

STUDY AWAY



STUDENT GUIDE



CULTURE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

Expand your worldview, build confidence, and stand out after graduation. Research shows that studying away can do all this—and more. As a globally focused university, PLU believes these life-changing opportunities should be for all students. That's why we offer a wide range of programs both abroad and in the U.S. at various cost levels, with strong scholarship support. We encourage you to explore the interconnectedness of our world, sharpen your communication and critical thinking skills, and gain a global perspective—all while staying on track to graduate.

Take your education further—across borders, across cultures, across disciplines. Where will PLU take you?

STUDY AWAY VS. STUDY ABROAD

At PLU, we use the term study away rather than study abroad because we are committed to providing students with off-campus learning opportunities both **globally and locally**. The overarching goal of PLU's global education programs is to increase understanding of the growing interconnectedness of our world and the dynamic relationship that exists among our local communities, our state, nation, and the world. |

INCLUSIVITY

The Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged Education seeks to bring diverse individuals together

to learn from one another in off-campus global and local settings and through programming focused on pressing world issues. In addition to strategic and ethical outreach, the Wang Center aims to provide guidance, support, and resources to foster an inclusive environment for PLU students, faculty, and staff members of all backgrounds and identities to reach that goal. |

INTERNSHIPS

Many semester programs offer the option of pursuing a credit-bearing internship allowing you to progress toward your academic degree while building valuable employment experience in fields related to your academic, professional, and personal interests. |

FUNDING

You can apply your full financial aid and scholarships toward multiple Gateway semester programs and one Featured semester program. For semester study away, students continue to pay PLU tuition, room and board, and student fees. Each J-Term study away course has a set program fee averaging around \$5,500, which includes airfare. Check out the J-Term program brochures for specific details on what each fee covers, and keep in mind that these program fees are an out-of-pocket, additional expense for students. Plan ahead and start saving early! |

PLU GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

The Global Scholar Award helps students with documented financial need make study away possible on Gateway semester or J-Term programs. For PLU Gateway study away programs, awardees receive \$1,500 to be used for expenses not included in the program fee. For PLU J-Term faculty-led study away programs, awardees receive a 25% reduction of the published program fee. While not eligible for the Global Scholar Award, students on Featured programs often have access to scholarships offered by the program provider or host university. |

PELL GRANT RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP

Students who receive a Pell Grant are eligible to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. This is a competitive scholarship funded by the US Department of State, with awards of up to \$5,000. Learn more at plu.edu/studyaway/gilman. |

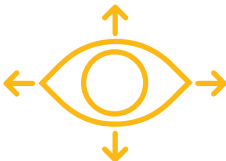
WANG CENTER RESEARCH GRANTS

Each year, the Global Education Committee awards grants to qualified students, faculty, and student-faculty research teams. Students with significant cross-cultural experiences are encouraged to apply for funding to conduct an independent international research project. The Wang Center Research Grant program encourages new global initiatives, internationalizes the curriculum, and fosters student involvement in academic research. |

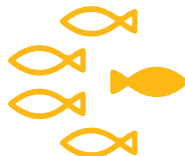


WHY STUDY AWAY?

**CHALLENGE YOUR
PERSPECTIVE**



**STRENGTHEN YOUR
SELF-CONFIDENCE AND
INDEPENDENCE**



**BUILD YOUR
RESUME**



**DEVELOP
COMMUNICATION
AND INTERCULTURAL
SKILLS**



**MAKE LIFE-LONG
FRIENDS AND
GROW A NETWORK
ACROSS THE
GLOBE**



**INCREASE YOUR
ADAPTABILITY AND
PROBLEM-SOLVING
ABILITIES**



**EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS
THROUGH INTERNSHIPS OR
SERVICE LEARNING**



**SEE AND
EXPERIENCE A
NEW CULTURE**



**LEARN ANOTHER
LANGUAGE**



**LEARN NEW
THINGS ABOUT
YOUR OWN
CULTURE**



PLANNING YOUR STUDY AWAY ADVENTURE

The Wang Center supports students throughout the study away process. Here is an overview of what to expect.

EXPLORE

You have many program options! Start at [**plu.edu/studyaway/explore**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/explore) to search for programs by academic discipline (major/minor) and program length, and then schedule a study away advising appointment at [**plu.edu/studyaway/advising**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/advising). There are three program types to explore:

- PLU Gateway Semester
- Featured Semester
- PLU Short-Term

EVALUATE

While you explore program options, go to [**plu.edu/studyaway/explore**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/explore) to learn about what you should consider when choosing which program to apply for, such as academic focus, personal and professional goals, duration, lifestyle, health and wellness needs, identities, location, and cost. In addition to talking with a Study Away Advisor, you can help determine the best program for you by consulting your:

- Academic Advisor(s)
- Student Financial Services Specialist
- Family
- Support Team, which could include the Office of Accessibility and Accommodation, health and/or mental health professionals

APPLY

Submit a well-prepared, professional, and complete application through the Wang Center's online system on or before the deadline. Learn about the application process at [**plu.edu/studyaway/apply**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/apply).

Application Deadlines:

- Fall, Spring, and Summer programs — March 1
- J-Term programs — April 15
- PLU Global Scholar Award — same deadline as the study away program applied for

Semester applications open in November during International Education Week. J-Term applications open in February.

Apply for Funding: Visit [**plu.edu/studyaway/funding**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/funding) for a list of scholarships.

PREPARE

As a study away student, you are required to participate in Wang Center and program-specific pre-departure trainings and other online preparation. These orientations cover basic health and safety, logistics, and essential cultural and personal preparation.

SOJOURN

You will challenge your perspective of the world and yourself by maximizing immersion in host communities. While you are away, the Wang Center is here to support you through it all and is available in case of an emergency.

REFLECT

Upon your return, the Wang Center hosts events for returners and encourages you to submit entries to the annual Photo and Video Contest as a way to share your stories. You are also invited to apply for the Wang Center Global Ambassador leadership role.

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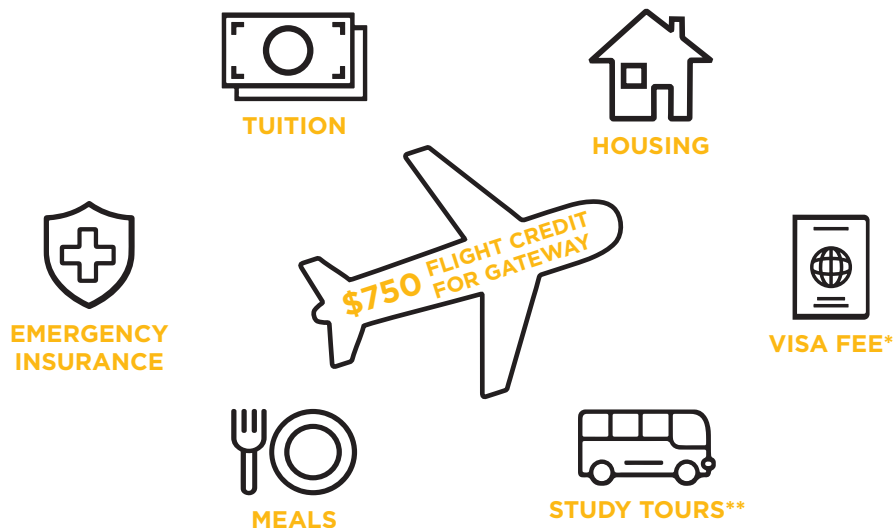
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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The cost for **PLU Gateway and Featured semester programs** is the PLU comprehensive fee (tuition, room and board and student fees). Financial aid and scholarships apply.



NOT INCLUDED

Air travel for Featured / Personal excursions / Books & supplies /
Some Featured program excursions

*Gateway programs cover full visa fee, Featured up to \$300 of visa fee

**Tours vary by program; see website or contact the advisor for details

The cost for **PLU J-Term programs** varies by program. The J-Term program fee includes round-trip airfare, lodging, instruction, program activities, program-related ground transportation, some meals, and emergency medical insurance.

See plu.edu/studyaway/funding to explore study away scholarships!



The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Leshan Giant Buddha in China. The massive stone head of the Buddha is in the foreground, showing its serene expression and the detailed, spiral-patterned hair. Behind the Buddha, a dense forest of green trees covers a hillside. A wooden walkway with a railing is visible, where a group of people is gathered, looking at the statue. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

CHENGDU, CHINA

(FALL)

Focus on Chinese language, culture, business, history, development,
and minority cultures. May include study tours to Beijing and Xi'an.
No previous Chinese language study required.





Individualized education in Oxford, England. Earn IHON, major, minor, or general education credits and study a self-arranged topic with an Oxford professor in individualized tutorials.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

OXFORD, ENGLAND

(FALL OR SPRING)



PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM **OAXACA, MEXICO** (FALL)

Spanish language immersion with a focus on culture, development, social change, and natural sciences. Includes study tours to Mexico City and rural communities. Four or five semesters of college-level Spanish required; internship included.





An ideal location for cultural immersion. Education, natural science, and social science students enroll in coursework at the University of Namibia. Research, internship, and practicum options available. English-speaking country.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

(SPRING)



PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM **OSLO, NORWAY** (FALL)

Focus on Norway's approach to conflict mediation, peace building, and relationships with developing nations. Explore the role of the media, religion, and government institutions in Norwegian society. Coursework in psychology is also offered. No previous Norwegian language study required. Accepted students receive a Scandinavian Initiative Travel Grant of \$2,500.





Focus on business, biology, kinesiology, Nordic studies, and sustainability. Norwegian language classes are available at all levels, other coursework is taught in English. No previous Norwegian language study required. Accepted students receive a Scandinavian Initiative Travel Grant of \$2,500.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

**BØ OR VESTFOLD,
NORWAY**

(FALL OR SPRING)



PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM ST. AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (SPRING)

Learn about the integrative value of the arts in a richly diverse society, the economic and environmental challenges of development, and the commitment to the dignity of all peoples. Students from all disciplines are welcome; English-speaking country; internship available.



FEATURED SEMESTER PROGRAMS

PLU Featured programs are aligned with PLU's mission, faculty-approved, and offered in partnership with organizations and institutions throughout the world. Financial aid and scholarships remain uninterrupted for participation in one Featured Program. |

Aberdeen, Scotland (U. of Aberdeen)
Aix-en-Provence, France (IAU)
Athens, Greece (CYA)
Belgrade, Serbia (SIT)
Florence, Italy (IAU)
Granada, Spain (ILACA)
Hobart, Australia (U. of Tasmania)

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (SIT)
Kathmandu, Nepal (SIT)
Kerambitan, Bali, Indonesia (SIT)
London, England (GEO)
Monterrey, Mexico (ILACA)
Monteverde, Costa Rica (CIEE)
New Delhi, India (SIT)

Rabat, Morocco (SIT)
Seoul, South Korea (CIEE)
Vienna, Austria (IES Abroad)
Wellington, New Zealand (Victoria U.)
Washington D.C., USA (LCWS)*
**Domestic Featured Program*

Additional semester program options may be available by petition process. Contact the Wang Center for information.



SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Short-term programs provide an opportunity for off-campus study lasting eight weeks or less during J-Term, Spring Break, or Summer. |

J-TERM 2026 STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS

J-Term study away courses are intensive academic experiences that are initiated, organized, and carried out by PLU faculty. Program offerings change each year. Programs listed below are being offered in January of 2026. Programs available for J-Term 2027 will be published in January of 2026. |

INTERNATIONAL

China

CHSP 287: Scripts and Artifacts: Learning Chinese Writing Through Museums and Archaeological Sites

England

HIST 288 or IHON 258: British Slavery and Anti-Slavery

England

KINS 326: Adapted Physical Activity

Germany

HGST 387 or PSYC 387: Psychology of Good and Evil in Germany

Greece

RELI 215: Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean

Italy

HIST 289 and ENVT Environment and Society Credit: History of Gender, Economic, and Environmental Development in Italy

Mexico

NURT 487 or GNUR 587/687: Social Determinants of Health in Oaxaca: Understanding the Complexities

Tobago

SOCW 325: Social, Health, and Educational Services in Tobago

DOMESTIC

Puerto Rico

HISP 331/403: Intensive Spanish and Culture in Puerto Rico





STUDY AWAY AT PLU

ALIGNED with PLU mission

INTEGRATED with curriculum
and university systems

RESPONSIVE to academic,
professional and personal
goals and needs

ACCESSIBLE to students of all
financial backgrounds

INCLUSIVE programs provide
immersion experiences for
all students



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