Study Abroad as a Pre-Med

How to Make It Happen

- Start your journey by watching the “First Steps” video at pao.ucsd.edu
- Visit with a professional and graduate school advisor in the Career Services Center
- Meet with a Programs Abroad advisor to discuss your goals and plan your trip
- Complete your Academic Planning Form (APF) and discuss your plans with dept. and college advisors
- Apply and GO!

“Having an international field experience working in health clinics and learning aspects of public health and prevention in a unique opportunity for aspiring pre-med students who want to get admitted in a well-recognized medical school.”
– Prof. Wael Al-Delaimy, UCSD School of Medicine

89% of Biology students who took courses in their major abroad received or are in the process of receiving major credit.

Scientific and Math Majors’ Who Studied Abroad Four-Year Graduation Rate

- 71%

Scientific and Math Majors’ Who Did Not Study Abroad Four-Year Graduation Rate

- 57%

How Does Study Abroad Enhance Your Application to Medical School?

Global experience looks GREAT on applications… It shows you have increased cultural awareness & language skills… You can gain valuable clinical experience… Gain a better understanding of international medical practices… And gain flexibility and problem solving skills!

Why Study Abroad?

Regardless of your future career choice, studying abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a liberal arts education!

Develop self-confidence! Independence! Global Understanding! And prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world!

Your resume and/or application to graduate school will thank you for it!
A Smart Investment

Finance your trip of a lifetime by using your campus financial aid package and applying for grants & scholarships through our scholarship database (pao.ucsd.edu)

Financial Aid
Students often apply their financial aid packages toward study abroad, and over half of UCSD’s study abroad participants receive financial aid.

Scholarships
UCSD students were awarded about $500,000 in study abroad scholarships last year, and the Programs Abroad Office offers workshops to help students prepare competitive scholarship essays.

…and when you get back, the Programs Abroad Office can help you with:

- The process of petitioning your courses for satisfying Pre-Med, Global Health, or other academic requirements
- Marketing your global experiences for resumes, applications, and interviews
- Connecting you to a network of other Study Abroad returnees and prospective students at UCSD and throughout the world

Study Abroad: If not now, when?