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# **Study Abroad at Ulowa**

## **You Have Questions – We Have Answers**

**Becoming a Hawkeye – Family Presentation**

Summer 2026

# What is Study Abroad at Iowa?

- Credit-bearing international course work
  - Credit counts towards the UI degree
  - Students fulfill requirements for their major, minor, certificate, general education, experiential learning, and general electives
- 200+ study abroad programs, including global internships
- Located in over 45 countries
- Summer, semester, winter, and academic year programs
- Approximately 1,000 undergraduate students study abroad each year
- 23% more likely to graduate in four years



# Why Do It?

- Academic expansion
  - Take classes that are not offered at UI
  - New perspectives
- Personal growth
  - Maturity
  - Self-confidence
  - Enhanced awareness of global interconnectedness
- Professional development
  - Gain experience employers are seeking
    - Decision making
    - Problem solving
    - Adaptability
    - Resilience

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International Programs

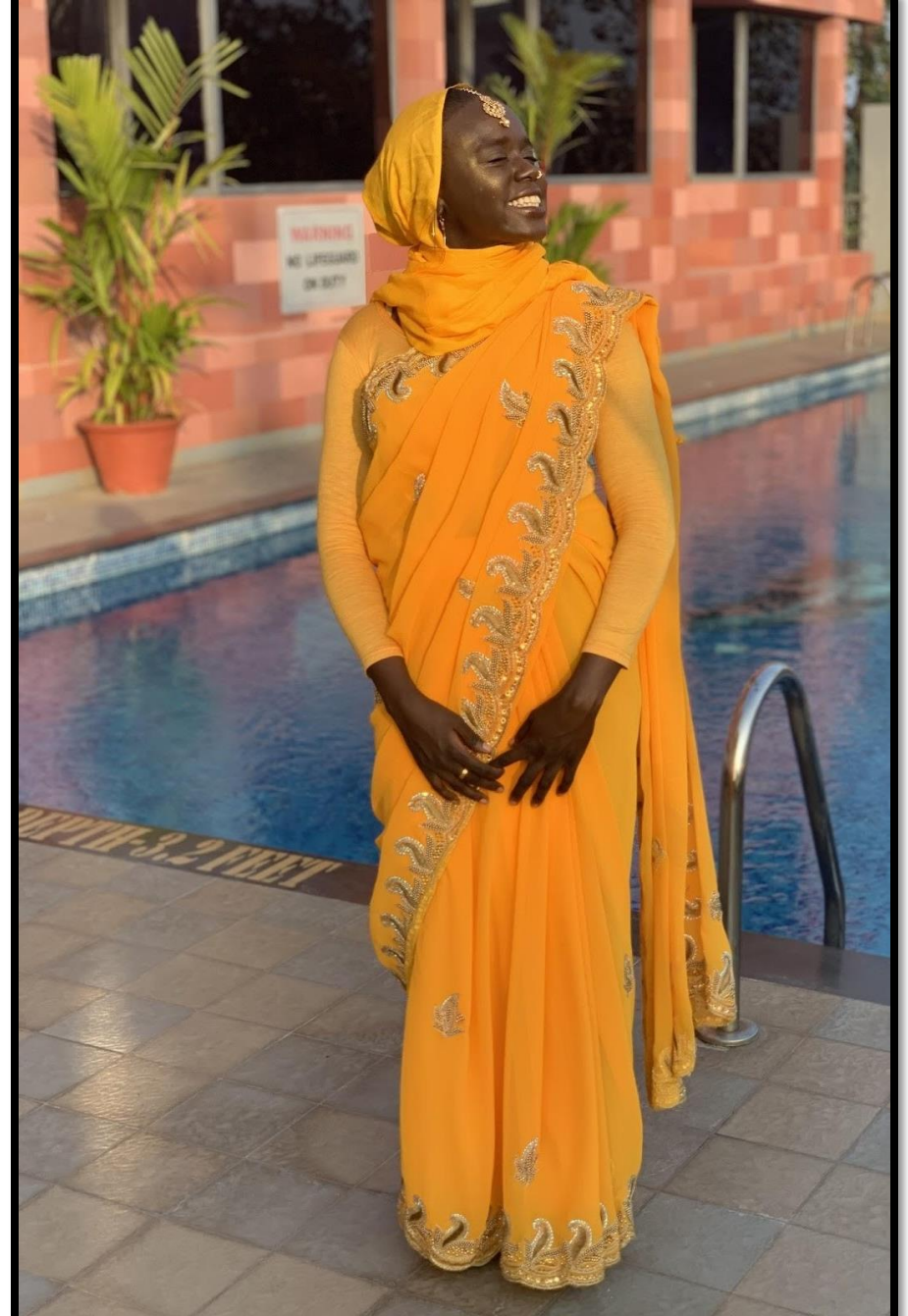




# When to Go?

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- Plan as early as you can (save those gen eds, perhaps take prerequisite classes early)
- Going as a Sophomore is generally ideal (housing, classes, leadership positions)
- Intern as early as the summer after freshman year, but summer after sophomore is typical
- CoE students – sweet spot may be going summer after freshman year
- In general applications open:
  - Aug 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring programs
  - Summer or Fall Jan 1<sup>st</sup>
  - November 1<sup>st</sup> for Summer Internships



# What is Available?

- Sponsored programs
- Program types
  - Faculty-led
  - Affiliated providers/partners \*Top student support
    - Internships
    - Research and service learning
  - Direct enroll and exchange \*For more independent students





# What Will It Cost?

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- Costs billed to U-Bill for sponsored programs
  - Program fee (for faculty-led or affiliated provider programs) **or** UI tuition (for exchanges)
  - Study abroad admin fee
  - CISI insurance
- Semester programs
  - Residents: More expensive than semester in Iowa City
  - Non-residents: Range from less expensive to more expensive than semester in Iowa City
- Summer, winter, and spring break programs
  - Less expensive than semester programs
  - Less financial aid and fewer scholarships are available





# Why Does It Cost That?

- Factors that affect cost
  - Program length/duration
  - Program type (faculty-led, affiliated provider, exchange)
  - Resident vs. non-resident tuition status at UI
  - Number of credits earned
  - Cost of living in host city/country
  - Travel expenses

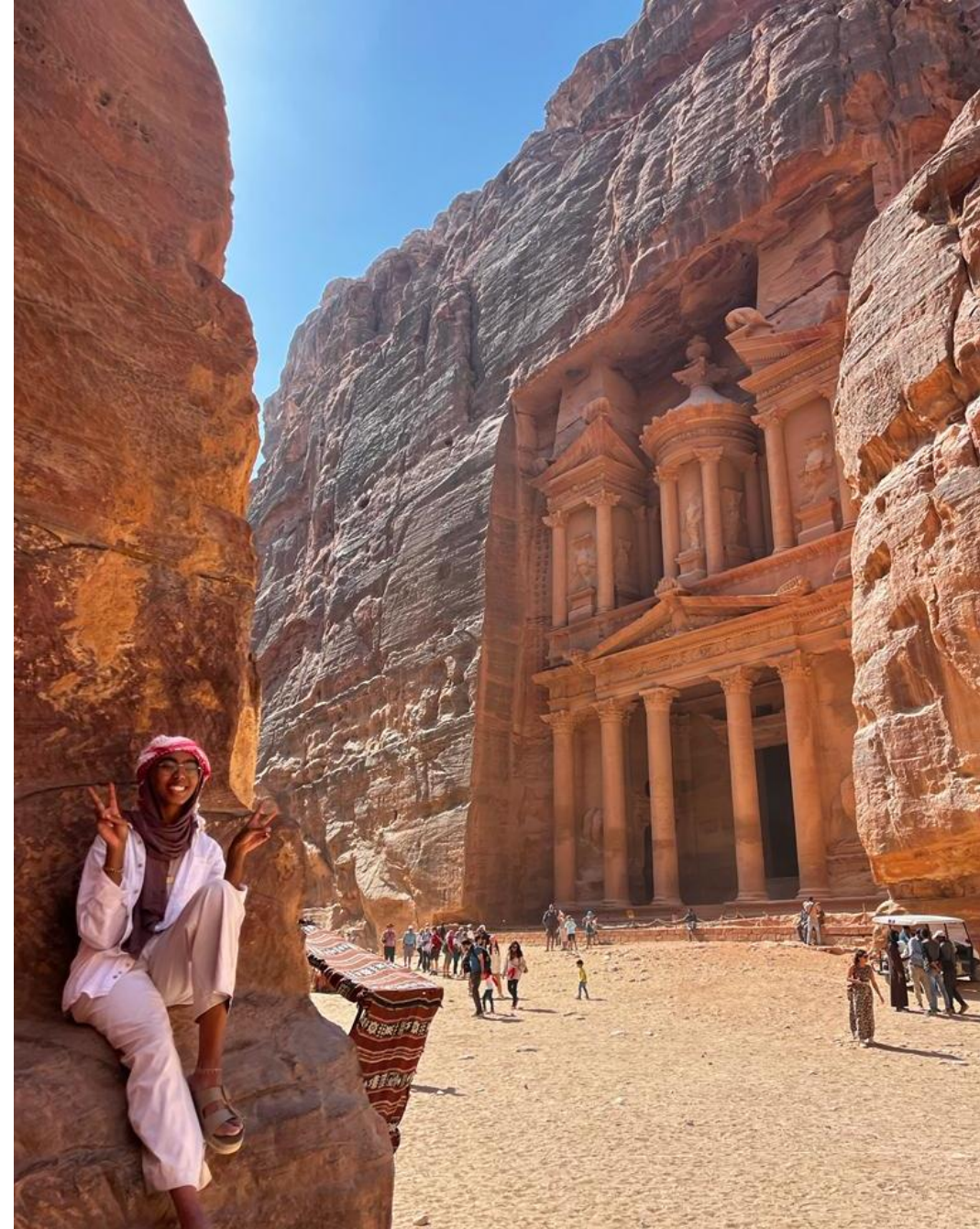




# How to Fund It?

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- 529 funds
- Federal financial aid (Pell Grant and federal loans)
- UI scholarships and grants
- UI colleges' scholarships and grants
- Study Abroad scholarships and grants
  - Merit/GPA
  - Need-based grant
  - Internship
- External scholarships
  - Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship
  - Fund for Education Abroad





# Is it Safe?

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- Dedicated staff for health, safety and security
- CISI mandatory insurance coverage
- UI-sponsored programs are vetted and monitored by our office
- Online pre-departure orientation course
- Synchronous pre-departure orientation session with Study Abroad Advisor
- 24/7 emergency contact if help is needed



# How Can We Help?

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- Have those hard conversations
  - Discussing finances and budgeting
  - Talking about health and safety
- Balance support and independence
  - Decision making
  - Planning and goal-setting
  - Communication while abroad
- Give them homework
  - Give your student a list of questions and have them report out answers
  - Get or renew their passport





# How to Get Started?



- Complete Discover Study Abroad
  - Students learn the basics and how to get started
  - Offered once a week via Zoom and online anytime via ICON
- Research Possibilities on our Website
  - [https://studyabroad.international.uiowa.edu/\\_portal/](https://studyabroad.international.uiowa.edu/_portal/)
- Talk with academic advisor
  - Let them know you are interested in studying/interning abroad
- Attend the Study Abroad Fair - September 15
  - International Ballroom, IMU



# How Can We Stay in Touch?



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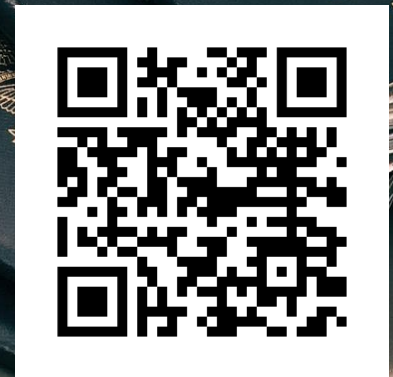
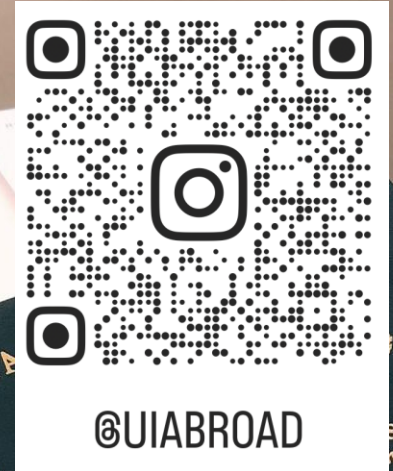


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# **Are there More Questions We Can Answer Today?**

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# Thank you

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