Why Study Abroad?

Open your eyes to the world. Science and technology have no borders! Invest in your future by developing cross-cultural skills that will enable you to communicate with scientists anywhere in the world.

Enhance your career. Learn how to function in a culturally diverse environment early on. Develop broader skills, and ability to adapt to new environments.

Personal growth. See your culture and yourself from a different perspective. Learn to appreciate other languages and cultures, while better understanding your own cultural values.

Did you know that pre-med students can study abroad?

"Many students studying a natural science assume that they can’t study abroad, or that they can’t take classes for their major while abroad, but this is not the case. I was able to take an upper-level biology class as well as a pre-med requirement at University College London. At UCL, students and faculty are literally from every corner of the globe... The friends I made in London hailed from totally different backgrounds and their insights have broadened my thinking and made me feel closer to the global community."

Gabriel Perreault, London, UK, Fall 2009. Perreault is now a student at NYU Medical School.

Experience Biology Abroad!

“It is a widespread misconception that if you are a science student, you won’t have time to study abroad. Even though I am a Biology major, I knew I needed to find a way to study abroad.”
Maia Ashman, Denmark, Spring ’12

What are my first steps?

- Attend an information session
- Research programs
- Declare major – work with UPBM Administrator to create a tentative plan for completing requirements. Will put a place holder in the semester you plan to go abroad
- Meet with a study abroad adviser to discuss programs and courses of interest. Gather details about transferable credits, course levels, descriptions
- Contact the UPBM Administrator with a list of courses to have evaluated for “Departmental Approval”
- Contact Major advisor to obtain Major Approval
Some recommended programs for your BIO major:

**Australia**
The University of Western Australia

IES University of Sydney
[http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/sydney](http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/sydney)

**Brazil**
IES Rio de Janeiro
[http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/rio-de-janeiro](http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/rio-de-janeiro)

Also Consider:
Uppsala University, DIS Copenhagen, IES London, IES Dublin, IES Cape Town, IES Auckland, IES Christchurch, IES Istanbul, CIEE Sharjah. University of York, University of Bristol, Nanyang Technological University.

**Korea**
Seoul National University
[www.useoul.edu](http://www.useoul.edu)

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**Financial Aid**
Financial Aid Counselors meet with students by appointment to discuss their specific study abroad plans and financial aid eligibility.

**Scholarships**
There are many scholarships and loans designed specifically for study abroad. We strongly encourage you to consider applying. UR students have won these scholarships or used this aid in the past.

**Getting Credit**
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For elective credit, consult with a Study Abroad advisor.