

Greetings to you our Triton Community, from Study Abroad!

I hope this message finds each and every one of you healthy and mentally and physically as well as can be expected during this time of chaos, uncertainty, and huge change.

We certainly have been feeling this in Study Abroad—from the early days of January when we realized we may have to bring our students home from China and South Korea through the end of March when all existing study abroad around the world was suspended and students began returning to their home countries. Soon after that we had to cancel all summer programs, including our own Global Seminars, disrupting study abroad plans for more than 600 students.

We want to thank our campus partners – the Registrar, Financial Aid, HDH, Student Health, the Emergency Operations team, the colleges and the academic departments for being so responsive in helping our students in these extremely fast-moving and time sensitive matters. We all worked together to coordinate the safe return of nearly 130 UC San Diego student from abroad in spring programs, getting them re-engaged with life at UC San Diego.

And now...we look toward the future! While we don't know yet about Fall programs, we anticipate decisions will be made by mid-May. However, the quick shift that our faculty and departments have made to virtual online learning platforms this spring has provided us with the ability to think beyond the traditional model of study abroad and innovate new, hybrid models that might combine online learning and research here at home with shorter-term, more focused internships or lab work once abroad. We look forward to sharing these new program ideas with you soon.

In the meantime, while we continue to help our returnees whose programs were cut short this spring, we work with summer students to help you consider future study abroad opportunities that might fit into your four-year plans, and also to advise students now for Spring and Summer 2021 study abroad programs.

We look forward to speaking with you soon. Please visit our website for information about our comprehensive services: studyabroad.ucsd.edu!

Take care from all of us in Study Abroad