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Application for RSAP 2018

DEADLINE: Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 11:59 pm

The Rising Sophomore Abroad Program (RSAP) is a study abroad opportunity for engineering students at the end of their first year. The program has two components: a spring semester course and one to two weeks of international travel.

Accepted students must register for the course ENGE 1644 (Global Engineering Practice: Leadership and Culture). It will meet twice weekly during the Spring 2018 semester. The course is designed to introduce students to global engineering, emphasize the importance of cultural competency for engineers, and focus on how differences in cultural, social and economic contexts influence engineering.

The program then culminates with travel to one of nine international tracks. Travel will take place very shortly after Spring 2018 final exams. Below is the the list of the nine tracks offered for RSAP2018. You will be asked to rank your preference for these tracks in this application.

1. Italy, Switzerland, and Germany (2 weeks)
2. Beijing and Shanghai, China (2 weeks)
3. Dominican Republic (1 week with a service learning focus)
4. United Kingdom and Ireland (2 weeks)
5. New Zealand (2 weeks)
6. Australia (2 weeks)
7. India (2 weeks)
8. South Africa (2 weeks)
9. Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador (2 weeks)

Cost of the program varies by international track. Costs include the program fee, airfare, lodging, in-country transportation, company visits, admission fees to major attractions, guided tours, and some group meals (see program descriptions for more details on what is included for each track). Not included in this fee is the cost of most lunches and dinners and personal expenses. Program costs for 2018 are expected to range from \$4,000 to \$4,300 for the 2 week international tracks and \$2,000 for the Dominican Republic.

Financial support is available to students on the basis of financial need. Applicants will be considered for such financial support at a later date, so we encourage you to apply.

Please complete the following two part application if you are interested in participating in this program.

Part I. Personal Information

Part II. Essays

Final selection of participants will be based on applications, fall academic performance (with continued good academic standing in the spring), and continued good standing with respect to student conduct and honor code.

Part I. Personal Information

Student ID (NOT your PID. No dashes, e.g. 90XXXXXXXX):

Last Name (as it appears on your driver's license):

First Name (as it appears on your driver's license):

Middle Name (as it appears on your driver's license):

Cell phone # (XXX-XXX-XXXX):

Birthday (MM-DD-YYYY):

VT e-mail address:

Permanent/Home Address (not your VT campus address)

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Major/planned major:

Are you an international student? (Note: This information will help us plan for different visa needs, but does not impact your application.)

Yes

No

Which country is your passport from?

International Track Preference.

Drag each of the following track options on the left into one of the two preference boxes on the right. For the top, Yes, box, order your preference from top to bottom (top being the highest preference).

NOTE: Your preference will have no bearing on your selection into the program.

Items	Yes, I would participate in this track. (Rank selections with the highest preference at the top)
China	
Dominican Republic	
India	
Italy, Switzerland, Germany	
New Zealand	
Australia	
Colombia, Peru, Ecuador	
United Kingdom, Ireland	
South Africa	

Have you traveled outside of the United States before?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how often have you traveled outside of the United States?

- Once
- 2-3 Times
- 4-6 Times
- Once a Year
- 2-3 Times a Year

Please describe your international travel experiences (e.g. location, year, and purpose of travel).

Which College of Engineering activities and programs have you participated in? (select all that apply)

- CEED Peer Mentoring Program
- Engineering Living Learning Communities - Hypatia or Galileo
- Ware Lab / Design Teams (please clarify below)
- Student Transition Engineering Program (STEP)
- VT Summer Academy
- Computers and Technology at Virginia Tech (C-Tech²)
- CEED Women's Preview Weekend
- Other pre-college events hosted by the College of Engineering (please clarify below)
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- Other first year programs hosted by the College of Engineering (please clarify below)
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Please list any additional extracurricular activities that you have participated in at Virginia Tech.

Block 1

Part II.

Essay 1

Why do you want to participate in the Rising Sophomore Abroad Program? (250 words max.)

Essay 2

You have the ability to design a 6 month engineering study abroad program. Where would you go? What would you do? Why? (250 words max)

Essay 3

Why are you interested in the track you have listed as your top choice? (250 words max)

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Essay 4

Tell a story of the experiences of a person who you've met since beginning classes at Virginia Tech. What makes this story meaningful to you? How can you use this person's story to shape your time at VT and beyond? (250 words max)

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Thank you for your application to the Rising Sophomore Abroad Program. By October 16th, we will follow-up with all applicants regarding next steps in the RSAP selection process. If you have additional questions about RSAP, please contact Dr. David Knight at dbknight@vt.edu.

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