What is a Study Abroad Ambassador?

The Study Abroad Ambassadors, together with the staff in the Office of Study Abroad, aim to generate interest in study abroad. Ambassadors act as advocates for off-campus study through advising prospective study abroad students, speaking at events, creating and leading programs, and developing new ways to share study abroad opportunities. By sharing their diverse experiences abroad and showing that students from a wide variety of backgrounds participate in study abroad, Ambassadors help prospective participants find the best programs for their needs.

What do Study Abroad Ambassadors do throughout the year?

Among many things, Ambassadors:
- Advise students, plan events, or generate marketing content during one hour of office hours each week.
- Advise students informally outside of the office.
- Help facilitate study abroad events such as re-entry, study abroad fairs, pre-departure, etc.
- Brainstorm, develop, market and lead new events.
- Liaise with academic departments on campus.
- Represent the Office of Study Abroad at various functions including, but not limited to: Fall Preview Days, Residence Hall programming, Meet the Majors, etc.
- Work with various campus offices to promote study abroad.

What is the time commitment?

2-5 hours each week for the duration of the 2017-2018 academic year. This includes a weekly one-hour group meeting and one hour of office hours to advise students each week.

Additionally, an orientation prior to the start of the fall semester is required. This year, orientation takes place on Monday, August 28 and Tuesday, August 29, 2017. This normally conflicts with CA and OL obligations.

Am I qualified?

Study abroad returnees, from any semester (including summer!), from a Brandeis-approved off-campus study program during their sophomore-junior years. Leadership abilities, teamwork experience, organizational skills, community involvement, group facilitation skills and enthusiasm sought. A one-year commitment is required.

How Do I Apply?

You can access the application here. (If you are abroad in a location where google is difficult to access, please contact Alisha Cardwell at acardwel@brandeis.edu for another version.) The application consists of some basic information, answering a few written prompts, and submitting your resume.

Deadline

March 30, 2017

Timeline

- Students will learn if they are chosen to be interviewed by Friday, March 31.
- In-person or Skype interviews for selected students will begin Monday, April 3.
- Decisions will be announced by Thursday, April 20.