



EMBARk TO EXCEL

A VIRTUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON STUDY ABROAD

AND THE SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS GLOBAL CITIZEN

Tuesday, Nov. 15th // 11am - 5:30pm EST



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International
Education
Week

SCHEDULE

Feel free to join us for the full conference or for specific sessions. Registrants will receive recordings of every session, as well as session handouts.

- 11:00-11:15a** Welcome and Introduction: What does it mean to be a Socially Conscious Global Citizen?
- 11:30-12:15p** Why You Should Study Abroad: What it is, Why it Matters, and How to Get Started
- 12:30-1:15p** Show Me the Money: Putting Together an Award Winning Scholarship Application
- 1:30-2:00p** Keynote Speaker: Tracey Friley of The Passport Party Project
- 2:15-3:00p** Disconnecting and Stay Connected Abroad: Engaging our Communities While Overseas
- 3:15-4:00p** Using Your Study Abroad Experience as a Catalyst for Your Academic and Career Goals
- 4:15-5:00p** Study Abroad Is for You, Too! Stories from Diverse Study Abroad Alumni on the Benefits of Studying Abroad and Addressing Culture, Identity and Fears
- 5:15-5:30p** Ask us anything! An Open Session for your Study Abroad Questions

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Keynote Speaker Bio

Tracey Friley is the founder of The Passport Party Project and One Brown Girl in Paris and has been taking teen girls on travel adventures to places like the U.S. Virgin Islands, Belize, Lake Shasta, Paris & Toronto since 2010. A self-proclaimed culturalista and Francophile, Tracey is also a lifelong entrepreneur with an MBA in Global Management who enjoys planning and hosting trips to Paris for women & girls. Tracey has been honored with a Leadership Award from the United States Bureau of Consular Affairs for the effective use of social media to promote and encourage participation in Passport Day in the USA, along with awards from National Geographic Travel, American Express Passion Project, The Huffington Post, G Adventures, Wyndham's Women on Their Way, Black Enterprise, Black Weblog Awards, and more.

Why You Should Study Abroad: What it is, Why it Matters, and How to Get Started

When we say the term, “Study Abroad”, what comes to mind, and whom do you envision embarking on this journey? We often hear underrepresented students telling us the same reasons that they never pursue study abroad opportunities: “It’s too expensive”, “It’s not important for my major”, or worse, “It’s just not for me”. Despite what study abroad brochures or statistics might show, study abroad is for YOU. During this session, we will review exactly what it means to study abroad, why it’s so important to have international experiences regardless of what you’re studying, and how you can begin this process today! We will show you how an international experience can add a significant dynamic to your academic portfolio and make you a competitive applicant for any professional opportunity you seek.

Show Me the Money: Putting Together a Winning Scholarship Application for the Top 5 Study Abroad Scholarships

One of your (and your parents!) biggest concerns about studying abroad is likely funding. There are so many scholarships out there especially for study abroad - but there are also lots of great applicants. How do you set yourself apart and ensure that scholarship reviewers see the whole story? Hear from scholarship reviewers and advisors on how to put together a winning scholarship application. Also hear about other ways you can fund your experience while waiting to hear back from your scholarship program.

Disconnecting and Stay Connected Abroad: Engaging our Communities While Overseas

As an underrepresented student who decides to study abroad, it is not uncommon to find that you are in the minority when you go overseas. Being one of the few people, if not the only person on your program who identifies as a minority is not without it’s challenges. And no matter how enthusiastic you are in navigating new and unfamiliar cultures or environments, you may begin to feel homesick and alone, with no place to reaffirm that you are where you need to be. This, coupled with the daily overdose of negative media and the expected stressors of culture shock can adversely contribute to your psychological or physiological wellness. This session will examine how to balance disconnecting from negative digital spaces that simultaneously give you a sense of community while you’re overseas.

Using Your Study Abroad Experience as a Catalyst for your Academic and Career Goals

While studying abroad is sure to be a fun experience, how can you use this experience to catapult you towards global leadership after graduation. During this session, hear from graduate school and career advisors who can help you understand how international experiences can be perceived by admissions officers and hiring managers and how to talk about your experience as it relates to your academic and career goals.

Study Abroad Is for You, Too! Stories from Diverse Study Abroad Alumni on the Benefits of Studying Abroad and Addressing Culture, Identity and Fears

Have you ever spoken to diverse students about what it’s really like to study abroad as a person of color? In this session, hear from students of varied backgrounds and fields of study who have spent time in countries across the globe. What if you study abroad in a place where you know absolutely no one? What if it’s your first time leaving your family? What did your employer think of your study abroad experiences in emerging markets? Was it dangerous? Study Abroad alumni from various walks of life will share their thoughts, experiences, and advice on studying abroad as diverse students and will share the personal and professional impact this experience has had on their life since. Participants will be able to ask their own questions of the panelists during the session.