Summer 2018 programs are well underway and we are looking forward to hearing more from our students about their experiences abroad!

Summer 2018 Statistics:

457 CofC students are studying abroad this summer.

CIE awarded more than $123,000 in scholarships to students studying abroad this summer.

CofC students will study in 60 different countries throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, South America, and the Caribbean.

Learning More about ViaTRM

As of today, we have 995 students in ViaTRM, our new study abroad application management system. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation throughout the transition to ViaTRM. Shortly, ViaTRM will be undergoing a complete redesign. We are eagerly anticipating the update and believe it will create a more user friendly experience for our students.

Faculty-Led Programs

If you’d like to submit a program proposal for a Spring-Break 2019 or Summer 2019 program the deadline is August 24th. Learn more here: http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/faculty.php.

Staff Spotlight

Jessica Stone has served as the International Student Services Program Coordinator in CIE since 2014 and was recently elected to represent the division of Academic Affairs on the Staff Advisory Committee to the President. Jessica graduated from the College of Charleston in 2003 with a BA in Political Science. She subsequently earned her M.Ed. in College Counseling (with a concentration in Student Affairs) from the Citadel in 2013. During her time as a student at the College, Jessica studied abroad in Trujillo, Spain.
**Feature Programs**

**Spring Break 2018**
- The Cuba Performing Arts program introduced students to Cuba’s vibrant performing arts culture. The program was a unique collaboration among the Theatre, Dance, and Music programs that allowed students to explore multiple aspects of live performing arts in Cuba.
- The France/Switzerland Global Health program gave students the opportunity to visit the World Health Organization. During the visit students attended lectures on vaccine shortages and tobacco taxation and toured the briefing center. Students also visited the statue commemorating the 30th anniversary of the eradication of smallpox.

**Summer 2018**
- The Costa Rica Chemistry program allowed students to learn how water is used in a small community from washing clothes to paper recycling, to coffee bean farming. Students collected samples throughout the local environment and analyzed them to understand the physical, chemical and biological processes that impact water quality.

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**Around the College**

- The CIE will be accepting submissions for the Photo Contest from students who studied abroad in the 2017-2018 academic year. The deadline is September 7, 2018.
- Melissa Ochal and Stephanie Leahy attended the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) conference in Philadelphia.
- Stephanie Leahy will be participating in a site visit with program provider CISabroad to Paris and Prague in July. Several of our faculty-led programs partner with CISabroad to develop customized program offerings. We look forward to learning more about their on site services.
- CIE will welcome three new Peer Advisors (PAs) to our office in August. Isabel Findeisen, Hilary Rockett, and Anna Sandgren. To schedule a classroom presentation for one of our PAs to introduce your students to study abroad opportunities here at the College please submit a request form here: http://international.cofc.edu/contact-us/speaker-request/index.php

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**Congratulations!**

CofC student Patrick Crotty was awarded the Boren scholarship for his upcoming study abroad program in China during Spring and Summer 2019. He is a member of the Honors College and is double majoring in Political Science and Economics.

CofC student Samantha McCarthy received a Study Abroad Excellence Scholarship from King’s College London. Read her blog here: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/abroad/at-kings/offer-holders/samantha-mccarthy-college-of-charleston-usa.aspx.

A 2016 graduate and former CIE Peer Advisor, Jessica Mercier recently entered the field of International Education and accepted a position as Study Abroad Advisor at the University of Florida.