



UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA

Education Abroad Program

March 1, 2012

Dear Students,

The staff and directors of the UC Paris Study Center and ACCENT look forward to welcoming you in Paris on **June 18, 2012**. We have an exciting summer planned, and we hope that your preparations for your trip go well.

We are writing today with regard to your housing options.

In your online Predeparture Checklist, you are asked to fill out the ACCENT "Housing Form" expressing a preference for either a homestay or a single or a twin room in the student residence (dorm).

It should be pointed out that in the homestay option you will be provided with breakfast daily and one dinner per week with your family. The rooms at the student residence (dorm) have a kitchenette, but no meals are provided.

We have found over the years that students who stay with host families make significantly greater progress in improving their language skills, and because of the interaction with a French family, they generally get more out of their time abroad than those in the residence. In fact, every year, a number of students express the desire to switch out of the residence into homestays. While we have been able to accommodate some of them in past years, it is not certain that you will be able to exercise the same option once you arrive.

We thus urge you to consider carefully your options and to reflect on the kind of experience you are seeking in your all-too-short stay in Paris.

Please submit the Housing Form as instructed to ACCENT San Francisco. Should you have any questions about the housing options, please contact the San Francisco Center or write to one of us directly.

Again, we look forward to seeing you in Paris.

Sincerely,

Prof. Jean Marie Schultz
Director, UCEAP Study Center
jmschultz@frit.ucsb.edu

Melissa Smith-Simonet
Director, ACCENT Paris
Melissa.Simonet@accentintl.com