WHAT’S YOUR NEXT
BIG ADVENTURE?

2022 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

AUSTRALIA
BHUTAN
CAMBODIA

CHILE
COSTA RICA
KENYA

PANAMA
PERU
TANZANIA

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
SFS offers unparalleled study abroad programs. Nowhere else will you find a study abroad experience quite like ours – adventurous, stimulating, and meaningful.

Our programs are focused on empowering the next generation of environmental leaders. On an SFS program, you develop practical skills through hands-on, experiential learning – exploring incredible ecosystems like the glaciers of Patagonia, the Amazon River, or the Himalayan mountains.

“SFS has opened up the world for me; it has shown me another culture and way of life, a stunning country, and it has turned typical Western education on its head: you don’t have to be in a classroom to learn; you don’t need a library to study.”

- Marta, Muhlenberg College

“Studying with SFS was a unique experience that I couldn’t have received from any other provider. I was lucky to collaborate with beyond-amazing instructors who inspire students to get involved and be the change that we want to see.”

- Olivia, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“SFS provided me with an educational and personal experience that was even better than I had anticipated. I didn’t expect to leave with such a sense of accomplishment in the research we did, the impact we had, and the vast amount of knowledge I gained.”

- Sam, University of Massachusetts

HOW IT WORKS

Living in ancient rainforests, tracking elephants in the savanna, diving among vibrant coral reefs, you will find yourself immersed in complex environments studying crucial issues.

We’re the program for you if you’re looking for something a little different. If you’re ready to take your education beyond the classroom. And if you’re ready to step off the beaten path and join a group of people who share your passion for creating a more sustainable future.

10 LOCATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

25+ PROGRAMS TO CHOOSE FROM

15-30 STUDENTS LIVING AT A FIELD STATION

4 PROGRAM TERMS TO FIT ALL SCHEDULES

3-18 CREDITS BASED ON PROGRAM TERM

FALL » SPRING » SUMMER » WINTER

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
WHERE WILL YOU GO?

01 Central Valley
COSTA RICA
Eagle rays, sharks, sea turtles, and dozens of fish species are found in the waters around this island.
SEMESTER | SUMMER | WINTER

02 Amazon
PERU
Dense green foliage spans the horizon creating a home to wildlife species found nowhere else on the planet.
SEMESTER

03 Patagonia
CHILE
Situated in the Ring of Fire, this land of wild beauty is home to mountains, volcanoes, glaciers, and gauchos.
SEMESTER | SUMMER | WINTER

04 South Caicos Island
TURKS & CAICOS
Eagle rays, sharks, sea turtles, and dozens of fish species are found in the waters around this island.
SEMESTER | SUMMER | WINTER

05 Bocas del Toro
PANAMA
This archipelago has hundreds of mangrove islands, lush rainforests, and coral reefs teeming with life.
SEMESTER | SUMMER

06 Maasai Steppe
TANZANIA
The world’s most iconic megafauna - elephants, big cats, giraffes, zebras, rhinos - roam the African savanna.
SEMESTER | SUMMER

07 Rift Valley
KENYA
Lions, elephants, primates, and more live in the highlands and savannas in the foothills of mighty Mt. Kilimanjaro.
SEMESTER | SUMMER | WINTER

08 Paro Valley
BHUTAN
Towering mountains, glacial rivers, lush forests are home to the snow leopard, takin, and black-necked crane.
SEMESTER | SUMMER

09 Siem Reap
CAMBODIA
12th-century temples, wild forests, Buddhist monasteries, and snaking rivers dot the landscape.
SEMESTER | SUMMER

10 Queensland
AUSTRALIA
One of the most biodiverse places in the world, preserving over 500 million years of evolutionary history.
SEMESTER | SUMMER
We build long-term, collaborative relationships in the communities around our campuses. SFS research plans are developed based on environmental issues in this local context. No matter which program you choose, you’ll become part a community working to understand and improve environmental conditions.

**BE PART OF SOMETHING GREATER**

SFS programs provide the foundation for students to critically examine today’s environmental issues in an international setting.

Students on all programs learn practical research and field skills that prepare them for graduate school, a career in STEM research, or advocacy for environmental policy – wherever life takes them.

Semester program students take it one step further by conducting a hands-on field research project during the 4-credit Directed Research course. Their work contributes to crucial local scientific efforts to create a more sustainable future.

**STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FIRSTHAND**

Local impacts, global challenges.

Get ready for muddy boots and dirt under your fingernails, because you’ll be out there *doing* science, not just talking about it in the classroom. Earth is home to an incredible diversity of life and depends on the next generation of environmental leaders to protect its future – will you be one of them?

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Climate Change
- Environmental Policy
- Natural Resource Management
- Land Use Change
- Fisheries Management
- Environmental Ethics & Justice
- Sustainable Livelihoods
- Community Resource Management
- Pollution & Waste Management
- Tourism Impacts

20,000+ Alumni Making a Difference
TAKING THE NEXT STEP

BEFORE YOU APPLY

• Visit the SFS website to figure out which program is the best fit for you and read student stories on the blog.
• Consider scheduling an advising call with our Admissions team.
• Visit your study abroad office to discuss credit transfer, financial aid, and any internal processes or deadlines.
• Meet with your academic advisor to discuss how an SFS program and the course credit you earn fits in with your degree plan.

WHEN TO APPLY

SFS reviews and accepts applications on a rolling basis. The good news? There is no SFS application deadline. But, programs can go to a waitlist, so we always recommend that you apply early to be considered for your first-choice program.

HOW TO APPLY

• There is never a fee to apply to an SFS program.
• Visit fieldstudies.org/explore to create an account and get started on your program application.
• You will need to complete several other application items including two references, a copy of your transcript, and an approval form signed by your home school study abroad office.

ELIGIBILITY

• 18+ years of age by program start.
• You must be in good academic and disciplinary standing on your home campus.
• GPA requirements: 2.8 cumulative GPA for semester programs; 2.6 cumulative GPA for summer and winter programs.
• Course prerequisites: Semester programs - one college-level ecology, biology, or environmental studies/science course (or related coursework, as assessed by SFS). Summer or winter programs - no course prerequisites.
• Gap-year students and college graduates are welcome to apply.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

We strive to cultivate inclusive communities, encouraging student cohorts that represent human diversity across the globe. Our programs aim to support every student. We continue to develop strategies to better support students throughout their SFS experience as we recognize that when all voices are valued and heard, the entire community benefits.

FINANCIAL AID

All students are eligible to apply for SFS need-based financial aid, regardless of whether they receive aid on their home campus. Aid packages are usually a combination of scholarships, grants, and loans. Every student who exhibits financial need will receive some form of aid from SFS.

If you have questions, we have answers!

No matter where you are in the process, we are here to support you as you consider studying abroad with SFS.

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Chat with an SFS Alum
Speaking with a former SFS student is one of the best ways to learn more about SFS. Our alumni can answer general questions about SFS, their specific program, and a range of other topics such as: dietary accommodations, identity abroad, self-care, navigating financial aid, and travel tips. If you'd like to get in touch with SFS alumni, please contact Admissions.