

W&M Explores the World!

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Global Education Office (GEO)

The Global Education Office creates access to global experiences for all W&M students:

- Across the globe, from Adelaide to Vilnius, students conduct mentored research, prepare for careers and immerse themselves in cultures different from their own.
- International internships embedded in study abroad take place in Argentina, Australia, Chile, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Portugal and Spain, and through the Freeman grant, across East Asia.
- Demand for the programs remains high, as does praise from students for their transformative value.

GEO CORE AREAS

Study Abroad
and
Incoming Programs

Student Advising
and Global
Education Program
Development

Scholarships

International
Exchange
Partnerships

\$700,000+

**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR
STUDY ABROAD EACH YEAR and
the NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
REMAINS CRITICAL**

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IN THE
PERCENTAGE OF
UNDERGRADUATES
IN STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAMS
COMPARED TO
OTHER PUBLIC
UNIVERSITIES IN THE
U.S.

2000+

**W&M STUDENTS SERVED AT
VARIOUS STAGES OF THE
PROCESS BY THE REVES
CENTER EACH YEAR**



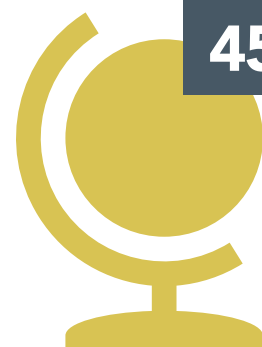
750+

STUDENTS



55+

COUNTRIES



45+

**W&M
PROGRAMS**

Why study abroad?



Opportunities to engage with people, places, ideas, and the world



Expand potential professional options.



Study abroad epitomizes applied learning



Experience academic studies in a different context



Students in Vilnius, Lithuania during the NATO Summit

"It was incredible to be in the center of something that large in geopolitics, something that I haven't had the opportunity to experience yet," said Hage, who was studying Russian language at European Humanities University in Vilnius for two months as part of Project Global Officer, a program for ROTC cadets. Hage is in his first year of Project GO, which is supported by a grant from the Department of Defense. The government and post-Soviet studies major plans to commission into the U.S. Army and seek a career in military intelligence.

Yasha Barth is an international relations and global studies double major with a concentration in Russian and post-Soviet studies. He plans to pursue a career in international development or for a non-profit NGO. "I think it was the best time to be in Lithuania because it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience with the NATO summit being there," said Barth, who was among a group of students studying Russian language and history for five weeks as part of a faculty-led summer abroad program through the Reves Center.

—Yasha Barth '23 and George Hage '25



"I went on W&M's 6-week summer German immersion program in Berlin. Not only did my study abroad experience help me grow as an individual, but it introduced me to people that I believe I will be in contact with for the rest of my life.

It helped me gain some more independence and confidence as I was then tasked with being a lone traveler. It also challenged me and helped me improve my German and my ability to interact with people from a different culture."

—Neah Nixon '25



"I am interested in being a lawyer and going to law school ... One thing I loved about my internship was that I didn't just learn a series of technical skills or learn a set of facts about human rights, but instead, I learned a whole host of ephemeral challenges associated with maintaining and protecting human rights. Collective memory is as important for preventing the re-occurrence of abuses as anything else, and collective memory isn't an algorithm and doesn't require a regression model to solve. Instead, it requires something more difficult: recognition of feeling. I was incredibly honored and happy to have this experience and learn what only such an in-depth and immersive experience could have instilled in me."

—Daniel Posthumus '24, La Plata, Argentina Internship

