Hello and Happy New Year from the Center for International Education! Beginning in 2018, the CIE will publish a newsletter at regular intervals throughout the academic year to share highlights and announcements related to International Education at the College of Charleston.

### Spring 2018 Statistics:

- **477** CofC students are studying abroad this semester.
- **$** The CIE awarded over $93,000 worth of scholarships to students who are studying abroad in Spring 2018.
- **Earth** In Spring 2018, CofC students will study in 36 different countries throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, South America, the Caribbean, and North America.

### Institute of International Education Rankings:

The College of Charleston is nationally ranked among Master’s Level Institutions:

- **#3** in the total number of study abroad participants
- **#9** in mid-length (semester) participation
- **#4** in short-term participation

### Coming Soon

**Via TRM** is our new online program information and application management system. Some highlights of this system are its safety features and its ability to match students to programs based on their responses to a study abroad interest survey. Program Directors will have access to review interested students and applications for their program.

### New Program:

The College of Charleston is offering a new interdisciplinary Fall semester program abroad in Florence, Italy. Fall 2018 offerings focus on Communication, History, and Women’s and Gender Studies. We are very excited and believe this new program will provide an amazing opportunity in this culturally rich city.

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**JotForm** is a new tool which will streamline the course approval process for students who are studying abroad through Exchange or Affiliate programs. Instructions on using JotForm will be sent to all faculty listed on the Course Approval Directory. Please email Stephanie at todts@cofc.edu with any questions.
Around the College

- We would like to introduce Stephanie Leahy, our new Assistant Director of Study Abroad. She previously served as an Academic Advisor here at CofC. She will now be working with the CofC faculty-led programs. Additionally, Sabrina Prieleau, Study Abroad Program Assistant, will now be with us full-time.

- Associate Director, Melissa Ochal recently participated in the International Staff Week at Management Center Innsbruck, an exchange partner university in Austria. We have four students studying at MCI this spring, with more applying for their summer program. CofC is hosting one MCI student this spring.

- After several weather-related flight delays & cancellations, our international students have arrived on campus! We have welcomed 16 new students to CofC this semester. CIE has planned several events for new and continuing international students including a tour of Magnolia Plantation, a paddle board excursion, and an ice skating event. We are partnering with International Club & Athletics to offer a ski trip and tickets to various athletic events.

- The CIE is now accepting scholarship applications for the Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 terms. Students should apply online at: http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/scholarships.php. Applications for Summer 2018 are due February 23rd. Applications for Fall 2018 are due April 6th.

Congratulations!

CofC student Vegas Kremser is a recipient of the Gilman Scholarship for her 2017-2018 program at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom.

CofC student Candace Rohr received a Freeman-ASIA Scholarship for her 2017-2018 study abroad with our Exchange Program, Kansai Gaidai University (Japan).

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board selected Dr. Andrew Sobiesuo to receive a prestigious Fulbright Award to participate in the International Education Administrators Seminar in Germany. Dr. Sobiesuo has also been chosen to serve on the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Academic Consortium Board.