

College of Charleston Study Abroad Photo Contest

Ever wanted to share your study abroad experience with more than your family, friends and Facebook? Submit one of those hundreds of photos you took during your study abroad experience for a chance to win a prize in the College of Charleston study abroad photo contest! Winners will receive cash and/or honorary awards and a chance to appear on the College's print and online publications.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to participate in the contest, you must be a degree-seeking College of Charleston undergraduate or graduate student studying abroad for academic credit during one of the 2015-16 terms (Fall, Spring, Maymester, Summer) **AND** be a returning student for 2016 Fall semester. You can either be enrolled in a College of Charleston sponsored program or an approved affiliate program. Photos from vacation travel abroad other than interim travel as part of a study abroad program are **not** eligible. The Center for International Education reserves the right to deny any photographs with inappropriate content and/or subjects. All participants must sign the Photo Release/Consent form in order to be considered.

CRITERIA:

Photos will be evaluated by a panel of judges made up of CofC faculty and/or staff on their creativeness and depiction of the unique educational opportunities study abroad offers. Remember, originality counts! We would like to see how CofC students interact with their new surroundings and how their new surroundings influence them. These photos are intended to encourage other students to study abroad.

CATEGORIES:

- **Images of the College of Charleston abroad:** Photos of College of Charleston students in exciting locations wearing or carrying items that show their Cougar pride, such as College of Charleston t-shirts, caps, sweaters, book bags, etc. Photos must clearly depict the uniqueness of your foreign location AND CofC paraphernalia. Again, photos must **distinctly show** a CofC shirt, cap, signage, etc. in order to be considered for this category.
- **Landscape:** Photos of the unique landscape or fauna that makes your study location memorable.
- **Culture:** Photos that depict the culture of your study destination. This photo should portray a unique portrait of customs, clothing, events, etc. in your host country.

You may refer to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cofcinternational for examples of past winners.

NUMBER AND FORMAT OF SUBMISSIONS:

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you may submit **one photo per category** (3 maximum per applicant):

- Photos may be color, black & white, or sepia.
- Do not digitally enhance or alter your photographs, i.e. **do not use Photoshop or other digital editing programs on your submitted photos.**
- Images must be at least 5x7 or 4x6 at 300 dpi.
- Each photo must be submitted online in **jpeg format.**
- All photos must have a title. Save your image with the name of the title and your last name for easier identification.

SELECTION & PRIZES:

Photos will be judged within their own category and considered for the “Best Overall” group. A winner will be selected for each category and all photos will be considered for the “Best Overall” photos. The decisions of the judges are final. Contestants cannot win in more than one category at a time. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Per Category:

- Winner “Images of the College of Charleston abroad”: \$50 award
- Winner “Landscape”: \$50 award
- Winner “Culture”: \$50 award

Best Overall:

- Best overall photograph - \$100 award

Winning photographs will be showcased on the CIE’s website and may be used by the Center for International Education for study abroad fairs and other publications. All photos submitted (winners and non-winners) may be used in various marketing activities for the purpose of promoting study abroad at the College of Charleston.

DEADLINE:

Deadline for submission will be September 15, 2016. All participants will be notified via email of the results.

CONTACT:

You may contact Gaby Peschiera, peschierag@cofc.edu, with any questions.