

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs at UMBC

Invitation to proposal development cohort for Summer 2020

The Education Abroad Office within the Office of International Education Services (IES) is responsible for working with you to develop proposals for short-term faculty-led study abroad programs, this spring we will launch our inaugural program development cohort. We will be holding monthly meetings which are required if you intend to propose a program for **summer term 2020**. A cohort model allows us all to work together and learn from each other as part of the process as well as create stronger and more diverse program options for students.

During these meetings, we will cover all aspects of the program development. The meetings will take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, February 6th** from 12:00-1:00pm in Admin 611: Overview of proposal process and timeline, responsibilities of a faculty leader, and benefits
- **Monday, February 18th** from 11:30-1:30pm in Admin 529: Learn how to work with providers including their services and specialties, several partner providers will be invited to discuss options with you
- *Optional: Wednesday, February 20th* from 12:00-1:00pm in Admin 218: Learn from the Faculty Development Center about integrating intercultural learning outcomes into your program
- **Monday, March 11th** from 12:00pm -1:00pm in Admin 529: Provider bidding and decisions
- **Monday, April 8th** from 12:00-1:00pm in Admin 529: Proposal application questions and budgeting
- **Monday, April 29th** from 12:00-1:00pm in Admin 529: Final review of proposal before submission in early May

The deadline to submit your completed proposal is **May 15th, 2019**. This is a firm deadline, as your program will be reviewed by the Study Abroad Advisory Committee and the Committee on Non-Standard Program and Administrative Arrangements as well as receive further approval at financial, academic, and administrative levels.

To join this cohort and propose a program for Summer 2020, please email Caylie Middleton cmiddleton@umbc.edu by January 31 to be added to the group or RSVP via our [MyUMBC group](#).

Faculty-led study abroad programs are 2-6 week international opportunities designed to enhance and complement UMBC's current academic programs. Goals of faculty-led study abroad programs include:

- Develop international short-term study opportunities in a broad range of disciplines and geographical areas that will appeal to a wide range of UMBC students and faculty
- Keep program costs low to promote accessibility for as many students as possible
- Develop programs that complement, enhance, and are integrated into students' on-campus programs/curriculum to the fullest extent possible
- Offer courses that are closely and inherently related to the site at which they are taught—and thus offer educational opportunities students could not get on campus
- Develop opportunities for inter-cultural learning
- Encourage students, through international experiences and study, to value others' perspectives and see themselves as part of a bigger, global world