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Advising Your Students on Fulbright Scholarships

The Fulbright US Student Program offers approximately 1300 grants in 140 countries. 26 countries also offer English teaching assistantships. For country specific information visit this website: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>. Full grants provide round-trip transportation, a room and board stipend, a research allowance, insurance, and tuition waivers, if applicable. The 2008-2009 Fulbright competitions open on May 1.

UW-Eau Claire has had the most successful Fulbright applications of any UW Master's-level institution (7 awards since 2000-2001), but relatively few UW-Eau Claire students apply. This past year, four students applied, and three have advanced to the final stage of the competition. Please encourage your advisees with outstanding academic records and/or demonstrated research interests to apply.

Faculty and academic staff can play a crucial role in guiding their students through the Fulbright application process. You can access a handout explaining what roles faculty members can play in the process on our website at <http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/tra/index.htm>. If you or your students have additional questions, contact Cheryl Lochner-Wright, the campus Fulbright adviser, at lochnecb@uwec.edu.

Spring 2008 Program Update

We were able to accept 249 students to study abroad on 21 programs during spring 2008.

Of those students, 140 are freshman, 81 are sophomores, 23 are juniors, and 5 are seniors.

We have also accepted the first students to participate on the Aberdeen, ISEP-Czech Republic, ISEP-New Zealand, and Pau programs. (See back for more information on Pau program.)



2006 Costa Rica Nursing students. An update on this program is included on the back.

Photo courtesy of Allison Rosch.

Annual NAFSA Conference to be held in Minneapolis

NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the largest international education professional association, will hold its annual conference in Minneapolis from May 27-June 1. Nearly 7,000 international educators from around the world are expected to attend. Many of the staff members from the Center for International Education will be attending the conference as presenters, as well as to meet with our partners from around the world and to connect with U.S. colleagues. Details are at http://www.nafsa.org/annual_conference.

Save the date!

The 2007 study abroad fair date has been set for Thursday, October 11 from 3-5:30pm.

There will be opportunities to meet with representatives from our partner institutions, as well as chances to talk with returned students.



New Application Process Coming

The Center for International Education is currently working with Web Development to create an online application and database. Once up, the application will provide a smooth entry to the study abroad process for students and faculty referents and will be an excellent tool for the study abroad staff in tracking student data.

We are in the development stages at this point, so we do not have an anticipated start date yet for this new process. We will keep you informed of the progress of this new and exciting change as it continues.



Anna Brady and Elizabeth Ellison are currently studying abroad in Limerick, Ireland.

Anna is a kinesiology major. Elizabeth is a geography major.

Program Profile: Pau, France

After searching for a new option in France, and upon recommendation from UW-Eau Claire French faculty members, we have partnered with University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) to offer students the opportunity to study French language and culture in Pau, France.

Through the program, students will take one or two electives specially developed for USAC-Pau students, while simultaneously enrolling in language courses with other international students at the Institute of French Studies of the University of Pau. USAC-Pau requires students to be enrolled for a minimum of 15 credits for the semester. A maximum of 18 credits may be taken.

Students have two housing options in Pau: home stays with a family/French host or university residence halls.

Many UW-Eau Claire students are participating on the USAC program this semester due to the suspension of the Caen, France program. Their evaluations of the program were very positive, and we look forward to sending more students on this program in future semesters.

"My time in England was probably the best semester I had in college. I met so many new friends and people I would have not been exposed to otherwise. It also helped me to become a more flexible student as I learned to adapt in many ways to a new system."

-Kate Siebers, psychology major

Program Update:

Costa Rica Nursing & Health Care Professions

The Costa Rica Nursing program has expanded its focus to include all health care professions. Any students interested in learning about the medical system in Costa Rica or in medical Spanish are welcome to apply. This includes, but is not limited to, environment & public health, health care administration, kinesiology, pre-med, and social work students.

Students take two courses on the program: Introduction to the Costa Rican Medical System and a Spanish course at the appropriate level with a medical focus. No prior Spanish is required to participate.

Students live with host families during this eight-week program. Students also have field trips to different types of medical facilities in both urban and rural areas in Costa Rica.