Since 1962, the University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) has sent more than 76,000 UC students to 39 countries, and welcomed over 24,000 international students from top partner institutions.

Studying in a foreign country for a quarter, a semester or year is undeniably a life-changing experience, and one that UCEAP works hard to provide for every student regardless of background or major.

Many UC students experience incredible personal and professional growth while abroad, often attracting the attention of their host universities and winning scholarships and awards. I wish to share some of these exceptional stories with you and thank you for your continued support of UCEAP.

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BARCELONA STUDY CENTER CREATES VIDEO FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

UCEAP and UIUC students in Barcelona created a video to celebrate UCEAP's 50th anniversary by highlighting their favorite aspects of studying in Barcelona.

The University of Barcelona published
the video on their official website, UB bulletin and UB Facebook official page, as a way to acknowledge the international student body.

Benjamin Liu (Director), Gemma de Blas (Program Coordinator) and Axel Forreiter (Program Assistant) join to celebrate UCEAP's 50th Anniversary.

Ode to Barcelona

PARENT SPOTLIGHT: STUDY ABROAD INSTILLS MATURITY AND GROWTH

UCR parent, Martha I. Landeros, talks about the maturity and personal growth of her daughter Gabriella after studying abroad for a year at Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain.

"Sending my youngest daughter to study abroad for an entire year, across the Atlantic Ocean, has given me the courage to let go and open my mind to new possibilities. Gabriella's time in Spain and the surrounding countries allowed her to develop into a well-rounded student, journalist and citizen of the world. She learned how to face the unfamiliar and overcome unique challenges. Thank you, UCR and EAP for giving us both the opportunity to travel to Europe for the first time and expand our horizons - we hope this is only the beginning of incredible journeys and adventures ahead." Read more

UCSB STUDENT HELPS CLEAN UP JAPAN EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE

Alysse Rathburn (pictured far left) is a UCSB student who studied at the International Christian University in Japan from 2011-2012.

She volunteered with other classmates to help clean up debris and damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan last year, and describes her experiences and volunteer work in an article entitled, "Positions and Juxtapositions" featured in ICU’s newsletter. Read more
UCLA STUDENT BLOGS ABOUT STUDIES IN INDIA

Dominic Fusco, a junior at UCLA working towards a double major in Psychology and Political Science, is participating in the UCEAP New Delhi study abroad program for fall 2012. He chose to study abroad in an effort to broaden his horizons, and looks forward to the adventures that await him abroad.

UCEAP partner, IES Abroad, invited Dominic to blog about this adventures on their website. You can read his entries here.

TWO UCEAP/CHILE STUDENTS RECEIVE FULLBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Justin Galle, a UCSB student pursuing Political Science and Global Studies, studied at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile in Fall 2011.

Since his return, Justin has worked hard to further enhance his global education and has received a Fullbright Scholarship to teach English in Malaysia.

Rebekah Kaumph, a UCB student pursuing Development Studies, studied at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile in Spring 2012.

Rebekah is a very focused and determined student who hopes to improve the world around her. She has chosen to continue her development studies in Guatemala.

Congratulations and the best of luck to them both!
UCSB/EAP ALUMNI PERFORMS IN LONDON 2012 OPENING CEREMONY

UCSB/EAP alumni, Angela Ebiner studied at King’s College London from 2009-10. She shares, "That year abroad inspired me to apply for a Master's program in Environmental Policy and Regulation at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) during my senior year, and I have spent the last year in London. I have also been lucky enough to act as a volunteer dancer for the London 2012 Opening Ceremony.

I wanted to let EAP know that my return to London, as well as subsequent involvement in the Olympics Opening Ceremony, can definitely be attributed to my year abroad, and that you never know how time abroad can influence your path." Congratulations, Angela!

UCSD STUDENT PAINTS MURAL TO CHEER UP PATIENTS IN AUSTRALIA

Emmanuel Pantoja, a UCSD Visual Arts major, joined the Australian National University (ANU) Volunteer Organization within his first week of arriving.

Manny explains, "The ANU Volunteer group mentioned painting a mural at Calvary Hospital in Canberra but nobody took the initiative to initiate the project. Since I've painted murals before, I decided to speak up and create a design for the "rainforest" themed mural they wanted for the lobby where patients wait before going into surgery. A week later it was approved and I was given a budget of $600 dollars. After a month and a half of painting on the weekends and being a full-time student at ANU, the mural was complete." Congratulations, Manny!

STUDENT SLIDESHOW FROM SUMMER AT PEKING UNIVERSITY, CHINA

Cindy Truong, a UC Berkeley student majoring in Asian Studies and English, participated in the 2012 International Summer School program at Peking University.

Cindy and her friend, William Chau,
created a slideshow for the group's farewell dinner and wishes to share it with the UCEAP community.