



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS, EDUCATION ABROAD

# Welcome Back! What's new with Education Abroad?

## October 2018

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## Exciting Developments!

From new programs to on-campus opportunities, Education Abroad continues to expand its horizons!

Education Abroad has a lot of new and exciting developments for the 2018-2019 Academic Year! Keep reading to find out about what's new in our programs!

### Expanded BGSU Global Internship

Education Abroad has expanded the [BGSU Global Internship](#)! Now in addition to our [Spain site](#), you can also do a credit-bearing internship in [London, England](#) or in [Lisbon, Portugal](#)! These programs are a great way to simultaneously build your resume with both a competitive internship and an experience abroad! Many employers [report favorably to seeing an academic experience abroad on candidates' resumes](#), and also value the "soft skills" such as improved intercultural communication.

### Winter Session

Bowling Green State University is implementing a new [Winter Session](#)! This will be a short academic term in between the Fall and Spring semesters, running for approximately the first three weeks in January after the new year. During Winter Session, Education Abroad will be offering a myriad of faculty-led and affiliate programs, along with one business exchange program

in Nantes, France! You can start searching for Winter Session programs by checking out our Program Search, and selecting <Winter Session> as a search criteria! Didn't make the October 1, 2018 deadline for our Winter Session January 2019 programs? Don't sweat it! Winter Session is here to stay, and you can always start planning for the future by coming to an [Information Session](#) (see Page 2)!

### New Exchange Programs

Education Abroad welcomes our new exchange partners, including [Gakushuin Women's College, Japan](#), [Kanda University, Japan](#), [San Jorge University, Spain](#), [University of Southern Denmark](#), and the [University of Quebec in Montreal College of Business](#)! You can also learn more about exchange programs by [clicking here](#).

### Peer Advising

Education Abroad now has a Peer Advisor, Alannah Reisling! Alannah will be offering weekly [Peer Advising Hours](#). You can read more about Alannah on Page 3, and our Peer Advising on Page 2!



### Social Media and BGSU News

Like our Facebook and Instagram pages! Stay updated on upcoming events, deadline reminders, and new developments. Also, check out some of the headlines our students are making:



Website:

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## Gilman and Hoskins Global Scholarship Recipient Highlight

### McKayla Raines shares her experiences abroad!

I was fortunate enough to study in two different countries during my study abroad year. My fall semester was spent in Montpellier, France thanks to the Gilman Scholarship and my spring semester was spent in Salzburg, Austria. The Gilman Scholarship helped me to pay for my housing as well as travel to more cities in the south of France.

Since my return to the United States, I have been teaming up with the Education Abroad office whenever possible to encourage more people to take advantage of this opportunity as it can provide a means for people who face financial difficulty funding their education abroad experience. Thanks to scholarships such as the Givens and the Hoskins, I also spent two months in Hebron, Palestine and one month in Berlin, Germany.

I had an amazing time in each country I visited, but my favorite experience by far was

visiting Jerusalem. The energy inside of the Old City walls is vibrant and buzzing with people of many faiths praying and believing



in something greater than themselves.

I always say that during study abroad you learn just as much about yourself as you do about the new country you live in. Traveling allows us to grow in many ways including developing independence and intercultural awareness. Specifically, this experience allowed me to understand a culture with which I plan to work a lot in the future. One of the most trying experiences was running

on "Palestinian people time" which means that everyone shows up late and everything is scheduled when "God wills it". It is something that I learned to adjust to. It tested my patience at times, but I began to become aware of the fact something as trivial as time works differently in other countries. It has made me more adaptable and open-minded, and prepared to work in an international setting.

To the students interested in Education Abroad, it is an experience you will never forget. It takes time and effort to make all of the pieces fit together, but it was worth it. We are lucky to be surrounded by faculty who will encourage us, and people who have already studied abroad to share their experiences. Time will escape you and before you know it, you'll be married with kids dreaming about the times you should have traveled. There is no better time than right now, the world is waiting for you!

#### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

You can learn more about the Gilman Scholarship by visiting [their website!](#)

You can learn more about the Hoskins Global Scholars Program by [clicking here!](#)



*"It has been said that arguing against globalization is like arguing against the laws of gravity"—Kofi Annan*

## Information Sessions and Peer Advising

by [Article Author]

Information sessions are the required first step to learning about Education Abroad at BGSU! Information Sessions happen weekly throughout the semester, and are on a drop-in basis. Come learn about our wonderful programs, financial aid, and how to start your application!

You can come to an Information Session located in **Room 402 University Hall** at the following times:

- Tuesday: 2:00-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Friday: 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Additionally, we now offer drop-in Hours with our Education Abroad Student Peer Advisor. You can come chat with a current BGSU student about their experience on an Education Abroad program and much more!

The Education Abroad Student Peer Drop-In hours are located in **Room 301 University Hall** at the following times.

- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Thursday: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Feature: New Peer Advisor

Alannah Reisling shares some of her experiences on her time abroad! You can also come to her peer-advising hours (see Page 2 for more details!)

### Which program did you participate in?

I participated in the University of Strasbourg-Ecole de Management Exchange for the 2017-2018 academic year. This is a program that allows business students get a dual degree in European management during their stay. This program is an awesome opportunity for students who want to study abroad, but may not have the language training to take classes in a foreign language.

### What was one of your favorite experiences during your time abroad?

My favorite experience by far was getting to be in Strasbourg during Christmas time. Strasbourg is home to the largest Christmas market in all of Europe. It was so gorgeous, and the city was so lively during this time. Every day after classes, from around mid-November to Christmas Eve, I was taking the tram to city center to get myself a gaufre (waffle) with Nutella and some vin chaud (hot wine).

### How did Education Abroad help you grow personally/academically/professionally?

Studying abroad is lonely sometimes, and I have never been on my own as I was there. I also didn't speak the French language before I left, so there were times I felt left out. However, these experiences only made me work harder. I have always been outgoing, but I had to push myself to make as many friends as possible, to forge new connections everywhere. This helped me personally by making me more independent, now I know that I could live anywhere and flourish.

This experience also have some great benefits for me academically. I was very used to the American system of education, the expectations and the rigor. Going to France I did not expect to notice a huge difference, but I did. They are more lecture based in their class structure, and they have very little, to no, homework. They may have an essay, and some of my classes had an abundance of group projects, the main grade was from the exams. While in the U.S. college exams are important, there are usually a fair amount of other assignments that will help subsidize your grade. This was a shock for me, but it

forced me to study how to take exams, which I don't feel like I needed before, but I am better now for it.

Another great benefit of studying abroad, especially at an internationally focused school, was the professional growth I had. My classes, to my surprise, were not with French students, they were with other international students. At first I was bummed, because I thought I would make no French friends. This was not to be, I made plenty of French friends, and some amazing international friends as well. My classes had students from all over the globe from Austria, to Argentina, to Mexico, China, to Spain, to Greece, to Korea, and more. And I didn't just sit in a lecture hall with them, I had tons of group projects where I had to adapt to their culture. Sometimes it was difficult, and our different experiences and values got in the way of a cohesive group, but eventually we all realized that our differences helped us create better results. It was really amazing, and it has given me the professional confidence to work with people from many different cultures without fear.

### What was one of the challenges you faced while abroad?

My largest challenge was with my cell phone company. I brought a friend who spoke French with me when I originally got my plan, but for whatever reason, lack of mutual understanding or maybe even some deceit on the side of the cell phone company, I was not aware that I had entered into a contract that I could not just cancel at the end of my time. However, I had some really amazing friends in France, who helped me talk with the cell phone company and figure out and translate the documents I needed to provide so that I may be released from my contract. It all worked out in the end, but I was a little worried there for a bit, and it was defiantly a learning moment.

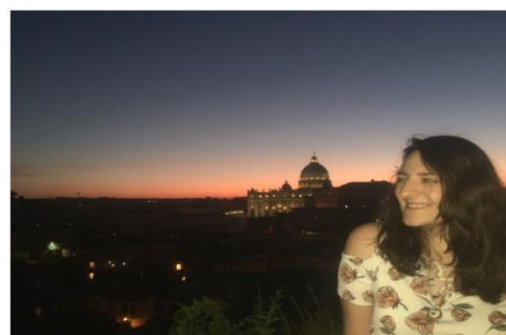
### What would you like to say to students interested in Education Abroad?

Go, and do it, even if you're scared. Especially if you are scared! Living in a different culture is one of the most amazing things you can ever do. You will question your beliefs and all of the things you assumed were normal everywhere. It will make you think and try and learn new things every second you are there. It will also give you an opportunity to test yourself, see if living abroad may be something you would want in the future. Gosh, there is just so much to see and explore, and you really don't know how big the world is until you go out into it.

### PICTURES FROM ALANNAH'S TIME ABROAD



A view from the Colosseum



Another beautiful Italian vista



International Dinner Party with Fellow International Students

# New Scholarships Available

Education Abroad wants to help connect to you to all the amazing scholarship opportunities offered by our office, around campus, and through national and international organizations! Keep reading to find out about some of the newest scholarships we have to offer!

## The RING Fund

The RING Fund for Study Abroad will help BGSU students, particularly those who have never had the chance to study abroad or otherwise travel, to experience the tremendous personal and educational benefits that can come from studying abroad.

**Eligibility:** Must be a full time student in good academic standing and must demonstrate financial need.

Preference will be given to students who have never studied outside of the state of Ohio.

To apply please complete an online application.

<https://bgsu.academicworks.com>

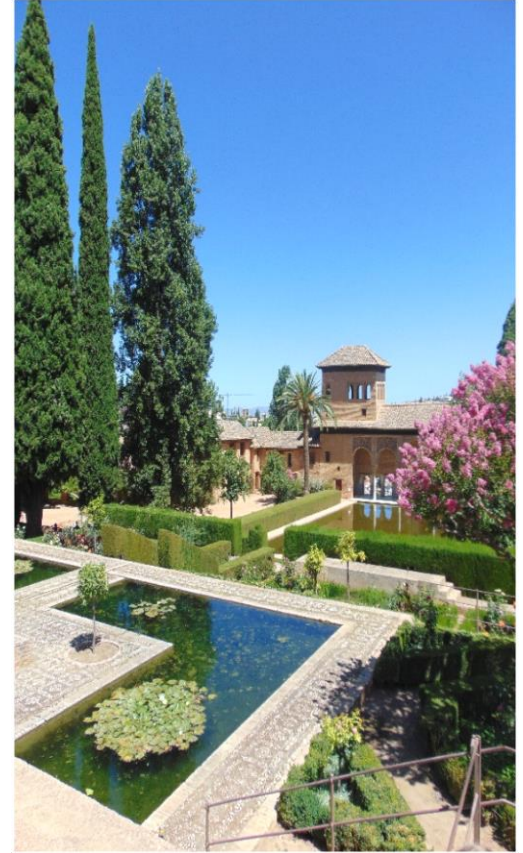
## The Robert M. and Mary Ann Olive Fund

This scholarship is aimed at underrepresented students in education abroad programs. Two awards of \$1000 each will be made available to recipients.

**Eligibility:** Undergraduate students enrolled in a study abroad program, who demonstrate high financial need by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and show need as reported on the Student Aid Report (SAR). Preference is given, but not limited to students of an ethnic minority.

Selection of the recipient(s) shall be made by the Director of International Programs. Previous recipient(s) may be awarded the scholarship in consecutive years as long as he/she submits another application, continues to meet all criteria, and no other candidate is deemed more qualified by the selection committee.

Want to see what other scholarship opportunities are available through Education Abroad? You can visit our [Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage](#).



## WINTER HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

ORNAMENT DECORATING

Where: 301 University Hall

When: Entire Month of October



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Table, Bowen  
Thompson Student Union  
(every other Tuesday):  
10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13,  
11/27,

Ornament Decoration—All of  
October 2018, Room 301,  
University Hall

Veteran's Day (No  
Classes): November  
12, 2018

International Education  
Week  
11/12-11/16

Thanksgiving Break:  
November 21-23, 2018

Pre-Departure Orientation:  
11/27: 113 Olscamp, 6-8pm  
11/28: 115 Education, 4-6pm  
12/7: 115 Education, 4-6pm

Winter Break:  
December 14, 2018-January  
1, 2019

Winter Session:  
January 2-23, 2019