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An Invitation to Parents and Family Members

Dear UC Parents,

I invite you to encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP), the University of California's central international study program.

For 50 years, UCEAP has sent more than 62,000 UC students abroad for an experience many describe as life-changing. This past year, more than 4,500 UC students participated in over 200 UCEAP programs in some 30 countries worldwide. Many were enrolled through UCEAP as full-time students in some of the world's major universities.

UCEAP students take courses that are fully integrated into their UC degree programs. The wide variety of programs includes year-long, one-semester, and summer study abroad opportunities that attract UC students majoring in a range of disciplines, including engineering, the physical and biological sciences, economics, environmental studies and other social sciences, communication, literature, history, drama, and art.

Many UC students use their UCEAP experience to develop proficiency in a second or third language, a proficiency increasingly important for employment in a global economy. Others take advantage of research and internship opportunities that enhance their ability to gain admission to major graduate and professional schools upon their return to California. Many have praised their academically challenging and culturally enriching UCEAP experiences as important to their success as citizens in and contributors to a rapidly changing world.

The University of California makes sure that its UCEAP students have strong support while they're studying abroad. It has Study Centers in all UCEAP countries, run by UC or local faculty and capable local staff. The Study Center staff organize orientations for arriving UCEAP students and help them register their courses, settle into their housing, and take advantage of the rich social and cultural opportunities made available by their host universities and communities. Expert UCEAP specialists also look out for students' health and safety and are available on a twenty-four hour basis in the event of an emergency.

I encourage you to explore the wealth of information available on the UCEAP website at www.eap.ucop.edu/parent. I also invite your son or daughter to stop by their Campus EAP Office, where the campus EAP staff will welcome questions and help them find an UCEAP program that best fits their needs.



Sincerely,
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