The Center for Global Programs & Studies (GPS) is seeking student volunteers who will supplement the study abroad advising process by providing a student perspective to prospective study abroad participants.

**Volunteer Position Description**

The main function of a Global Abroad Ambassador is to act as a student representative of the GPS, sharing their experience and knowledge of study abroad. Global Abroad Ambassadors assist with study abroad related events, social media, meet with interested students/groups, and act as guides throughout the study abroad preparation process. GAAs are expected to contribute an average of 1-3 hours per week to the position.

**Tasks & Responsibilities**

The anticipated requirements and time commitment for the WFU Global Abroad Ambassador Program are as follows:

- Mandatory orientation and training (typically held the Monday before classes begin)
- Willingness to commit to the GPS and contribute for the entire academic year
- Attending a one hour PA meeting every 3-4 weeks with Global Abroad Programs & Studies (GPS) staff
- Assisting the GPS staff with events and recruiting initiatives (in some cases, GAAs may eventually lead informational sessions and some events)
- Answer student queries about your program, host country and studying abroad in general via email or face to face meetings
- Actively participating in the Study Abroad social media pages: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Snapchat, etc.
- Contribute articles to the Study Abroad Newsletter
- Creating a digital project – sharing your experience with other students.
- Represent the GPS responsibly, accurately, and professionally
- Commitment to effectively communicate the policies and procedures of WFU Study Abroad and work to forward the goals and mission of the GPS
- Other duties as assigned or suggested by you

**Desired Traits and Qualifications**

- Previous participation on an approved study abroad program
- Enthusiasm and passion towards study abroad
- Awareness of world geography and at least one specific country or world region
- Experience with public speaking preferred
- Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills
- Willingness to recruit program participants and promote study abroad
- Adeptness to identify and address peer interests and needs while linking them to specific approved programs
- Ability to advise students in a professional, open, truthful and responsible manner, while representing the GPS’s policies and mission
IMPORTANT DATES

• August: Mandatory Global Abroad Ambassador Orientation (Monday before classes begin)
• September: Study Abroad Fair (All GAAs are strongly encouraged to assist)
• October: Begin work on digital project
• November: Pre-departure Orientations, and workshops
• January: Study Abroad Fair
• February: First draft of digital project due
• April: Pre-departure Orientations, and workshops

BENEFITS

• Advising and leadership experience
• Obtain hands-on training and experience in the field of International Education
• Enhance public speaking and intercultural communication skills
• Be afforded the opportunity to share your international experiences with your peers and inspire others to broaden their horizons
• Addition of concrete experience and skills to resume
• Increase planning and problem-solving skills
• Build relationships with an office staff while heightening your awareness of how a professional office functions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 1ST

Applicants will be notified by August 1st. If you have any further questions, please contact Anna Marter, Study Abroad Advisor (martera@wfu.edu)