OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION



Message from the Director



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Dear Students,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the academic year. OGE celebrates another successful year. We approved over 1,000 students to study abroad for the academic year 2024-25. This is one of the highest numbers BC has had in at least ten years. As we head off into the summer, I would like to congratulate all BC prestigious award recipients of the past year and share just a few brief notes.

First, to our first-year students, please take some time over the summer to think about your study abroad plans for junior year. It may seem like a long way away, but OGE will start advising for study abroad again starting in September. The summer is a good time to review the information on the <u>OGE website</u> about abroad at BC and to be prepared for the start of advising in the fall.

Sophomores: you've made it through another year at BC. You are halfway to completing your degree. For those who have decided to study abroad next year at any point, the goal now is <u>preparation</u>. For our fall and full-year and summer abroad students, all of us at OGE wish you the best of luck. Spring students: your semester will be here before you know it and OGE remains available to help with your preparations.

Juniors: welcome back (well, again for our fall students)! The entire staff in the Office of Global Education hopes you have had a wonderful experience abroad. We look forward to <u>hearing your</u> <u>stories</u> throughout your senior year.

Finally, to our seniors: congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We are grateful for all of you who worked with us over the past four years. We wish you the best of luck as you move on from Boston College into whatever next awaits you.

While the campus will slow down over the next few months, OGE staff will be in the office throughout the summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Enjoy the summer and we look forward to working with you in the fall.

Please read on for more information about what is going on with the Office of Global Education!

Regards, Larry Pickener Director, Office of Global Education

Bon Voyage Summer 2024 Students and Summer 2025 Programs

Summer 2024 students will be leaving for their programs in a few weeks. We hope that you have a fantastic summer, learn a lot and make lasting memories! We can't wait to hear about your experiences later this summer and in the fall.

We are also starting to plan for next summer. The Summer 2025 BC faculty-led program and internship offerings— new and returning— will be announced in September. We plan to open the application process for all students in early fall. We encourage all interested students to visit the OGE website in September for updated information. Please contact us at summerabroad@bc.edu with any questions.



Become an Exchange Buddy!

The Office of Global Education is looking for volunteers to help new international exchange students get acquainted with BC life. This opportunity is for any student who is interested in gaining international experience while on BC's campus. <u>Fill out this form</u> to apply by June 1st. Please email <u>oipexchange@bc.edu</u> if you have any questions.

Congratulations to all Prestigious Award Winners!



Photos (L-R): Julia Lovas (CLS), Lucas Geromini (Boren), Amen Amare (FEA), My Kieu/Quang (Fung), Brandon Summers (MGL), Sophie Termaat (Aggad), Lamar Duncan (Gilman), Theodore Wind (JASSO)

In the past year, BC students have had good success with <u>prestigious awards for study abroad</u>: three <u>Critical Language Scholarships</u>, two <u>Boren</u> finalists, an <u>FEA</u> Scholar, a <u>JASSO</u> Scholar, <u>Gilman</u> Scholars TBD, <u>Freeman-ASIA</u> Scholars TBD, next to a number of McGillycuddy-Logue, Fung Fellows and other BC award recipients. Not surprisingly over 50% of the Dean's Scholars have had a study abroad experience and over 62.5% of Sophomore Scholars anticipate studying abroad in the coming year. This is to show that study abroad is a high-impact practice at BC but also a key component for high academic achievement.

Students seeking guidance in applying for prestigious merit awards for study abroad, as well as needbased scholarships and grants for the academic year or summer, are encouraged to meet with the <u>OGE Scholarships Advisor</u>. The University Fellowships Committee has compiled a list of <u>fellowships and scholarships</u> for BC students to explore.

Stories by Eagles Abroad



This semester we have been following student Vlogger Sophie Termaat who has been studying abroad at the American University in Cairo. <u>Watch her incredible videos</u> on our blog site.

Share Your Study Abroad Story



Summer students! We want to hear from you this summer. The Office of Global Education would like to give students to share their study abroad stories with the BC community and beyond. If you are abroad this semester or have gone abroad within the past year and you are interested in sharing your story please <u>fill out this short form</u>. You could be featured on our blog page, Instagram, or podcast.

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