

Studying abroad can help careers

Traveling overseas can enrich the pocketbook as well as the mind

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Tiffany Allison wants to go to Papua, New Guinea — and she hopes to find funding for the expedition through the University.

The senior religious studies major said the eastern half of the island of New Guinea is one of the last places where people can still study the effects modern civilization has had on a less developed community.

"I don't want to be an armchair anthropologist," Allison said. "I want to understand by being submerged in a culture."

For hundreds of U.S. students each year, study abroad programs provide a more global perspective, which can be inviting to potential employers.

"Personally, [students] are coming away with another perspective of themselves, of this country and their host country that they can't get without going abroad," said Tom Mills, director of Office of International Education and Exchange. "Employers realize you're able to adapt to another country, another culture and you've gotten that perspective."

Roger Adkins, the OIEE graduate teaching fellow, said studying abroad can be particularly helpful to students pursuing careers in disciplines that are branching out

internationally, such as computers and business.

"It's sort of like you have a puzzle to your life and you are putting the pieces together and studying abroad can be a big piece to the puzzle," Adkins said.

There are many different types of study abroad programs, and students aren't limited to research work in globally competitive markets.

There are programs that provide grants for teaching or researching, working or studying.

One of the more popular programs is the Fulbright and related grants for graduate study and research abroad. The program is designed to give recent graduates an opportunity for personal growth and an international experience.

Students must pitch a proposed study plan as part of their application. Destinations can be anywhere from Chile to Venezuela, Malaysia to Swaziland.

Students can also apply for study money and research opportunities through the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, the German Academic Exchange Service, Rotary International Scholarships or the National Security Education Program.

The requirements and deadlines vary for each program.

"I think it would benefit anybody in any field," Mills said. "Maybe there are more direct applications if you're studying international business but anyone would benefit as a person — being a more enriched citizen."

Study Abroad Opportunities

■ Fulbright and Other Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad.

Preliminary deadline: May 15, 1999.

Final deadline: October 7, 1999

■ Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships.

Deadline: Early October 1999

■ DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Study Grant.

Deadline: October 7, 1999

■ Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Awards.

Deadline: Early October 1999

■ NSEP (National Security Education Program).

Deadline: Mid-fall 1999-early winter 2000

■ Rotary International Scholarships.

Deadline: June 15, 1999

■ Global Graduates.

Deadline: rolling

Studying abroad gives students an opportunity to form real ties with people from other cultures, said Russell Tomlin, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It helps a person mature and grow in their ability to connect with others," he said.

Tomlin said living in a foreign country is a real benefit to students because they learn how to be more flexible and how to problem solve.

Students interested in studying abroad can contact the OIEE at 346-3206. Students interested in internships abroad can contact Global Graduates at 346-0022.



Today's Events

Friday, April 23

■ Award-winning author Peter Matthiessen will deliver the School of Journalism and Communication's 1999 Johnston Lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Room 150 of Columbia Hall.

■ The Oregon Ballroom Dance Club is hosting a dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in Gerlinger 220.

■ The Jewish Student Union is hosting two lectures from Rabbi Joseph A. Edelheit, religious and social issues specialist. The first lecture, "AIDS Activism and Com-

munity Responsibility" will be held at 1 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. The second lecture, "Spiritual Activism in the Face of AIDS" will be held at 7 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room.

■ The Renewal Energy Fair: An All Day Celebration in the EMU Amphitheater featuring King's Soul Project (smooth hip-hop jazz), Honey Bee Groove (local funk/jazz artists), Flynn (high energy alternative music) and Soular (hot locals into solar energy). Earth Spirit Drum Circle (free-form chanting/drumming), closing act,

5:30 p.m. at the EMU Amphitheater.

■ The Outdoor Program is hosting a Banff Festival of Mountain Films. All the movies will be shown on Sunday in 180 PLC. "Mountain Culture and Environment" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. "Mountain Sports" will be shown at 8 p.m. Tickets for the shows are available at EMU Tickets, McKenzie Outfitters and REI. The cost is \$7 for University students and OP Co-op members and \$9 for general admission.

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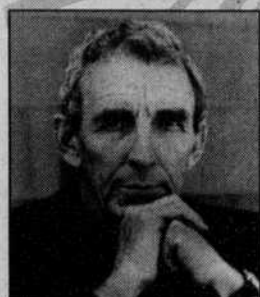


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