

RED HAWKS ABROAD

A newsletter from International Academic Initiatives



**MONTCLAIR STATE
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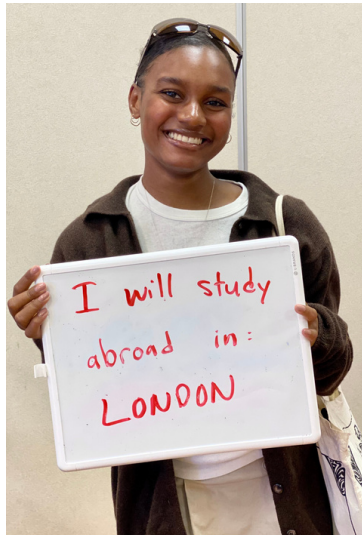
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Study Abroad returns with strong numbers and SOAR access scholarships

We are so pleased to share that student interest in study abroad programs has been extremely strong! Our office has had a constant flow of students who are looking to learn more about study abroad and we are thrilled to meet with them. Please continue sending them to see us in Cole 349.

The increased interest pairs well with our new S.O.A.R. scholarships (Study abroad Opportunity and Access Resources), offered for the first time with funding secured by the Provost's Office. In this pilot year, the SOAR Committee is awarding \$1000 for faculty-led programs and \$3000 for Spring 2023 semester programs. There is another application deadline of Feb. 1st, 2023 for summer 2023 programs, with \$2000 awards available. Designated for students with demonstrated financial need, SOAR awards help bring study abroad within the financial reach of many more students.



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I cannot wait to get to London, learn in a new environment, see the tourist sights, and find a few hidden gems. I am ecstatic to be studying abroad. It is nerve-wracking, but also thrilling.

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-- Elisha Telesford, who will spend Spring 2023 in London

Visiting Scholars Program Resumes

After being suspended during the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Montclair State Visiting Scholars Program resumed as of September 1st, 2022. Through this program, our faculty can initiate an application for an international scholar to visit their department and participate in research, teaching, and/or workshop activity, which is mutually beneficial to our university and the visiting scholar. Applicants should make sure to begin their Academic Application at a minimum of four months before the proposed start date. The application can be accessed here: www.montclair.edu/international-academic-initiatives/international-visiting-scholars/

Faculty-Led Programs: Call for Proposals and Workshop

We recently sent out the Call for Proposals for Faculty-Led programs for the 2023-24 academic year. We are pleased to share that the deadline to submit is not until February 15th, 2023, providing time for faculty to cultivate ideas and craft proposals in the coming weeks. Please save the date for a **Faculty-Led Workshop on Wed. Jan. 18th** from 2-3pm in Cole 340. An invite email will be sent out soon. Email bendettj@montclair.edu to RSVP and learn more.

For 2023-34, our office seeks to diversify the portfolio of programs offered in terms of the countries visited as well as the academic disciplines engaging in faculty-led travel. We welcome and encourage you to submit a proposal for a program!



Red Hawks abroad in Athens, Summer 2022. They studied theatre on a faculty-led program with professors Randy Mugleston, Mark Hardy, and Jessica Brater.

I.A.I. Office Staff Updates

After several years of covid uncertainty and staff transitions, the I.A.I. office now has a more complete team to support the international academic initiatives of students, faculty, and staff colleagues. The team of three includes: **Tim White**, Director of International Academic Initiatives, who joins Montclair State anew after serving as faculty and internationalization chair at NJCU; **Jeff Bendett**, Coordinator for Faculty-Led Programs, who has concrete short-term study abroad experience and transitioned internally from a role at the Graduate School; and **Jessica Epstein**, Coordinator for Exchanges and Semester Programs, who is new to Montclair State but brings rich experience in study abroad advising and exchange programs. They are **located in Cole 349** and report to Dr. Katia Paz Goldfarb, Associate Provost for Hispanic Initiatives and International Programs, as an office within Academic Affairs. They welcome your collaboration and ideas.



Tim White



Jessica Epstein



Jeff Bendett

Exchange Student Events

The IAI office manages exchange programs with partner universities such as the University of Seoul, Northumbria University, Uni Graz, and many others. One of the best ways to open up spots for Montclair State students to study at these universities for a semester or year is to provide *their students* with a great experience when they study here with us. This is why we may contact you for assistance in getting these foreign exchange students into courses they need, and also why we launched a series of academic tours of New York. National Student Exchange and international exchange students enjoyed tours of Central Park, Times Square, the Brooklyn Bridge, and Wall Street in Fall 2022. We also hosted an Exchange Open House in November 2022, where outbound MSU exchange students headed to Uni Graz, Seoul, and Northumbria got to meet students from these same universities who are here with us this semester. Please contact us if you would like to get involved!



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