What is a Study Abroad Ambassador?

Can’t stop talking about your study abroad experience? Tell the world about it! Or at least the Brandeis campus.

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. More details will be available soon regarding orientation. 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?

Fill out the attached application and send it to Alisha Cardwell at acardwel@brandeis.edu by March 30, 2017.
HOW TO APPLY

Deadline

Thursday, 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.

Materials to submit

I. Tell us about yourself!
   a. Name
   b. Major(s)
   c. Minor(s), if applicable
   d. Study Abroad Program and Location
   e. Term and Year Abroad
   f. E-mail Address
   g. Expected Graduation Date
   h. Campus Activities, Leadership Positions, etc.

II. Attach a copy of your resume.

III. Write a paragraph explaining what resources you utilized to choose your study abroad program.

IV. Respond to the two prompts below (approximately 200 words per question).
   a. Please discuss two of the greatest challenges that prospective study abroad students face as they are considering whether to go abroad. How might you, as a Study Abroad Ambassador, address these challenges?
   b. Study Abroad Ambassadors often create and/or lead one small event or project during the academic year. Please describe, in detail, an event or program you would like to implement as a Study Abroad Ambassador to encourage study abroad participation. Creativity counts! Examples from this include: Ice Cream and Internships; #WhereAreTheyWednesday Instagram series; Athletes Abroad Panel. When answering, please address the following:
      i. What is your event or project?
      ii. Why would students come or why is this needed?
      iii. How would you get students there or have students interact?

Please submit all materials via e-mail (attached Word document or PDF) to acardwel@brandeis.edu.

Questions?

Contact Alisha Cardwell at acardwel@brandeis.edu or 781-736-3483.