



January 2012

As we start off 2012, we want to share several important updates and changes within the office.

Changes in staff and office restructuring

Janice Bailey-Magill left the office in October of 2011. We already miss her sunny disposition and positive attitude. Her departure also triggered a review of office practices and staff responsibilities. We worked with staff from the Center for International Studies to evaluate where our staff time was being spent and identify areas where we would like to spend more time. In order for our program coordinators to focus on student advising and outreach, we moved the budgeting process to Lorinda Collins, accounting specialist. Diane Cahill, budget manager of the Center for International Studies, and Catherine Marshall, director, or Lori Lammert, associate director, in the Office of Education Abroad will review and approve all budgets.

We currently have an opening for a third program coordinator in the office to replace Janice's position of departmental administrator. The addition of a program coordinator will help us to achieve the goal of increasing student numbers on study abroad and allow us to provide additional support to our faculty directors. We hope to have the new program coordinator in place by the beginning of spring quarter.

Erin Cavinee, administrative associate, has also announced that she will not be returning to the office from maternity leave. We will miss her as well and wish her the best of luck staying home with her two little ones. Brittany Buttry-Watson, bb623911@ohio.edu, is acting administrative assistant until we complete a search, which will most likely be during spring quarter.

Changes to managing flights

Our office will no longer be involved in booking group flights, and we intend to remove the flight option from the program budgets wherever possible (having students book their own flights instead of coordinating group flights). We have found that managing these flights in the office is inefficient and cost-ineffective. Group flights often cost more than individually-booked flights, and it is challenging to include them in a group budget. Moving flights to the out-of-pocket budget will also allow students more flexibility in using miles and extending travel dates. We recognize that some programs may require that students arrive at the same time or within a fairly narrow window of time – to accommodate such instances, the travel agents at Travel World have agreed to work with our directors and students to get them on the same flight or arriving within a specific window of time.

Q to S planning

If you haven't yet submitted your updated study abroad proposal for the semester transition, please check with your point person to do this as soon as possible!

Upcoming Events

Off the Beaten Path

Thursday, February 23rd, 3-5 p.m. Baker 240

Informal information session featuring OHIO programs and Affiliate Provider programs to less commonly traveled destinations. Students can obtain information on programs available and speak with faculty directors. More details to come but mark your calendar if you'd like to take part!

Resume and Internship Workshop

Tuesday, March 27th, noon, Baker 230

Our new on-site partner IEP and the Career Center will be holding an International Resume and Internship Workshop. This event will highlight the ways study abroad alumni can use their international experiences on their resume as well as present internship opportunities abroad to expand their international education. All are welcome!

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines and Links

The following scholarships have application deadlines that are approaching quickly:

- [Summer Travel Grant](#) for domestic students – February 24, 2012
- [Summer Travel Grant](#) for international students – March 9, 2012
- [Diversity Scholarship](#) – March 15, 2012 (web soon to be updated)
- [J. Michael Lawrie Global Education Scholarship](#) – March 15, 2012 (web soon to be updated)
- [The Office of Education Abroad Study Abroad Grant](#) – March 16, 2012
- [Daniel K. Shao application](#) – April 6, 2012

Additional funding opportunities available at:

<http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Students/scholarship.html>

Education Abroad in the News

The Chronicle of Higher Education published the following story on International Volunteer Service: http://chronicle.com/article/International-Volunteer/130459/?sid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en

A story in WOUB features the Olympics, Sports & Global Journalism summer study abroad in London: http://woub.org/2012/01/25/ou-students-go-london-2012-olympic-games?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+woub-news+%28WOUB+-+News%29

A story in The Post features a student's plan to study abroad in Avignon: <http://thepost.ohiou.edu/content/athens-avignon>.

Rick Steves writes an article on study abroad as a necessity in USA Today: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/forum/story/2012-01-18/study-abroad-global-economy-travel/52650834/1>.