Message from the Director

In this newsletter, we will address two related topics: the study abroad application and BC’s goal of achieving balanced abroad enrollments. I also invite all students to attend our Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, September 13.

As you begin reviewing all the wonderful study abroad opportunities, it must be noted that Boston College requires enrollment to be balanced across both the fall and the spring semester. The most prominent reasons relate to enrollment needs on campus and programmatic needs abroad. Simply put, it is not possible to accommodate every student's first choice program or term abroad, particularly for the spring semester. Therefore, we have constructed the “MyOGE” application to allow students to select six program choices and program terms. Students are asked to carefully consider their options and to conduct proper research regarding their program choices.

To help with choosing programs, we have added more information to our home page, our getting started page, the academics pages, and many of the program pages. For the program pages, we have attempted to make it clearer regarding how many places may be available, particularly for the spring semester. In several instances, meeting with a study abroad advisor is now required prior to the application deadline in January. We highly recommend that students meet with a study abroad advisor from the Office of Global Education. We also advise that students carefully review program requirements as well as their academic requirements when choosing an abroad program. We are here to help you navigate the process, but we also want students to take ownership of the process and that can begin by reviewing the information available to you.

To that end, we ask students to discuss their abroad plans with an academic advisor at Boston College. When completing the abroad application, you will be asked to submit the name of the academic advisor you spoke with, and they will confirm the conversation electronically. This is done
to help you plan out your remaining semesters at Boston College and ensure that your experience abroad is academically grounded and connected to your four years at BC.

We look forward to working with you!

Regards,
Larry Pickener
Director, Office of Global Education

---

**Study Abroad Fair!**

**- LET'S GO! -**

**STUDY ABROAD FAIR**

**CORCORAN COMMONS - SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 - 5:00-8:00 PM**

*Instagram: @BCEaglesAbroad*

OGE supports students interested in going abroad on 200+ programs in 50+ countries! Please come out to the Study Abroad Fair to learn more about study, internship, service, and scholarship opportunities. The fair will take place **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Heights Room at Corcoran Common. Please fill out this form** to reserve a timed-entry slot for your visit. While no students will be turned away, this will help us plan better for your arrival, as we are expecting a large number of students to stop by. We look forward to seeing you soon!

We are excited to welcome new and returning students to a new year at Boston College. Our office is located in **Hovey House** across the street from McElroy Commons. We are open Monday through Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. This year we are happy to welcome the Office of Global Engagement and Office of International Students and Scholars to Hovey House as well. For assistance, call us at 617-552-3827 or contact us at globaleducation@bc.edu.

Study Abroad 101 information sessions will be held starting at the beginning of the semester. You can sign up for available sessions [here](#).
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship

To be eligible for the Gilman Program, applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of their study abroad program or internship. The deadline to submit an application for Spring 2023 and early consideration for Summer 2023, Fall 2023, or Academic Year 2023-24 programs is October 6, 2022, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time. BC students preparing to apply can schedule an appointment with Christina Hatzipetros starting this week: https://oiphatzipetros.youcanbook.me/

Fund for Education Abroad

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) provides scholarships and ongoing support to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population. FEA makes life-changing, international experiences accessible to all by supporting students of color, community college, and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs. The deadline to apply to Spring 2023 programs is September 15, 2022, at 12 pm (noon) EST. BC students preparing to apply can schedule an appointment with Christina Hatzipetros starting this week: https://oiphatzipetros.youcanbook.me/
If you are interested in service, social justice and study abroad, please consider applying to the McGillycuddy-Logue Fellows Program. See the ML Fellows page for more details -- applications are due October 15.

**Share Your Study Abroad Story**

This semester the Office of Global Education would like to give students to share their study abroad stories with the BC community and beyond. If you are planning to go abroad in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or studied abroad in Summer or Spring 2022 and you are interested in sharing your story please [fill out this short form](#). You could be featured on our blog page, Instagram, or podcast.

Alex Baker-Paris, France
Follow our Instagram @bceaglesabroad for the latest updates regarding the office and tons of student stories. Be sure to tag your photos with #bcabroad and #eaglesabroad for a shoutout.