STUDY ABROAD AWARD – PROJECT TRACKS

PROJECT TRACK #1 – ARTICLE WRITING/BLOGGING

You are now a UC Davis Study Abroad Journalist Ambassador! Please write three (3) articles that help tell your study abroad story (1,500-words for each article).

We want you to dive into a topic you are passionate, or curious, about: food, street art, dress and attire trends, politics and expression, housing and urbanization, religion, immigration, nature...the list goes on and on. What are you curious about and how can you translate this curiosity into a 1500-word article?

A handful of article ideas from past awardees: “Cultural Transition of Syrian Refugees,” “Assessing Global Inequality Beyond the Textbook,” “I Studied Abroad During the Trump/Clinton Presidential Election and This is What Happened,” “Social Media and Technology Use in Cuba.”

Please send along your article ideas to articles@ucdavis.edu for approval before you start writing. In your email message, please include an article title and a 1-paragraph summary. Example below:

I Studied Abroad During the 2016 Presidential Election and This is What Happened

Both the United Kingdom and the United States are going through intense political changes that have gained global media attention. Our country just happened to go through a very intense presidential election while I was studying abroad. This article describes my experience with discovering the election results and the reactions that I got from other international students. I also go in depth about how experiencing this election abroad changed my outlook on the future of the United States. [Full Article]

All articles need to have accompanied photography throughout—with photo captions. We are looking for 5-7 photos connected to each article.

NOTE: Articles may be posted on the Study Abroad website and/or on social media.

Additional Article Options:

- Photo Essay - Take a photo while abroad and write a 1500-word essay letting us know the story behind the photo.
- Interview – Find a local resident from your program abroad and interview the resident on any topic you’d like. Final layout could be more in Q&A format, but please include opening and closing paragraphs.
You are now a UC Davis Study Abroad Social Media Ambassador! Create five (5) Instagram Stories—each will need an approved storyboard before planning/production. Social Media Storyboard Template. Each Instagram Story will need to be 10-12 slides/snaps. We want you to dive into a topic you are passionate, or curious, about: food, street art, dress and attire trends, politics and expression, housing and urbanization, religion, immigration, nature...the list goes on and on. Be creative and have fun!

Please send along your five (5) Instagram Storyboard ideas to instagram@ucdavis.edu. Once approved, all storyboard slides/snaps that make up each of your Instagram Stories should be sent to instagram@ucdavis.edu with your name and program title.
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PROJECT TRACK #3 – PHOTO JOURNALISM

You are now a UC Davis Study Abroad Photo Journalist. This project track is all about taking high quality photos while abroad—with a story/caption connected to every photo taken. We are looking for photos that really bring out the uniqueness of your program. It is expected that those students who choose this project track have a background in photography and plan on having a high-quality camera while abroad.

To complete your project, we are looking for a total of 50 high resolution, high quality photos—with captions.

The photos you submit as part of your project should capture an experience abroad and represent the ideals of study abroad. Your photos should fall into the below categories:

- People & Culture
- Academic Learning and Reflection
- Natural & Urban Landscapes
- Students Having Fun
- Portraits of Students with Creative Use of Natural & Urban Landscapes

Submitting your photos: We will send you a message soon after your program begins with submission instructions!

Please note: Project photos may be posted on the Study Abroad website, in social media, or in publications to help promote your program next year.