Study Abroad Online Orientation

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All program participants are responsible for the information covered in this tutorial and may return to this item at anytime during the planning process.
Getting Started

Information that matters now
(6-12 months prior to departure)
To become knowledgeable about your destination, take time to research the following categories:

- cultural norms
- rules and social etiquette
- customs and traditions
- weather
- destination-specific safety precautions

- verbal and nonverbal communication styles
- style and dress
- gender dynamics in the U.S. vs. in the host destination
- academic support services and classroom etiquette

Available resources to assist with researching your destination include:

- **Texas A&M University Libraries**  Study Abroad Resources – click [here](#)
- **Study Abroad Programs Office**  
  - Travel tips regarding managing diverse identities abroad – click [here](#)
  - Request country-specific Diversity Abroad Climate Notes – click [here](#)
To verify entry and exit requirements for your study abroad destination, please consult either your home country embassy or the U.S. Department of State at: https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html

For some destinations, students might need both a passport and visa.
Passports vs. Visas

**Passport**

- Serves as your universal identification
- It is required for any traveler and should be current for at least six months after the return date.
- If you do not currently have a valid passport, or your passport will expire within 6 months of return, please apply for one between three and six months prior to departure.
- For more information on applying for a U.S. Passport, visit the Study Abroad Programs Office website.

**Visa**

- A visa is proof that you have authorization to enter another country, even if just for a connecting flight. Requirements will vary based on the purpose of your visit, the duration of your visit, and your citizenship.
- May be required to enter a foreign country, even if just transiting through the airport to connect to another flight.
- Check in advance for requirements for any country you may visit while abroad.
- Requirements may differ for U.S. versus non-U.S. passport holders.
Question

Do you plan to travel on a non-U.S. passport?

[YES] (see slides 7-8)

[NO] (skip to slide 9)
You may need to follow extra steps to visit foreign locations, including obtaining additional travel documents such as a visa (or transit visa).

It is your responsibility to research and obtain the required paperwork to go overseas. Please work with the appropriate embassies or consulates to assess what is needed and plan accordingly.

Note that if traveling on a Texas A&M program, your program coordinator or advisor may issue a letter certifying your participation, as needed and upon request. Please start this process well in advance.

Useful link for international travel as a U.S. permanent resident: International Travel as a Permanent Resident.
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International & Sponsored Students

It is your responsibility to know the USA and foreign country entry and exit requirements based on your visa type and to have a valid Travel Signature from the ISS Office prior to your departure. Since your travel abroad could affect your visa status, you should schedule a meeting with an ISS advisor, especially if you are traveling for an extended period of time (a full semester or longer).

Additionally, your study abroad liaison may request a copy of your signed “Immigration Status Review for International Students Going on Study Abroad Form”.

Please make sure that your Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019) is endorsed by the ISS Office for travel before you leave the USA and that the travel signature will still be valid at time of re-entry to the USA.

Travel signatures on I-20s and DS-2019s are valid for one year, though it is recommended to have a signature no more than 6 months old if you will need to apply for a visa while abroad. Be sure to check your I-20 to see if it says "Initial" or "Transfer" instead of "Continuing Student." Only I-20s indicating "Continued attendance at this school" in item #3 should be signed for travel. Again, you should consult an ISS advisor for clarification.

For more information regarding traveling outside of the U.S., visit the “Travel and Visa Renewal” section of the ISS website.

Students with F-1 status

Students with J-1 status
Funding Your Experience

The cost of attendance may be higher than taking classes on campus. Therefore, you should consider **multiple sources of funding** to offset program-related expenses. Most funding options require you to be enrolled full-time for your term abroad.

Below are a few resources to help get you started:

- **Join the Study Abroad e-listserv** - [http://tamu.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5503fa78862e1a23d789ec8b2&id=98bf983c48](http://tamu.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5503fa78862e1a23d789ec8b2&id=98bf983c48)

- Follow [@TAMUStudyAbroad](https://twitter.com/TAMUStudyAbroad) or [AggiesAbroad](https://www.facebook.com/AggiesAbroad) on social media to receive timely trip preparation announcements and news about outside scholarship opportunities

- **Attend an Affording Study Abroad informational session** - [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding)

- **Apply for scholarships** – university-wide, program-specific, and national opportunities - [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Scholarships](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Scholarships)

- **Verify the next steps to access other sources of funding** such as veterans’ benefits, pre-paid tuition plans, etc. - [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Additional-Funding-Sources](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Additional-Funding-Sources)

- **Consider financial aid** - [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Financial-Aid](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Funding/Financial-Aid)
Getting Started

Important Scholarship Deadlines

Texas A&M University-Wide Scholarships

The university-wide scholarship application facilitates consideration for several opportunities. For details and to apply, visit https://uwide.tamu.edu/.

- For Fall/Year students, application opens early March and will be due April 1.
- For Summer students, application opens late October and will be due Feb. 1.
- For Spring/Winter Break students, application opens early September and will be due Oct. 12.

National Scholarship Opportunities

- Benjamin A. Gilman
- Freeman-ASIA
- Boren Awards

For details and assistance with the application process, contact Program Assistant Ben Simington in the L|A|U|N|C|H office at bsim1968@tamu.edu.

The Study Abroad Programs Office is not responsible for setting scholarship due dates and dates are subject to change. Please contact Scholarships and Financial Aid Office to verify the exact deadlines.
Financial Aid Process

Federal and state financial aid is a viable option to consider. It consists of loans and/or grants from the government. Loans are monies to be paid back. Grants are monies that are not repaid. In order to apply financial aid to a credit-bearing experience, you need to:

1. Verify the eligibility requirements.
2. **Complete the FAFSA** (if U.S. citizen), **ISFAA** (if international citizen), or **TASFA** (if non-U.S. citizen, Texas resident).
3. **Obtain a Financial Aid Request Form** from your Texas A&M program advisor. Upon request, this item is available to students with a **Confirmed** application status and is required to facilitate an adjustment in your cost of attendance for the study abroad term and determination of award eligibility.
4. **Schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor to discuss your options and finalize your award packet.**
5. Register in your study abroad course(s) to facilitate disbursement of funds (scholarships, loans, and/or grants). Note: Funds will be disbursed **10 days prior to the start of on-campus classes at Texas A&M or the program departure date, depending on which date is later.**
Getting Started

Disability Accommodation Resources

If you believe you have a disability/medical condition and will need additional assistance abroad, outlined below are recommendations to ensure a successful, positive experience. Planning and preparation can start up to 6 months prior to departure.

- Discuss your travel plans with a medical professional to obtain feedback on what you may need. Students have an opportunity to disclose program accommodation needs when submitting their Emergency Contact information online.

- Initiate arrangements for academic accommodations and/or program adjustments by disclosing your disability/medical condition to your study abroad advisor and Disability Services – disability.tamu.edu

- Work with Disability Services staff and your study abroad advisor(s) regarding accommodation needs abroad
Be in the Know

Follow us on social media for updates about upcoming events, travel planning resources, outside scholarship opportunities, and much more.

@TAMUStudyAbroad or #AggiesAbroad
Pre-Departure

Information you need
3-6 months prior to departure
Program Expectations

- You are responsible for complying with all of the terms and conditions of student conduct as outlined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules, Texas A&M Terms of Participation for Students, as well as federal, state, and local laws and the rules and regulations of the host institution.

- A copy of the Texas A&M University Student Rules is available at student-rules.tamu.edu.

- A copy of the Texas A&M Terms of Participation for Students is available within the study abroad application by logging in at studyabroad.tamu.edu.
Participation and Responsibility

Once you have confirmed your participation to a program, you will be considered a participant. This comes with responsibilities and obligations:

- Follow the timeline provided to complete all the necessary paperwork
- **Understand your financial responsibilities.** Be familiar with the withdrawal policies. Communicate promptly with your provider or coordinator if you have concerns so as to avoid increasing penalties.
- Read the program’s terms of participation provided by Texas A&M as well as those of any other provider you will have (e.g. housing rules in your dorm), so that you understand expectations and responsibilities
Course Registration Expectations

- For students participating in credit-bearing international opportunities, they must be enrolled in the study abroad course(s) related to their respective experience.

- Applicable students will receive further details from their designated study abroad advisor and/or program leader.

- For details about the course registration timeline for your study abroad term, visit the Office of the Registrar at registrar.tamu.edu.
Pre-Departure

Health Considerations

- Schedule a **wellness check** with your doctor and dentist prior to departure.
- Verify that **medications/prescription drugs** are legal in the host destination; obtain an advance supply that will last for the duration of your program.
- Research **required and/or recommended vaccinations** by checking the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/health-information/vaccinations.html) website (Travelers’ Health tab) or following up with a Travel Nurse through Texas A&M **Student Health Center**. Some vaccinations may require advanced planning.
- Check that your **immunizations** are up to-date.
- Prepare a personal medical kit of items
- Keep medication in its original container accompanied by a doctor’s note.
- Ask your doctor and/or visit the CDC website for information regarding **food and water quality** in your host destination. Also consult your doctor about ways to minimize sickness abroad.
International Health Insurance Expectations

As you prepare to participate in a program overseas, please note that all students are required to be enrolled in an international evacuation and medical insurance plan during their experience abroad.

Please check with your program contact to verify available options and whether these coverages are in place for the duration of your experience abroad.

Most Texas A&M sponsored experiences will include international health and emergency services through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) as part of the program fee and students will be automatically enrolled in the plan for the duration of the program.

Otherwise, you may self-enroll and/or extend coverage in the Texas A&M plan through CISI for a modest fee. Purchasing instructions are embedded in the Texas A&M study abroad application and/or available upon request by contacting the Study Abroad Programs Office at 979-845-0544 or studyabroad@tamu.edu.
Question

Are you participating on a Texas A&M sponsored international opportunity (e.g. exchange, faculty-led, field trip, or student group program)?

YES  (see slide 21)

NO  (skip to slide 22)
Summary of CISI Benefits

When enrolled, Texas A&M students will have access to the following benefits:

- No deductible/co-pay
- Access to trip preparations resources through MyCISI portal
- Include coverage for:
  - Doctor visits
  - International medical evacuation
  - Reparation of remains
  - Security evacuation
  - Emergency medical reunion
  - Return ticket
  - Program fee refund (Texas A&M sponsored programs)
  - Some travel and delay assistance
Managing Finances

Prior to departure, take time to:

- Visit Texas A&M Money Education Center for recommendations on managing funds.
- Follow up with the Texas A&M Scholarships and Financial Aid Office to verify the disbursement date of financial aid (scholarships, loans, and/or grants).
- Use a combination of ATM debit card, cash, and credit card. Get cards with chips and pin numbers.
- Notify your bank and/or credit card company regarding your upcoming international travel plans (e.g., dates and locations). Switch alerts setups to email rather than phone. Verify withdrawal fees, international transaction fees and daily limits.
- Familiarize yourself with the exchange rate for your destination - oanda.com/currency/converter/
- Obtain the currency of your destination, either through an U.S. bank, or from an ATM and/or exchange services upon arrival.
- Make front and back copies of all of your credit and debit cards. You will need the contact information if they are stolen. Take a copy with you and leave one with a trusted family member or friend in the U.S.
- Make a budget of your personal and out-of-pocket expenses.
Purchasing Airfare

Generally you should not purchase international airfare until you have received final instructions from your study abroad advisor or program provider (if applicable). This is usually done between one and three months prior to departure.

General Recommendations

● Use travel websites to find a realistic middle price range for your round trip international airfare or request flight quotes from a travel agency.
● Ask about alternative payment options or specialized programs for students using financial aid.
● Take advantage of frequent flyer programs.
● Consider investing in trip protection insurance. Familiarize yourself with fees for changes or cancellation.
● Verify entry/exit requirements for your host country.
● Allot at least 1 hour between connecting flights.
● When booking, double-check your name, arrival and departure dates and flight itinerary confirmation number.
Pre-Departure

Packing Do’s and Don’ts

A good rule of thumb to keep in mind - you pack it, you carry it. Be sure you are able to carry your luggage up a flight of stairs or for a long distance.

For some examples of packing lists, visit:

- http://www.packinglistonline.com/
- http://www.independenttraveler.com/packing

The following slides contain recommendations on what to do and not to do when it comes to packing.

(see slide 25) 
Do’s 

(see slide 26) 
Don’ts

Note: this is an optional section, hyperlinked to slides 25-26. Students can bypass to slide 27 if they wish.
Packing Do’s

- Verify your airline’s **weight restrictions** for departure and return. Pack Lightly!
- Review Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website for **carry-on regulations**: 3 ounce (100ml) bottles or less (by volume); 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin.
- Verify whether your medication is legal in the host country and bring ample supply of **prescription medication** and other necessities.
- Keep prescription medications in its **original containers** accompanied by a doctor’s note.
- Prepare a **first aid kit**: pain reliever, stomach medicine, vitamins, hand sanitizer, insect replant, sunscreen, toilet paper/tissues, and so forth.
- Check the weather for your destination
- Bring items that will make you feel less homesick (e.g., photos of family)
- Bring ample supply of other necessities such as contact lenses, contact solutions, glasses, and some hygiene products.
- Visit **Students Abroad** for additional recommendations.

Don’ts

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Packing Don’ts

- Over pack

- Pack prohibited items listed on the TSA website at: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.

- Pack your passport and in-country contact list in your checked luggage. This item should be with you in your carry-on so that you can board the plane.
Pre-Departure

Airport/Departure Day

• Get to the airport **3 hours** before your flight.
• If you are traveling with other students, have a designated meeting point and time.
• In your carry-on bag:
  o Prescriptions *(in original packaging and containers)* - a doctor’s note would be good to include
  o Your passport
  o Your flight info/ticket confirmation
  o Your study abroad information *(list of contact information and address for lodging; copy of international health insurance card)*
  o Color copy of your passport
  o Copy of the front & back of your credit/debit cards
While Abroad

Information you need to know in country
Arriving In Country

• Try to arrive during the daytime.
• Take a taxi instead of public transportation or use university-provided transportation if possible.
• Look up your destination, print a map, and identify key landmarks and major streets. The taxi driver may not know the exact location of your housing and/or speak English.
• Have phone numbers for the local international programs office, housing office, and after-hours numbers.
  • Verify check-in hours ahead of time.
  • Consider staying at hotel near airport if arriving very late at night.
• Be prepared if your phone does not function.
While Abroad

Cultural Adjustment

When you reach your host country, you will most likely enter a new culture different from your own, even if the region and language seem similar to yours. Culture shock describes the process of adjusting to a new cultural or social environment whether it is going from one country to another or from your parents’ home to a university residence hall.

While the words “culture shock” imply something immediate and extreme, the onset is usually gradual and cumulative and will affect individuals at different times and to varying degrees.

Typical challenges:
• Miscommunication
• Language barrier
• National events
• Overload of ‘difference’
• Staying positive
• Conflict of values
Ways to cope with culture shock include:

- Setting goals for your experience
- Getting involved in activities that interest you
- Discovering a common interest among the locals
- Volunteering
- Staying positive and learning to adapt
- Connecting occasionally with support network at home and developing new ones abroad
- Reflecting on your experience through journaling or blogging
- Asking questions to gain a deeper understanding of the culture
While Abroad

Contacting Home

You are never far from home. Check in with your family and/or loved ones while abroad, especially upon arrival to confirm that you have made it safely to your destination. Outlined below are common methods of keeping in touch. Go through the following slides to learn more.

(see slide 33) Cell Phone

(see slide 34) Internet

Note: this is an optional section, hyperlinked to slides 33-34. Students can bypass to slide 35 if they wish.
While Abroad

Contacting Home with a Cell Phone

For instructions on how to make international calls and verify time zone, visit: http://www.countrycallingcodes.com/.

When keeping in touch by cell phone, consider:

- Rates for texting (sending versus receiving)
- Rates for phone calls and voicemail (outgoing versus incoming)
- Rates for roaming (data versus voice)
- Calling range restrictions (Only make calls in host country?)

(see slide 34) Internet  (see slide 35)
While Abroad

Contacting Home through the Internet

When keeping in touch by Internet, consider:

- **Timeframe for access** (immediately available or set up later?)
- **Availability** (On or off campus? Wi-Fi versus ethernet cable? Usage limits?)
- **Internet communication services** such as Skype to make free or low cost international calls. Skype video is free.
- Updating multiple people at once through a blog, social media, or photo website.
- **Internet texting services** (e.g., WhatsApp, Viber, iMessage, and Facebook Messenger)
While Abroad

Living with a Host Family

Possible living arrangements include: host families, hotels/hostels, dormitories and/or apartments. If staying with a host family, check the following slides to review best practices to ensure a positive, rewarding experience.

(see slide 36) Ask About House Rules
(see slide 37) Be Considerate
(see slide 38) Communicate
(see slide 39) Be Respectful

Note: this is an optional section, hyperlinked to slides 36-39. Students can bypass to slide 40 if they wish.
When asking about **house rules**, be mindful of:

- Hours of entry and exit
- Meals (e.g., time, portion, and access to the kitchen)
- Policies and/or cultural preferences regarding visits from guests
- Expectations regarding phone usage, smoking indoors, utilities usage, and Internet usage (Can you download file-sharing programs, images, or videos?)
Be Considerate | Living with a Host Family

Examples of ways to be considerate include:

- Conserving electricity by turning off lights, especially when not in a particular room
- Not expecting continuous heat or A/C
- Keeping common areas and room clean
- Conserving water, especially hot water when showering
While Abroad

Communicate | Living with a Host Family

Recommendations for communication include:

- Letting others know if you will be out late or miss a meal
- Sharing with in-country coordinators and/or roommate, your independent travel plans or when you plan to stay overnight somewhere else
- Discussing with in-country coordinators and/or program leaders about concerns and/or conflicts

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Ask About House Rules

(see slide 37)

Be Considerate

(see slide 39)

Be Respectful

(see slide 40)

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Examples of how to be respectful include:

- Being neat (do not leave clothes on the floor of your room)
- Being open to contrasting opinions
- Asking before making changes (moving furniture)
- Learning more about the host culture and language
Safety Considerations

Both the U.S. Department of State and international authorities have indicated that general precautions should be followed when traveling abroad.

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**Personal Safety**

(see slide 44)

**Vehicle Safety**

(see slide 43)

**Reporting Sexual Harassment**

(see slide 45)

**Pedestrian Safety**

Source: Information is adapted by Erin Wolf, International Risk Analyst, University of Texas
While Abroad

Personal Safety, pt. 1 | Safety Considerations

• Learn from locals and avoid drawing unwanted attention to yourself.
• Be aware of your surroundings and be cautious in unsafe or unfamiliar areas. Don’t trust strangers.
• Keep identification (copy of passport) and a list of important phone numbers on you.
• Keep passport secured in accommodations.
• Never leave personal belongings unattended in public areas.
• Beware of pick-pocketing and other scams targeting tourists (ex: phishing emails requesting to wire payment for imprisonment).
While Abroad

Personal Safety, pt. 2 | Safety Considerations

- Use **common sense** and listen to your instincts.
- **Avoid traveling alone** at night and make sure someone knows where you are going. Use buddy system.
- Stay in **well lit areas** (avoid hiding spots – bushes, alleys).
- Learn the **transportation system**.
- Report incidents of **harassment and/or discrimination** to your program coordinator/contact in country.
Reporting Sexual Harassment or Assault

While Abroad

- Forms of harassment/assault can be physical, verbal, graphic, written, or electronic
- Expectations for behavior are based on Texas A&M University Student Rules, System Policies and Regulations
- Be aware of different cultural norms, but if you feel uncomfortable, let someone know.
- If you feel you’ve been sexually harassed or assaulted or are aware of this happening to someone, please inform:
  - Faculty leader
  - On-Site Program Coordinator
  - Study Abroad Advisor
  - Any TAMU employee you feel comfortable speaking with
  - tellsomebody.tamu.edu
Vehicle Safety | Safety Considerations

- Learn which bus and taxi companies are **reputable**. Ask for advice from on-site coordinator/your contact in country.
- Attempt to **avoid overcrowded** buses, minivans and taxis or vehicles that appear to be in poor condition.
- Exercise safety precautions by utilizing **seatbelts** and/or **helmets**.
- Driving etiquette and/or behaviors may be different from that of the U.S. If you feel unsafe with a particular driver, **disembark at first safe opportunity**. Depending on the situation, you could either try another driver, or different mode of transportation.
Pedestrian Safety | Safety Considerations

- Do not accept rides from strangers and/or hitchhike.
- Be aware of local traffic patterns and pedestrian etiquette. The most at-risk road users are pedestrians.
- If there isn’t a sidewalk, walk along the road facing oncoming traffic.
- Look right-left-right in countries that have reversed traffic patterns.
While Abroad

Drinking Abroad

Studying abroad can be an enriching and rewarding experience, but remember to think about your safety. While the drinking age may be lower in other countries, laws that may be unfamiliar to you may be enforced. Know the laws and abide by them. Also, be aware that the alcoholic concentration in drinks abroad is often higher than drinks served in the U.S.

Additional Safety Tips from the Texas A&M Alcohol and Drug Education Programs website include:

• Keep identification on you (i.e. a photocopy of your passport).
• Don't trust strangers.
• Make sure to have extra cash (in the currency of the country you are in) in case you need to take a taxi home.
• Be aware of the local transportation system (bus & subway schedules & pick up spots).
• Plan ahead. Before you drink, set limits & designate a SOBER friend in charge of making sure everyone comes home safely. Stick to your plans.
• Eat a high protein meal before you drink, and continue to eat while drinking.
• Drink juice or water between drinks containing alcohol.
• Don't gulp your drink or do shots.
• Avoid group drinks. There are easy to drug, and you don't know how much alcohol is in them.
• Travel and stay in groups. Don't leave a friend behind, even if s/he says s/he is okay.
• Always keep your eye on your drink; it's the best way to protect yourself from predatory drugs.
• Drink 1 drink per hour, not exceeding 2 drinks for women and 3 drinks for men in one day.
• Don't mix alcohol with prescription, over the counter, or illicit drugs.
• It's okay to choose not to drink.
Illegal Drugs

The act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited on study abroad programs. Laws concerning drugs differ in other countries; the penalties for violating host country laws can be severe. The rights of due process under U.S. laws do not apply in foreign countries.

Texas A&M will not tolerate the use or possession of illegal drugs. Any student caught with illegal drugs while abroad may be subject to immediate dismissal from the study abroad program as well as the penalties of the host country. See Appendix VII: Texas A&M University Drug Rules, part of the Student Rules.
Common Types of Emergencies

- Lost passport
- Flight canceled or delayed
- Injury or illness
- Robbery
- Emergency at home
- Medical attention or hospitalization required

Contact Study Abroad Programs Office at:
- **24/7 Emergency phone** *(call/text)*: 979-255-6103
- **Emergency Email**: studyabroademergency@tamu.edu
- **Main Phone**: 979-845-0544
  - Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (CST)
Other Study Abroad Emergency Resources

Other helpful resources to utilize in the event of an emergency include:

- On-site support staff
- Texas A&M Student Counseling Service **Helpline**
- U.S. Department of State **Overseas Services**
- International health insurance provider for medical emergencies or Cultural International Services International *(if enrolled)*:
  - If calling inside US: +1 (855) 327-1411
  - If calling outside US: +1 (312) 935-1703
  - Email: medassist-usa@axa-assistance.us
Upon Return

Information you need to know after your international experience
Global Engagement Opportunities

- Participate in the annual **Study Abroad Fair** photo contest. Details will be sent around mid-late August.
- Use **#AggiesAbroad** when posting content on social media
- Complete the *post-program evaluation* from the Study Abroad Programs Office
- Be a study abroad ambassador for your academic college or a third-party program provider
- Attend the **Professional Development Workshop for Study Abroad Returnees**
Professional Development Workshop for Study Abroad Returnees

- Held every fall and spring semester
- Focus on successfully marketing a student’s study abroad experience for future career opportunities
- How to tell your story
- Interview tips
- Résumé / Cover letter building
- **Discussion points to highlight the benefits of your student experience abroad**
- How to stay internationally involved
Final Steps

You have successfully completed the online orientation presentation, outlined below are the next steps:

1. Return to your application, by logging in at studyabroad.tamu.edu.
2. Click on the link to your program application.
3. To receive credit for reviewing the content, click Mark as Read button within the Online Orientation item under the Learning Content section.
4. Complete the set of assessment questions, which is a separate application item.