

# TIPS

## For a compelling study abroad application

### *What is the selection committee looking for?*

Well qualified applicants are able to demonstrate how **past contributions, leadership and involvement** have prepared them for a successful study abroad experience. They have a clear **demonstrated interest** in the program and provide sound rationale for why their top choice program is the right fit. They exhibit a high level of maturity and **academic preparedness** and articulate how they will contribute to and engage with their community abroad.

### *What are my chances of getting my top choice program?*

Many study abroad programs are competitive due to limited capacity and the number of applications received. You are advised to **rank up to 3 additional programs that are not highly competitive.**

### » **Apply by the deadline**

Submit your application by the stated deadline on the program page. Many programs will fill during the first round.

- » Summer deadlines vary
- Fall deadline: **March 1**
- Spring deadline: **Varies by program**

### » **Explain your rationale**

Why is your top choice program uniquely suited to help you achieve a professional, academic, or personal goal while abroad? Craft a strong rationale for why you are the best fit for this program and why this program is the best fit for you.

### » **Demonstrate your preparation**

Utilize your résumé and short-essay responses as tools to demonstrate how your past contributions and experiences have prepared you well to study abroad. How will you engage with and contribute to your community abroad?

### » **Use your resources**

The level of preparation you've put into your application shows. Use on-campus resources such as the Writing Center, study abroad website, and attend group advising or drop-in advising.



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