

# Study Abroad

► Ask students about their best memories from college, and if they studied abroad, they will more than likely put that at the top of the list. Studying abroad gives them unique opportunities. It also helps students hone their problem solving, time management, and communication skills. They learn the value of teamwork, and they learn what it means to be a leader. They get to travel, experience life, and study in ways that may have otherwise been unimaginable. And they get college credit.

At Rochester, more than one third of current students study abroad, making it an important part of the undergraduate experience. English majors, history majors, engineering majors, and virtually all majors have access to more than 100 opportunities in 40 countries. Over the past five years, top destinations have included Australia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

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“International study helps students see that there is a world outside their own. It gives them flexibility, forces them to think critically, and encourages them to question what they truly believe in. Along the way, it enhances their personal and professional growth.”

—Jackie Levine, assistant dean and director, the Center for Study Abroad and Interdepartmental Programs

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In an increasingly globalized world, understanding other cultures is essential. Few experiences during college will have as big an impact on the intellectual and personal growth of students than immersion in another culture. Studying abroad changes their lives.

- Develop fluency in a foreign language
- Gain professional experiences, including international internships
- Understand what being an American undergraduate means to them

## Students Study Abroad to

- Participate in unique academic opportunities with distinguished faculty and experts in their fields
- Explore the world while still an undergraduate
- Develop new skills, independence, and self-confidence
- See the world from a completely new perspective

## Studying Abroad Means Around-the-Clock Learning

Classes, internships, field trips, and daily activities such as riding the bus and grocery shopping provide opportunities for personal and academic growth. Students apply new skills with each experience, and they become full-time learners.

*“With study abroad, I deepened my language skills, explored different cultures, and learned a lot about myself. The experience pushes you out of your comfort zone, too, and brings out your ability to adapt to different situations, which is something you take home with you.”*

### Quinlan Mitchell '14

comparative literature and linguistics major, Take Five Scholar, studied abroad in Beijing and Buenos Aires

The Take Five program provides students with opportunities to explore additional areas of interest in a tuition-free fifth year.





## How You Can Help

Gifts to the Study Abroad program can enhance the experience overseas for Rochester students, giving them opportunities they may not have had otherwise.

### Close the Gaps

Out-of-pocket expenses add up for all study abroad students, especially for first-generation college students and others with limited financial means. Many struggle to pay for essentials such as passports. Others watch their peers embark on academic field trips during weekends and on school breaks while unable to afford such trips, themselves. Close the gap and help

these students take full advantage of their time abroad. Consider establishing a passport program or academic field trip scholarships.

### Establish a Scholarship

An endowed scholarship can support one or more students with resources for living expenses for a semester or year abroad. These can be need- or merit-based scholarships and can be designated for specific academic disciplines, such as engineering or the sciences.

### Create an Endowed Directorship

Endowed positions help attract and retain faculty and staff of exceptional talent. They are also among

the most prestigious and visible honors at the University. Consider endowing the Study Abroad director's position to support the administration of the program and the development of new programs.

### Endow the Center for Study Abroad

This is the ultimate show of support and commitment to international education. Funds would be placed into an endowment to support the day-to-day operation of the center, development of new programs, increased financial aid for students, and more. The center would forever be known by the name the benefactor chooses.

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