



Pamplin International Programs

Global Learning

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Global learning can take place through different forms of academic and co-curricular experiences. Pamplin provides a variety of study abroad programs designed specifically for business students, as well as opportunities to serve as a Global Mentor, partake in the International Business and Social Innovation Track of the Mozaiko Global Living Learning Community, and minor in International Business. This guide provides an overview of the different global learning experiences that are available to you.

Study Abroad

Gain A Competitive Edge

With globalization, employers are looking for employees who can lead, navigate, and work in diverse cultural contexts. Studies show that international learning experiences help students gain global perspectives that allow them to develop transferable skills, such as intercultural competency, adaptability, self-awareness, communication, problem solving, tolerance for ambiguity and more.

Increase Career Opportunities

International learning experiences expose students to business cultures and operations in different environments, thus providing students the confidence and skills to pursue broader and diverse career pathways. Nationally, 75% of students believe study abroad improved their chances of getting a job.

(www.iie.org/employability)

Funding Your Study Abroad Experience

The **key to funding your international learning experience is early planning** because it will allow you time to apply for various study abroad scholarships, identify the best program that fits your budget, as well as implement a savings plan. Study abroad can be affordable, as the cost varies by program, length, and location. For example, international exchanges allow students to pay Virginia Tech (VT) tuition and fees to study at another university. Depending on the location, room and board cost may be less or equivalent to living on or off-campus.

To fund your study abroad experience, keep the following in mind:

- In most cases, you can apply your financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans) towards study abroad ([more info](#)).
- There are a number of VT study abroad scholarships you can apply for that helps with covering program costs ([more info](#)).
- A number of need-based scholarships are available for undergraduate and graduate students participating in Pamplin-sponsored study abroad programs ([more info](#)).
- There are a variety of third-party program, host university, international, and national scholarships you can apply for ([more info](#)). Therefore, it is important to look into all funding options when planning your study abroad experience.

More information about funding your study abroad can also be found at the end of this document.

Employability Statistics

65% of employers look for international experiences

90% look for transferable skills that students develop through study abroad

*Results from The Erasmus Impact Study: Effects of Mobility on the Skills and Employability of Students

49% of non-study abroad college graduates obtain employment within one-year

97% study abroad college graduates obtain employment within one-year

*Results from IES' Recent Graduates Survey: The Impact of Studying Abroad on Recent College Graduates' Careers

Selecting the Right Program

Pamplin College of Business encourages all students to have global experience, as it is necessary for today's career success. Pamplin offers a number of semester and short-term programs, as well as exchanges and internships, selected specifically for business students. Designed to develop global business knowledge, skills, and competency, **these programs can be integrated into your plan of study, allowing you to complete your degree on-schedule.**

Semester programs allow students to gain a truly immersive experience in a different culture, while earning course credits that satisfy degree requirements. Pamplin offers a number of selective semester programs that provide courses in the areas of finance, international business, marketing, management, and business information technology. For example, students enrolled in the Lugano, Switzerland program can earn 18 credits towards their marketing degree requirements, while students in the Prague, Czech Republic program can earn 21 credits towards their degree and international business minor requirements.

Short-term, faculty-led programs range between 1 - 6 weeks, taking place typically over winter, spring, and summer, and are led by VT faculty members. Pamplin currently offers 13 short-term, faculty-led programs for 2018-2019. Students explore a variety of topics ranging from business practices, culture, operations, and leadership, to entrepreneurship and economic development. Examples of short-term, faculty-led programs include Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Ukraine, International Business in Australia, Service Learning in the Dominican Republic, and Global Explorations in Chinese Business and Culture.

International exchanges are formed as a result of partnership agreements between VT and international universities, allowing students to pay VT tuition and fees to study at another institution. Programs are available for summer, semester, and academic year terms. There are a number of exchange partner universities that are specifically selected/recommended for Pamplin students based on strong academic programs, English-language classes, internship opportunities, location, and course equivalencies. Examples of exchange institutions include Institute-Mines Telecom Business School (Paris, France), Bocconi Business School (Milan, Italy), Oxford Brookes University (Oxford, United Kingdom), Korea University Business School (Seoul, South Korea), and University of the Sunshine Coast (Queensland, Australia).

International internships enable students to gain real-world work experience in a global business context relevant to their career pursuits, while earning credits towards degree requirements. Pamplin has partnered with third-party providers and international universities to provide students internship opportunities in Argentina, Australia, China, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, France, and more.

Independent study abroad is a way for students to design their own international experience and receive course credits towards degree requirements. Students can conduct a research project based on their interests, intern with a company in their area of study, and/or volunteer with an organization overseas. This option requires students to take the lead in identifying and pursuing the learning and skills they want to gain.

More information about specific programs can be found at international.pamplin.vt.edu.

Be sure to read Passport and Businfo, e-newsletters automatically sent to students' emails, to keep up with timely information.

Pamplin College of Business 2018-2019 Study Abroad Programs



Winter Programs

Australia—International Business

Dominican Republic—Resort Management in Punta Cana

India & United Arab Emirates—Business, Culture, and Leadership in India, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi

Italy—Business and Culture

Southeast Asia—Service Learning in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand

Spain—Business, Culture, and Leadership

Ukraine—Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Spring Embedded Courses

Brazil—Global Explorations in Brazilian Business and Culture (Spring Break)

Dominican Republic—Service Learning (May)

Ireland—Journeys to Entrepreneurship (May)

Summer Programs

China—Global Explorations in Chinese Business and Culture

Europe—Business and Culture

France—Business and Culture

Semester Programs

Asia Pacific—Study Abroad and Internship

Barcelona—Fall or Spring Semester with IES

Czech Republic—Fall Semester in Europe

Italy—Fall or Spring with CIMBA

Scotland—Fall or Spring Semester at St. Andrews

Switzerland—Spring Semester in Zurich

Switzerland—Spring in Lugano

Switzerland & Africa—Fall Creating Social Change



Participate in the Mozaiko Global Living-Learning Community

In Mozaiko, U.S. and international students live together in a community, sharing experiences, practicing languages, and engaging in intercultural dialogue. Faculty, staff, and visiting international experts will challenge the ways students think about their lives in the context of an increasingly connected world. Located in Harper Hall, this global living-learning community is designed for students from all majors who are interested in international affairs, service, business, development, foreign language, and preparing for a lifetime of intercultural leadership. Mozaiko is also a great option for students studying abroad and need housing in their fall or spring semester.



In collaboration with the Cranwell International Center, Pamplin is able to offer the International Business and Social Innovation Track to all business students, who are interested in exploring the global impact of business. Students will:

- have an opportunity to enroll in the International Business minor,
- participate in events such as international business lecture series, and
- apply their skills and knowledge in service learning, applied research, or internship-focused study abroad.

Application to live in Mozaiko opens in late Fall each year. [More information at llc.vt.edu/mozaiko](http://llc.vt.edu/mozaiko).

Serve as a Pamplin Global Mentor

Pamplin Global Mentors work closely with business international and exchange students, serving as a resource and guide to help students adjust to living in the U.S., as well as navigate the VT culture and educational experience. Mentors are selected through a competitive application process and are required to participate in trainings that prepare mentors to work with students from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Benefits of serving as a Pamplin Global Mentor include:

- Gain and develop intercultural, leadership, inclusive communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Hands-on experience in building a supportive community for all international students within Pamplin.
- Build new connections.
- Learn new insights about different cultures, while staying at VT.

Applications for Global Mentors open in early April each year.



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Being a Global Mentor has given me the chance to help create an ‘American Experience’ for international students, while learning about their various cultures and countries!

—Leo, 2017-2018 Global Mentor



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Want to explore your global learning options?

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USING FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDYING ABROAD

YES! In most cases, you can apply your financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans) towards study abroad

How do I request my financial aid be applied towards study abroad?

Submit the **Global Education Office Financial Aid form** (if you have federal aid and/or scholarships)

Deadlines

June 1 for fall • **November 1** for spring semester and winter session • **March 1** for summer I + II

How much aid will I receive?

The Financial Aid Office uses the costs of your study abroad program to adjust your Cost of Attendance (COA). Generally, your COA will be increased if your study abroad costs exceed your on-campus costs, allowing you to apply for more loan aid, should you need it.

When will I receive my aid?

Federal aid won't be paid out till after you've arrived abroad (faculty-led excluded as aid will be disbursed on the same pay out schedule as if you were still on campus)

Contact the Financial Aid Office

 (www.finaid.vt.edu)

- To make sure in advance whether your type of aid (i.e. 529 plan) is applicable to study abroad
- If you need alternative ways to pay upfront costs the Financial Aid Office can advise you on loan options

NON-VT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sites with searchable databases

GoAbroad.com
Diversity Abroad
Scholarships.com
Studyabroad.com
Fastweb

IIE Study Abroad Funding
The Scholarship Portal
University of Minnesota
University of Kansas
International Education Financial Aid

VT SCHOLARSHIPS

VT College and Departmental Scholarships

Always check with your college to see if there are any funds available

Global Education Scholarships

Amounts vary from \$500 to \$1,500. Financial need-based, however, a FAFSA is not required as consideration is also given to need not addressed by the FAFSA. Also for international students.

Requirements: GPA 2.5 minimum, full-time enrollment in credit bearing programs (12 VT credits semester, 6 for summer, 3 for short winter/spring)

Deadlines: February 6 (for fall and summer II), September 6 (for winter and spring), December 6 (for summer I)

Steger Center Scholarships *(only for Steger Center programs)*

- Steger Center International Scholarships**
FAFSA must be on file, full-time student enrollment required (12 credits for a semester, 6 for summer, 3 for winter), no application as students are automatically considered
- The Steger Room Fund**
Full-time enrollment required (12 credits for a semester, 6 for summer, 3 for winter). FAFSA not required. Apply through the GEO website. Deadlines: Sept 6 (for spring), Feb 6 (for fall)
- Nyfelor Scholarship**
For semester students at the Steger Center (12 VT credits minimum). You need to identify a project that will enhance your Steger experience for which you need to submit a proposal. Deadlines: Sept 6 (for spring), Feb 6 (for fall)



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