

Student Opportunities

IXO Calendar

November 19

Application deadline for Tuition Exchange Scholarship to study in Fall 2017

December 3

Application deadline to study abroad in Fall 2017

Study Abroad in Fall 2017

We are still accepting applications for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2017 semester.

The **deadline** for all applications is **December 3, 2016**.

Visit IXO (MG43) to talk to a Peer Advisor about your options. To apply or for more information, visit www.aus.edu/ixo or contact us at ixo@aus.edu.

Pembroke College Cambridge

AUS students are eligible to participate in the Spring Semester Programme at Pembroke College, a constituent college of the University of Cambridge, England. This program offers up to 30 students with Cambridge-level qualifications the chance to spend two terms as full members of the university and experience complete immersion in Cambridge undergraduate life and learning. For more information, visit <http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/>. Students can attend as outbound Visiting Students, and should review our website www.aus.edu/ixo.

Tuition Exchange Scholarship

Tuition exchange programs enable all **full-time AUS faculty and staff** to apply for the opportunity to send their dependents to study in the USA, and sometimes other countries as well, for a significant tuition discount and/or a total tuition waiver.

AUS maintains membership in two tuition exchange scholarship programs:

- Council of Independent Colleges – Tuition Exchange Program (CIC-TEP): <http://www.cic.edu/Programs-and-Services/Tuition-Exchange-Program/Pages/About-TEP.aspx>

The **deadline** to apply for the CIC-TEP Program is **January 14, 2017**.

- The Tuition Exchange (TE): <http://www.tuitionexchange.org/>

The **deadline** to apply for the TE Program is **November 19, 2016**.

For students applying to begin classes at a new university starting in Fall 2017 (or Spring 2018), AUS is able to nominate one student to apply for scholarships through the TE program, plus unlimited students to apply for scholarships through the CIC-TEP.

It is important to note that all interested students (i.e., faculty/staff dependents) must apply for admission directly to the institution they wish to attend, and that institution determines admission and admission procedures. Be aware that

the host university admissions process is completely separate from the process for awarding tuition exchange scholarships.

Also, please be aware that AUS can only nominate students for scholarships. Final award decisions are made by the host university.

IXO News

A Trip to India

Lucas Ballings, a Middle Eastern studies student from Leiden University, spent the Eid Al Adha holiday with friends in India. They visited Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.

Ballings said, "We chose this destination, because we wanted to experience an adventure in a totally different world to ours. We travelled for a total of five days and we did the Golden Triangle route. We visited many different places while we were there, like the famous buildings, palaces, etc. We also got to ride elephants and play with them, which was a really cool experience. However, from what I've noticed, the best way to explore India is to just walk around through the bazaars and the old city centers."

When asked about his experience, Ballings replied, "I was expecting to see beautiful buildings and architecture from the old empires, but also poverty and adverse circumstances. India's architecture was exactly what I expected it to be. However, I don't think it was possible for me to imagine what India was like without having been there before. I think visiting India will always be a culture shock for me; it is a totally different world and it is only three and a

half hours from Dubai by plane."

Ballings advised, "Travel as much as you can, and be an adventurer. Try to see other parts of the world. Dubai is an international flying hub that offers a lot of cheap flights all over the world, so try to take advantage of this opportunity. Also try to find other students to travel with you, so that the costs of the trip could be split and so that you can share experiences together. If I could sum up this entire experience into one sentence, I would say, India is a beautiful country full of contrast."



Incoming Fall 2016 students Bianca Tardio, Lucas Ballings, Sarah Tanib and Dimitrius Wells (Left to Right)

Blast From the Past

IXO was visited recently by Derrick Houston, an Incoming Spring 2015 Academic Programs International (API) student. Houston is a senior petroleum engineering student at Marietta College in Ohio. He returned to the UAE with his college for a conference. Houston

said his time in the UAE allowed him to experience the hospitality of the Middle East. He is interested in doing his graduate program in Saudi Arabia. He said he would have never considered such a thing if he hadn't studied at AUS.



Dr. Linda Angell, Derrick Houston and Grace Morales (Left to Right)

Jules Ebeng-Epaka, an Incoming Fall 2014 student from Kedge Business School, EuroMed in France, also paid IXO a visit as he was returning from travels in Indonesia and Thailand. He is preparing to start work as an auditor with Deloitte in Luxembourg. Ebeng-Epaka said studying abroad at AUS really helped him improve his English, as French is his first language. He also mentioned that he met a lot of life-time friends that he still keeps in touch with.



Grace Morales, Jules Ebeng-Epaka, Dr. Linda Angell, Amadou Diop and Lillie De Guzman (Left to Right)

Congratulations Osama

Osama Jasim Mafraji, AUS alumnus and former IXO Advisor, recently got married in Madrid, Spain. Mafraji was one of the first AUS students to study abroad via ISEP at San Diego State University in Spring 2011. While studying abroad he met his future wife, a Spanish woman named Ana. Congratulations Osama and Ana, we wish both of you all the best and happiness in this new chapter in your lives!



Ana and Osama Mafraji (Left to Right) on their wedding day

Visiting Delegations

US Graduate Professional Schools of International Affairs

IXO recently hosted four delegates who presented an information session for graduate students. The delegates included Laurie Hurley, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Tufts University; Cris Dinu, Associate Director of Admission at Georgetown University; Grace Han, Executive Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Columbia University; and Daniela Francesca Coleman, Director of Admissions and Recruiting at Johns Hopkins University.



Grace Han, Laurie Hurley, Lillie De Guzman, Daniela Francesca Coleman and Cris Dinu (Left to Right)

University of Iowa

AUS was visited by a delegation from the the University of Iowa. These delegates included Downing A. Thomas, Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs; Dr. Chaden Djalali, Dean of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; and Dr. Dimy Dorescam, Director of the Institute for International Business. In addition to touring campus, the delegates met with the AUS deans; Dr. Linda Angell, Director of International Exchange Programs; and Dr. Björn Kjerfve, Chancellor of AUS.



Dr. Chaden Djalali, Dr. Linda Angell, Dimy Dorescam, Dr. Downing A. Thomas and Jorg Bley, Interim Dean of SBA (Left to Right)

Visitors from Tanzania

IXO recently hosted visitors from Tanzania. These visitors are architecture and design students from the School of Architecture and Design at Ardhi University. They were interested in touring the AUS campus, and especially the CAAD building.



Delegates from Ardhi University