

RSAP 2019 - Application

Application for RSAP 2019 DEADLINE: Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 11:59 pm

The Rising Sophomore Abroad Program (RSAP) is a study abroad opportunity for engineering and science 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 STEM Practice: Leadership and Culture). It will meet twice weekly during the Spring 2019 semester. The course is designed to introduce students to global engineering and science practices, emphasize the importance of cultural competency for engineers and scientists, and focus on how differences in cultural, social and economic contexts influence engineering and science work.

The program then culminates with travel to one of eight two-week international tracks. Travel will take place very shortly after Spring 2019 final exams. Below is the the list of the eight tracks offered for RSAP 2019 with their **tentative** costs (subject to change). Cost of the program varies by international track. You will be asked to rank your preference for these tracks in this application.

1. Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany (\$4300)
2. China (\$4300)
3. Spain and Morocco (\$4000)
4. United Kingdom and Ireland (\$4000)
5. Australia and New Zealand (\$4500)
6. Chile and Argentina (\$4000)
7. Ecuador and Peru (\$4000)
8. South Africa (\$4300)

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.

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. 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):

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

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

Last 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 a US citizen? *(Note: This information will help us plan for different visa needs, but does not impact your application.)*

Yes

No

[If No to prior question] 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.

Yes, I would participate in this track. (Rank selections with the highest preference at the top)	No, I would not like to participate in this track.
_____ China (1)	_____ China (1)
_____ Chile & Argentina (2)	_____ Chile & Argentina (2)
_____ Spain & Morocco (3)	_____ Spain & Morocco (3)
_____ Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany (4)	_____ Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany (4)
_____ NZ & Australia (5)	_____ NZ & Australia (5)
_____ Ecuador & Peru (9)	_____ Ecuador & Peru (9)
_____ United Kingdom, Ireland (6)	_____ United Kingdom, Ireland (6)
_____ South Africa (7)	_____ South Africa (7)

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).

Please list any extracurricular activities that you have participated in at Virginia Tech.

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 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)

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)

Thank you for your application to the Rising Sophomore Abroad Program. By October 15th, 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.
