

Student Opportunities

Internship Opportunity

The Oceans Research Internship Program is offering an opportunity for undergraduate students of all levels to become a member of the Oceans Research Unit in Mossel Bay, South Africa.

This internship offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to receive practical training in conducting research on South Africa's marine mega-fauna, including the great white shark.

Oceans Research Internship costs:

- January-April;
September-December 2017
\$2,000 - 1 month
- June-August 2017
\$2,200 - 1 month

Payment Includes:

- Dorm accommodation
- Traditional meals
- Program expeditions
- Tuition and mentoring
- Program instructors
- Adventure of a lifetime

Students will gain valuable insight and training in the latest research techniques and seamanship to equip them with the skills necessary to be a successful marine biologist.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Natasha Hamdy at natasha@oceans-campus.com or visit the website <http://www.oceans-campus.com/programs/oceans-research-internship/>.

Study Abroad in Fall 2017

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2017 semester or full academic year of 2017-18.

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

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

Study Abroad Outside the US

We encourage our students to think about studying abroad in universities outside the US. For example, have you considered attending a Canadian university?

Bilateral Partners:

- University of Victoria
Good for SBA majors
- Simon Fraser University
Good for CAS and SBA majors

ISEP:

- Brock University
Good for SBA majors
- Laurentian University
Good for CEN-CHE, MCE majors
- Thompson Rivers University
Good for CAS majors
- University of Regina
Good for CEN-INE majors

We offer many options outside of North America that may work for you.

IXO News and Events

IXO Staffing Changes

IXO congratulates Grace Morales on her appointment to the role of IXO Advisor. We would also like to welcome our newest team member, Lillie De Guzman. She recently started as IXO's new Administrative Assistant. Congratulations Grace and welcome Lillie!



Lillie De Guzman, Dr. Linda Angell and Grace Morales (Left to Right)

AUS Students at LSU

Lin Alkhouri and Maya Abdo, two Outgoing Fall 2016 students, set off to Louisiana State University to spend a semester studying architecture there. However, they experienced extra adventure when they arrived to campus just as Baton Rouge was experiencing historic flooding. Alkhouri and Abdo reported, "The university was closed, and all the events that were scheduled for orientation week were postponed. Despite the adversity, LSU provided aid, free food and drinks to all its students and residents."

A Semester at Sea

Anusha Grewal, an AUS international relations major with a photography minor, studied through a program called Semester at Sea in Spring 2016. Grewal said, "I spent the semester on a ship, travelling around the world, and earning credit at the University of Virginia. We visited 13 countries across Asia and Africa." When asked about her expectations and experiences, she replied, "This was such a unique program. I had no idea what to expect in terms of the academic work and lifestyle. I don't think you can prepare yourself to study at sea by reading about it or hearing other people's experiences. It is definitely something you need to experience on your own in order to understand how it works." Grewal advised, "I think it is important to study abroad, because it really expands a person's horizons. My experience taught me how to be independent and confident. It helped me to understand the countries and the different cultures a whole lot better, and through this I began to understand myself a whole lot better."



Anusha Grewal (Far Left) and peers aboard the ship

A Postcard from Washington State University

Mohamed Abubaker Abdelamjid, a mechanical engineering student, is currently studying abroad for Fall 2016 at the Washington State University (WSU) via ISEP. Abdelamjid said, "For a person who has never been to the Western world, I had some expectations of how people lived and what university life would be like. I researched about WSU for months, and I viewed so many pictures and videos about all different aspects related to WSU. However, I can honestly say that physically being here is totally different from what you see on the Internet. Pictures will never show the true beauty of anything. When I first arrived on campus, I was astonished. I thank Allah for allowing me to study abroad in such a beautiful place."



Abdelamjid (Fifth from the Left) and friends canoeing at WSU

IXO Orientation

IXO recently held a week-long orientation to welcome the Incoming Fall 2016 study abroad students. The orientation consisted of various programs and outings that allowed the students to settle into the country comfortably, and familiarize themselves with the culture here. Some of the scheduled programs included talks about the university, the culture of the UAE, and the proper customs and etiquette to be practiced while in the country.

IXO also hosted a range of outings in both Sharjah and Dubai. Students visited the Heart of Sharjah, the Arabian Wildlife Center, the Blue Souq, and various other locations. Throughout these outings, they were treated to traditional Middle Eastern meals and Emirati breakfasts. We can safely say this Fall 2016 orientation was a huge success!



Incoming Fall 2016 Students

Parents Welcome Evening

IXO participated in the Welcome Session for New Students and Parents on August 19. Peer advisors Dinete Thomas Kollanur and Reem Al Shihabi were ready to answer any questions from parents and students about study abroad opportunities.



Peer Advisors Dinete Thomas Kollanur and Reem Al Shihabi (Left to Right)

Farewell Osama

On September 1, IXO bid farewell to one of its most valuable team members! We are so sad to see Osama Jasim Mafraji go; he has been with IXO in one form or another since the very beginning. He was a student applying to study abroad just when IXO was first established. Then he studied abroad at San Diego State University via ISEP, and later on he worked at IXO as a Peer Advisor, and then he took over the Advisor post when his predecessor left.

He is moving on to a whole new life in Madrid, and for that and all his future adventures, we can only wish him all the best and happiness. Farewell Osama, we will miss you!



Visiting Delegations

Visitors from Kenya

IXO recently hosted three visiting tours from Kenyan universities: Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology; University of Nairobi; and Nairobi Institute of Technology. Students from these universities were interested in touring our wonderful facilities in the College of Architecture, Art and Design.



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