

Education Abroad CHECKLIST: NEXT STEPS

University of the Pacific, International Programs & Services (IPS)

All forms and documents are available online at go.pacific.edu/educationabroad.

Now that you have applied to a Pacific-approved education abroad program, you will need to begin preparing for your time abroad by completing the following next steps:

- ❑ **Download and review the Estimated Budget Explanation sheet.** It is important to share this information with the person(s) who will be supporting you financially during your time abroad.
- ❑ **Pay any and all program deposits.** For some programs, such as USAC, this was due with the application. You will be credited the program deposit amount either on your student account or on your billing statement from the program. However, if you cancel or withdraw from the program, you will NOT be credited for the program deposit and any penalties incurred will be your responsibility.
- ❑ **Obtain a Passport/Renew Current Passport.** Due to lengthy processing times, you should look into this immediately. You will need a passport in order to obtain a visa, so be sure to allow plenty of time for the entire process. Instructions for obtaining or renewing a passport can be found at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html
 - Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date to the U.S.
 - If you need passport photos, view our document: "Passport Photo Locations list".
 - *Non-U.S. Citizens:* Contact the nearest consulate or embassy of your country of citizenship for passport information.
- ❑ **Arrange Transportation.** See our list of recommended companies for finding good deals on airfare under our "Next Steps" page of the EA web site.
- ❑ **Obtain a Visa (where required).** Visa requirements and regulations vary by country. Due to lengthy processing times, you should look into this immediately. You will need a passport in order to obtain a visa, so be sure to allow plenty of time for the entire process. To determine whether you will need a visa, and for instructions on how to apply, look up your host country at:
 - http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.html (see the Entry/Exit Requirements for your host country), or
 - <http://projectvisa.com/>***For more information about visas and a description of common required documents for visa applications, go to the "Next Steps" page of the EA web site.**
- ❑ **Obtain Overseas Health Insurance.** Several programs, such as ISEP, USAC, CIEE, IES, Arcadia, UMN and MSID, have a mandatory health insurance for you to purchase that will provide coverage while you are abroad. If your program provider does not offer a health insurance plan, you can either:
 - Contact your current health insurance provider to see if you are able to extend your coverage overseas, or
 - Purchase a separate overseas health insurance plan. In this case, IPS recommends HTH (<http://www.hthstudents.com/>) for international health insurance. Additional brochures are available in Bechtel.
- ❑ **Obtain an International Student Identity Card (ISIC).** Download the application online and submit your completed application to IPS. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Processing time for ISIC cards is generally 3-4 business days, and you may either pick up your card from IPS or have it mailed to you.