.

All student participants and faculty leaders will be enrolled in the OGE health insurance coverage for the duration of a summer program. Faculty will be required to register their travel with the University. Details about coverage and contact information will be provided to students and faculty prior to departure.

Role of Faculty

The faculty member acts as the program leader. This includes teaching responsibilities for the course, but also consists of some management of other programmatic components outside of the classroom. These components could include, but not be limited to the organization of in-country activities, excursions, housing, meals, budgetary issues, and involvement in emergency situations. The development of a summer program is a collaboration between the OGE and the faculty member. Any changes to, or questions about the program, should be addressed between the OGE and the faculty member. Faculty will need to be in regular contact with the OGE in the year leading up to the program as well as during the program.

1. Teaching responsibilities

Faculty members teaching a summer course abroad must comply with Boston College contact-hour policy, which stipulates the teaching of 37.5 hours for 3 credits, 50 hours for 4 credits, or 75 hours for 6 credits. The OGE summer model consists of a 3 credit course that takes place over a consistent four-week period of time. If two faculty members want to co-teach a course, they must work with OGE before it will be approved. In the case more than one person teaches a course, teaching salaries will be prorated according to each individual's contact hours. In such a case, the teaching load and logistics will be divided by the faculty themselves.

2. Excursions and cultural activities

Faculty are expected to determine a reasonable number of activities and excursions to complement classroom contact hours. Typically, this means two to three activities per week. Activities/excursions can be directly related to course content but can also be designed as cultural enrichment. Faculty are expected to accompany students on activities or excursions that have been planned as part of the program. Excursions and cultural activities can count as contact hours only if they are planned as an integral part of the syllabus and contain an active teaching component. For example, a faculty member accompanying students to an art exhibit would not count as contact hours, while visiting a museum or a historic site and giving a lecture and organizing a discussion around a particular work or site would count.

3. Course promotion

Faculty are expected to advertise their specific program through departmental contacts, in the classroom, to non-BC colleagues and students, and by other creative means. The Office of Global Education (OGE) will assist with the promotion through the study abroad fair, emails, information sessions, advisor meetings, social media, etc. Faculty are responsible for producing and printing their own program specific material e.g., flyers.

4. Mandatory pre-departure meeting

In late spring, a mandatory pre-departure orientation for all students provides faculty with the opportunity to meet with their group to set expectations and review important course and pre-departure information. If a faculty member is unable to meet their students at the scheduled pre-departure date and time, he/she will arrange an alternative date for such an orientation.

5. Submission of final grades

Summer programs abroad function as an integral part of the BC undergraduate curriculum. Grades should be given with the same academic rigor as courses being taught on-campus, and grades factor into students' GPA as regular BC courses. Faculty are expected to submit final grades for summer programs as soon as possible, but ideally by the final summer grading deadline the third week in August. If faculty are unable to submit grades by this time, they will need to submit an incomplete "I" grade for each student as a placeholder until the grades are finalized.

6. Summer course evaluation

Each program will be included in the student evaluation administered by the OGE. Faculty should encourage each program participant to complete the survey. The results will be compiled by the OGE and disseminated to faculty leaders and on-site staff at the conclusion of the summer.

Program and Course Related Information

1. Curricular status of summer programs

Students may take up to two summer programs abroad during their time at BC and have the course connected to that program count towards graduation requirements as well as for major, minor or core requirements. Summer grades appear on transcripts and are factored into students' GPA as regular BC courses. To receive academic credit, a student must earn at least a C- for a summer program abroad.

2. Pass/Fail

To preserve the academic integrity of the OGE summer courses, students may not take any of the courses as pass/fail, even if they are taking the course as a general elective. This exception to pass/fail is listed in the [undergraduate academic regulations](#). "Departments may designate some courses as not available in general for pass/fail enrollment." Any pass/fail requests from students need to be discussed with OGE. The OGE director, in consultation with the appropriate academic dean will consider and approve (or not approve) exceptions to the pass/fail request.

3. Minimum enrollment and cancellation policy

Minimum enrollment may vary slightly from program to program based on location and budgetary constraints as coordinated by the OGE. The OGE reserves the right to augment scheduled activities to reduce cost, or in some cases cancel a summer program in case the financial or logistic viability of a program cannot be assured. If a program is canceled faculty and students will be notified in a timely manner. Whenever possible, students in a canceled program will be offered the opportunity to be redirected into an alternative program.

4. Guest speakers

The OGE encourages interactions between faculty, program participants, and local people of interest. The OGE supports faculty who wish to integrate an occasional local guest speaker into the syllabus of a summer program. Plans for guest speakers or lectures need to be discussed with the OGE Summer & Internships Program Manager well in advance of departure. A small

budget to incur costs related to the invitation of a guest speaker can be arranged with prior approval from the OGE.

5. **Grading policy**

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Student Eligibility and Selection

1. **Who can apply**

Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing in order to participate in summer programs. While summer programs are generally geared towards undergraduate students, graduate students may also participate with prior faculty approval. Please note that tuition rates for undergraduate and graduate students are different. While there is no GPA requirement, faculty should review the applicant's degree audit as part of the review process. They should voice any concerns with OGE prior to making a decision.

All participants in summer programs must be fully matriculated at an accredited institution of higher education at the time of participation in the course. For this reason, incoming freshmen are not eligible for participation in summer programs. BC graduating seniors are eligible to participate in certain circumstances and should contact the Summer & Internships Program Manager for more information. Summer programs are also open to students from other institutions, though BC students should ideally comprise at least half of a given program enrollment.

2. **Student discipline and disciplinary action**

As visitors in a foreign country, students (and faculty) will be subject to the laws of that country. While students are enrolled in a summer program abroad they agree to conduct themselves in a manner that will comply with the regulations of the program administration and the rules and regulations of Boston College as stipulated in the [Boston College Student Code of Conduct](#) and [OGE Summer Handbook](#).

The Director of the OGE (or his designee) has the authority to discontinue any student's participation in a seminar if medical professionals recommend withdrawal for medical reasons or if, in his judgment, a student's conduct is unacceptable or may pose a risk to the student or others. This extends especially to use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Students will attend to any legal problems they encounter with any foreign nationals or governments. Boston College is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

Faculty serve as the academic and disciplinary authority for students while abroad. It is critical that faculty communicate academic and behavioral expectations to the students during the pre-departure summer orientation, the on-site orientation, and at any other required time. As needed, the OGE stands ready to help in any capacity necessary, including speaking with a student's family.

3. Selection of students

Faculty leaders select students into their individual programs. Selection may be decided based on GPA, major, minor, class year, review of application essay responses, and a student interview. Applications are submitted between early-October until the application deadline in early February and should be reviewed by faculty on a rolling basis.

4. Auditing and guests of students policy

In general, non-tuition paying participants are not allowed to take part in summer programs. However, with special prior approval from the OGE, guests may be able to join the program for cultural excursions and lectures outside of class time, for example visiting a museum, theater or church. Neither the OGE nor BC faculty can assume any liability for such guests. Participating guests are responsible for costs incurred and for making their own arrangements. Faculty are not responsible for making those arrangements.

Faculty Compensation

1. Salary

BC offers a salary for summer courses taught abroad. The amount is adjusted, as needed, in consultation with the Provost Office. Please contact the OGE for the current rate.

2. In addition to a salary

The OGE offers faculty reimbursement for an economy round-trip airfare to the program, faculty housing in a studio apartment, and helps defray meals (outside group activities) and incidental expenses with an allowance based on a per-diem rate. This allowance should be used for, but is not limited to, meals and local transportation. Because all housing should have basic facilities for preparing food, the per-diem budget does not cover daily restaurant meals for the entire program. When a course is taught by more than one person compensation may vary depending on teaching responsibilities. Faculty are expected to find their own housing accommodations but can contact the OGE for recommendations.

3. Accommodation for family members and guest policy of faculty

Family members are permitted to travel and live with teaching faculty during a summer program abroad, as long as teaching faculty understand that the program (and students) remains their top priority for the duration of the scheduled dates. Please note that the OGE can only cover the teaching faculty's lodging and food expenses. Cost for additional family members will be the responsibility of the faculty/family. These costs may include airfare, supplemental daily fee for additional accommodations, activities, meals, etc. The faculty must make payment arrangements for their family prior to the start of the program. BC cannot be invoiced for family participation.

I have reviewed and agree to the above terms and conditions in conjunction with my proposal to teach abroad with Boston College in the summer of 2025.

Print name of faculty

Signature of faculty

Date