



September 2010

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had a successful start to the academic year.

We would like to welcome our new graduate assistant Kristy Barngrover to our office. Kristy started the MA program in College Student Personnel this fall and will be with us through the spring of 2012. We look forward to having her here!

Updates from the Study Abroad Committee

New Annual Director Report

The evaluation subcommittee of the study abroad committee has developed an annual report form that allows our directors to reflect on their programs after each iteration and also give feedback to The Office of Education Abroad. The annual report, which should be submitted to the OEA point person or director, will form part of a larger evaluation process being created by this committee. You can find the form at

http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/faculty_staff/index.html.

Education Abroad in the News

Over the summer, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* published an article about indications that a university has successful study abroad programs: <http://chronicle.com/article/7-Signs-of-Successful/123657/>

Another *Chronicle of Higher Education* article over the summer explained the trend of students seeking out international experiences after college: <http://chronicle.com/article/What-I-Did-When-I-Couldnt/66281/>.

A study in the Georgia higher education system shows some of the academic benefits of study abroad (published in *Inside Higher Ed*): <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/07/13/abroad>.

Updates

Study Abroad Fair

The annual fall Study Abroad Fair will be held on Monday, October 11th from 11 am - 4 pm in the Baker Center Ballroom. If you are participating, you're welcome to set up your table as early as 10:15 am on that morning. Contact Molly Micheels (micheels@ohio.edu) if you'd like a poster to hang in your office or department. Also, please let the students in your classes know about the fair. It's a great opportunity for them to learn more about studying abroad.

Transition to Semesters

If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes to complete a survey regarding your study abroad program and the university's impending transition to semesters. For those who direct multiple programs, please complete a survey for each of your programs. You can access the survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S7G6CPQ>

New Process for Collection of Student Health Data

You will notice in the Education Abroad Information System that health information for students is no longer requested during the application period. The OEA, in consultation with Legal Affairs and the Office of Disability Services, has decided to remove this from the application process in order to avoid any perception that discriminatory decisions could be made based on health-related information. Students will fill out the form post-nomination but prior to accepting their spots on a program. The OEA e-mails each student who has disclosed a health condition to see if they need support in planning their experience prior to departure.

Disability Accommodation Request Form

There is now a process in place for students needing adaptations or adjustments to study abroad programs based on a disability status. Students can make a request on the new [Disability Accommodation Request Form](#). This is available on our [students with disabilities](#) web page and will also be made available from individual program pages. Students will also be informed of this when they fill out the health information sheet in the online application process.

Major-specific Advising Handouts

We have been working to collaborate with departments interested in developing study abroad advising materials specifically for their majors. For some sample handouts, visit <http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Programs/major.html>. Please contact Lori Lammert, lammert@ohio.edu, if you are interested in collaborating.

Arts and Sciences Changed to Office of Education Abroad Grant

The Arts & Sciences Study Abroad Grant has been replaced by The Office of Education Abroad Study Abroad Grant and made available to all OHIO undergraduate students regardless of their college of enrollment. Full details available at <http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Students/OEAGrant.html>

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

The following scholarships have application deadlines that are approaching quickly:

- [The Office of Education Abroad Study Abroad Grant](#) (formerly the Arts and Sciences Travel Grant) – Oct. 15
- [J. Michael Lawrie Global Education Scholarship](#) – Oct. 15
- [The OEA Diversity Scholarship](#) – Oct. 15
- [Don N. Nelson Scholarship](#) – Oct. 8

Additional funding opportunities available at:

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

Call for applications for International Faculty Development Seminars

The Office of Education Abroad is accepting applications from faculty seeking funding for CIEE's 2011 international Faculty Development Seminars. Two faculty members will receive up to \$5,000 to cover the seminar fee, airfare and related travel expenses. The application can be found at <http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Pdf/2011%20Call%20for%20Applicants.pdf>.

New Program Web Pages

We have updated the template for program web pages to include a slide show of pictures and additional information on each site. For a sample, see <http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Programs/toledo.html>. Your point person will work with you to update publicity materials for your program.

Increase in Passport Fees

Passport fees have increased. Students should anticipate paying \$135 for their passports plus the cost of photos: http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees_837.html.

Note on Booking Flights

As you work to book flights for your groups going abroad, please be aware that airlines are becoming stricter about names on tickets matching the name in the passport exactly (or other identifying document). All passengers are also required to provide their date of birth, nationality, gender, passport number and passport expiry date when booking airfare.