Education Abroad opportunities engage students in an international arena, providing new academic perspectives, broadening knowledge of international affairs, and allowing for a deeper understanding of other cultures. In addition to enhancing a student’s degree program, education abroad provides students with direct experience developing intercultural skills necessary for success in an increasingly diverse and global workforce.

The Office of International Programs offers more than 900 international opportunities, including for-credit and not-for-credit programs for study, research, internships and service learning. Students can maintain full-time enrollment at CSU while abroad, and credit from approved programs may be applied towards an overall degree program at CSU. Students who successfully complete an approved program (with a grade of C- or better) are eligible for a waiver of the All-University Core Curriculum Global and Cultural Awareness (AUCC 3E) requirement.

Education Abroad oversees programs in nearly every country around the world and provides support services to students, including advising, orientations, outreach, program coordination and risk management oversight. Students considering any type of international experience are required to work with the Office of International Programs in preparation for their time abroad. Advance planning helps assure that international endeavors will not unnecessarily prolong degree completion and that all health and safety preparations have been addressed. Advance planning also assures that students meet application deadlines, which can range anywhere from two months to twelve months before a program begins.

The Office of International Programs also works closely with CSU’s academic partners Semester at Sea and the CSU Todos Santos Center to foster international opportunities for CSU students, faculty and staff.

**Financial Aid for Education Abroad**

In most cases, CSU financial aid can be applied to cover the costs of an education abroad program. In addition, through CSU’s partnerships, the Office of International Programs facilitates more than $450,000 in annual scholarships to support education abroad. Students can apply for many of these through the Education Abroad Common Application (http://educationabroad.colostate.edu/scholarships) and/or their CSU sponsored programs.

Nationally competitive scholarships are also available, including the NSEP Boren and IIE Gilman awards. Students interested in scholarships should contact the Office of International Programs as early in their college career as possible since some scholarship deadlines are as much as a year in advance.

Further information on eligibility requirements, deadlines, policies, procedures, financial aid, and costs related to study abroad may be found on the Education Abroad (http://educationabroad.colostate.edu) website.