November 9, 2020

Dear Students,

You are receiving this message because you have started an application to study abroad. This message is to provide you an important update about study abroad programming for future terms.

**Programming Update**
We are still accepting applications to the program you have selected. However, UW Study Abroad has made the decision to close applications to some programs for the Summer 2021 and Fall/Academic Year 2021-2022 terms. Students with an application to one of these programs and terms will be notified directly by UW Study Abroad Staff about this decision.

It is important to know that although we are continuing to accept applications to your program, conditions do not currently allow for any study abroad programs to run. Many things are considered when determining when it is safe for students to participate, including travel warnings and restrictions (CDC, Department of State, campus, location specific warnings and restrictions), our on-site partners being up and running, and guidance from the UW System.

**Future Programming & Open Applications**
UW Study Abroad is working to offer safe, quality programs for future terms. We want you to have the opportunity to participate safely, and we remain optimistic about the future of study abroad/away.

**Next Steps**
- Review our latest [COVID-19 updates](#).
- Review our updated [guidance for applicants](#).
- Make a back-up plan that doesn’t include study abroad/away, if you need it. Be sure to talk about your plans with your academic advisor(s).
- Learn about [virtual](#) program options. We offer credit-bearing virtual opportunities to engage you in critical global issues and cross-cultural experiences.
- Consider future domestic study abroad/away experiences, beyond Fall 2021.
  - Winter Intersession 2021-22 program applications are planned to open in late Summer 2021, if conditions allow for each program to open at that time.
o Spring 2022 and Calendar Year 2022 program applications are planned to open in Summer or early Fall 2021, if conditions allow for each program to open at that time.

o Continue to check the UW Study Abroad website for information about program applications and deadlines.

**Advising**

Please know you are welcome to connect with our professional staff of advisors at any time. If we can help with any questions as you review this information and consider your plans, please let us know. You may reply to this message directly, and/or find information on advising services here: [https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/advising](https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/advising).

Thank you,

UW Study Abroad