Call for 2019-2020 Proposals:
UC Davis Study Abroad Faculty-led Programs

PARTNERSHIP SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAMS

Partnership Summer Abroad Programs are a hybrid of traditional Summer Abroad programs and custom or exchange programs. In this new summer model, the UC Davis faculty member oversees UC Davis courses taught by local faculty at an overseas institution, with strict academic oversight by the UC Davis faculty/home department. Programs typically include a core UC Davis lower-division course or upper division “gateway” course, combined with group study that focuses on local history and culture. The model can be particularly useful to help meet demand for highly impacted course on campus. The model was piloted this past summer at University College Cork in Ireland with BioSci 2A, and received rave reviews from all involved.

The courses are taught according to UC Davis specifications, and the chief responsibility of the UC Davis faculty is to oversee the academic quality of the program and serve as instructor of record. As a result, due to UC Davis faculty oversight, the courses appear on students’ transcripts as UC Davis courses. Intensive collaboration is expected between UC Davis faculty/home department and the host institution before the program launches to ensure the material, curriculum, assignments, and assessment given by host faculty strictly adhere to UC Davis course requirements. Unlike the traditional Summer Abroad model, in which UC Davis faculty teach onsite and are responsible for student health and safety, UC Davis faculty in this model are onsite only for the first few days to ensure the program launches successfully; most of the academic oversight is done remotely, and the partner institution is responsible for activities and student support/safety.

This model requires less of a time commitment by UC Davis faculty and provides an opportunity for faculty to build or expand existing cooperative relationships with colleagues at institutions around the world. Because the expense of full-time onsite UC Davis faculty is minimized, this model cost less for students than traditional programs (cost is by far the greatest barrier for students who wish to study abroad).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Instructions for the proposal packet can be found on the UC Davis Study Abroad website under Faculty, Submit a Proposal. Academic Senate and Academic Federation faculty with faculty appointments, as well as retired faculty are eligible to lead programs. Faculty are expected to have prior familiarity with the site and communities.

All proposals must have department approval in the form of a brief letter of endorsement from the department/program Chair/Director.

FACULTY COMPENSATION AND SUPPORT

- All lodging, travel, meal and incidental expenses, when faculty are onsite (subject to campus policies);
- Recruitment and Student Support payment for non-instructional responsibilities on site.
- Modified instructional compensation for academic oversight duties

Program proposals are reviewed by the Study Abroad Program Committee. If selected, faculty will be expected to begin developing their programs in Summer 2018 for the programming cycle of 2019-2020.

Please email proposals to the Faculty Director of Faculty-Led Programs, Aliki Dragona (apdragona@ucdavis.edu). Don’t hesitate to contact Aliki if you have questions about the proposal process.

All proposals are due on Monday, February 5, 2018, by 5:00PM.
Selections will be announced by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.