A study-abroad experience expands students’ intellectual and personal development as they become immersed in other cultures. Students gain a critical self-awareness, an appreciation for a multicultural world, and a clearer understanding of their own culture. Study abroad prepares students to assume their role as responsible world citizens and to succeed professionally in today’s global economy.

The Study Abroad Office offers students the opportunity to participate in a variety of study abroad programs at locations around the world. The credit students earn may be applied toward a degree at Texas State. Some of these programs involve direct enrollment in an overseas institution, while other programs are led by Texas State faculty.

Through Texas State Study Abroad Programs, students can spend from one week to a full academic year in another country either by learning another language, by concentrating their studies related to a specific topic in their field of study, or by participating in an internship. Texas State Study Abroad Programs include a variety of activities that allow students to learn and experience the culture of the host country. In some of these programs students have the opportunity to live with a host family to become totally immersed in the culture of the host country for a more comprehensive learning experience.

Program locations vary each year. Students may learn more about these programs from current information located in the Study Abroad Library. In addition to information about Texas State’s Study Abroad Programs, the Study Abroad Library houses a wealth of information about programs available from other universities as well as study-abroad providers.

**Financial Assistance for Study Abroad Programs**

Most of the financial aid that students would normally receive for studying at Texas State may be applied toward Texas State Study Abroad Programs. Additionally, there are many schools and study-abroad providers that offer financial aid for attending their programs. If a student is on federal or state financial aid, it is recommended that the student speak with a representative of the Texas State Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to determine the application of such aid to any study-abroad program and the possible adjustment to meet the student’s needs.

The Study Abroad Office also has information on scholarships that are available to students who want to study abroad. At Texas State, students are also eligible for the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS). This scholarship program is funded through the student service fee account. The scholarships are distributed in a competition open to all undergraduate and graduate Texas State students, including international students, who meet the established eligibility requirements.