

Peer Advisor Programming and Projects

Claremont McKenna College, Off-Campus Study, Nicole Sheldon-Desjardins, ndesjardins@cmc.edu

- Introduction to Study Abroad - presentation of basics of study abroad (costs, timeline, housing, credits, language requirements, etc.) with alumni panels
- Predeparture Orientations - scenario discussions with alumni, breakout groups with outbound and returned students from the same country
- International film screenings and discussions with study abroad alumni from the countries presented in the films
- Study Abroad Research and Internship Dinner - study abroad alumni present on research and internships/volunteering conducted while abroad
- Classroom visits - five minute presentations on study abroad
- Peer Ambassadors lead ice breakers and team-builders at study abroad and domestic semester program orientations
- Weekly newsletter - sent to all sophomores (and freshmen in the spring) with weekly events, a program spotlight, and information about upcoming opportunities and deadlines
- The Claremont Globetrotter - semesterly publication of writing and photos from students abroad
- Manage Facebook page - themed daily postings (<https://www.facebook.com/CMC.OCS>)
- Create informational videos about different aspects of study abroad
- Mentoring program - match current students abroad with on-campus mentor who studied in that destination, also connect current students abroad with CMC alumni living in their host country/city
- Postcard party - gathering for mentors (study abroad returnees) to write postcards to mentees abroad and reflect on their own study abroad experiences
- Five college meet and greet - informal dinner gathering for outbound study abroad students from all five Claremont consortium colleges to meet other students going to their destinations
- Special topics information session: regional meetings, budgeting for study abroad, study abroad for second semester sophomores, how to market your international experience (with Career Services)

Columbia University, Office of Global Programs, Sara Ede, see2119@columbia.edu

- Regional information sessions
- Themed information sessions: LBGTQ Abroad and new for 2014: International Students Abroad, Female Travelers, First Generation Students Abroad.
- College specific: overSEAS information session to increase engineering participation in study abroad. Includes creation of a wide variety of online materials to make the engineering process more transparent. General Studies information session to show that you can be an adult student and go abroad.
- Student groups: Military Vets Abroad, Italian Club, Sustainable Development Student Group, Sororities/Fraternities, et cetera
- Classroom visits: Promoting Columbia-run programs only
- Pre-departure orientations: Offer site specific information
- Blogging: <http://blogs.cuit.columbia.edu/studyabroad/>

UC Davis, Study Abroad, Staci Hagen, srhagen@ucdavis.edu

- Diversity training
- Stress relief through breath work, meditation & yoga
- Student sponsorship in on campus development conferences/learning opportunities
- Classroom, club & dorm presentations: "UC Davis Study Abroad in 5" - script learning, presentation skills, staff feedback
- Two-day training in September that includes: staff presentations on programs, role play scenarios at the front desk, how to advise students, understanding the skills of an advisor,
- Create/manage Facebook groups
- Participation on the "Aggies Abroad Network" -- <http://ucdavisabroad.com>
- Pre-departure orientation support for Summer/Quarter/UCEAP programs
- How to market yourself through study abroad -- resume workshop (through the Career Center)