

Southern California Foothills Consortium London Program Fall Semester 2012

Application Procedure

1. Complete the AIFS application form, securing the signature of your college's study abroad program coordinator and thus signifying your eligibility to apply.
2. A deposit of \$450 (plus \$50 non-refundable deposit for each optional tour, if applicable).
3. Attach a photocopy of the information page of your passport (the page with your picture). If you do not yet have a passport, please apply for one immediately, and mail a copy once you have received it.
Mail or give the completed application form, four 2" X 2" head shot photographs, and deposit to: Antelope Valley College, Patricia Harris, (661) 722-6301; Barstow Community College, Ramon Vasconcellos, (760) 252-2411 ext. 7329; Citrus College, Lynn Jamison, (626) 914-8560; College of the Desert, Annie Frisoli, (760) 568-7512; Crafton Hills College, Kris Acquistapace, (909) 389-3347; MiraCosta College, Mia Scavone, (760) 757-2121 ext. 6896; Mt. San Antonio College, Julie Bray-Ali and Tamra Horton, (909) 594-5611, ext. 6321; Mt. San Jacinto College, Lynn Jamison, (626) 914-8560; Palomar College, Yasue O'Neill, (760) 744-1150 ext. 2167; Rio Hondo College, Melissa Rifino Juarez, (562) 463-6657 and Wendy Gonzalez, (562) 908-3429; San Bernardino Valley College, José Recinos, (909) 384-8597; San Diego City College, Marion Froehlich, (619) 388-3652.
4. The balance of fees should be sent before the dates indicated directly to: American Institute For Foreign Study, Partnership Programs, College Division, River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902-3788. Telephone: (800) 727-AIFS.

The AIFS program fees include the following:

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| Option A: Shared Homestay: \$6,275.00 | Option B: Shared Apartment: \$7,125.00 |
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- ⇒ Option A - accommodations in a twin-bedded room in a home in London including continental breakfast five days a week and access to cooking facilities
 - ⇒ Option B - shared accommodations in a fully furnished apartment with kitchen facilities – no meals are included
- Both options include:**
- ⇒ London Transport travel pass giving unlimited use of the buses and underground trains (homestay participants receive a zone 1-3 travel card, and participants choosing the apartment option receive a zone 1 and 2 travel card);
 - ⇒ orientation program consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff, student information packet with comprehensive student handbook, local area information, welcome reception and half-day guided sightseeing tour of London by private coach;
 - ⇒ access to the AIFS Student Center and support of the AIFS Student Services Staff;
 - ⇒ classes in the University of London Union (ULU) facilities;
 - ⇒ student computer lab at the AIFS Student Center with free access to e-mail and Internet facilities;
 - ⇒ membership of the University of London Student Union. Includes access to low-cost cafeteria, student clubs and societies, and reduced rates at ULU sports facilities;
 - ⇒ membership with borrowing rights at the local borough public library;
 - ⇒ British Life and Culture Course focusing on historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of contemporary Britain including 10 weekly lectures, four local field trips and a student activity plan;
 - ⇒ medical and program fee refund insurance policies;
 - ⇒ \$50 non-refundable application fee.

Program fees do not include the following:

- ⇒ round-trip airfare between the U.S. and Europe, and transfers between the airports and program sites on the specified program dates for \$625 tour/\$495 non-tour;
- ⇒ mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of \$691 tour/\$632 non-tour (subject to change);
- ⇒ \$250 refundable damage deposit;
- ⇒ community college enrollment fees;
- ⇒ optional package of cultural activities for a supplemental fee of \$495. Includes four one-day excursions and six evening events in central London;
- ⇒ optional five-day/four-night orientation tour of Europe for \$995;
- ⇒ optional tour to Scotland at a cost of \$595;
- ⇒ textbooks;
- ⇒ passport and visa fees if applicable;
- ⇒ field trips or excursions required by your instructors;
- ⇒ personal expenses such as laundry;
- ⇒ optional personal effects coverage and medical insurance upgrade.

Please retain this page for your records.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

Option A – Shared Homestay

Fall semester	Fee	Due Date
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	June 15, 2012
Balance of fees	<u>\$5,825.00</u>	July 18, 2012
Sub-total	\$6,275.00	
Damage Deposit (Mandatory/Refundable)	\$250.00	July 18, 2012
Total	<u>\$6,525.00</u>	

Optional

European tour deposit	\$50.00	June 15, 2012
Scotland tour deposit	\$50.00	June 15, 2012
Balance of European tour	\$945.00	July 18, 2012
Scotland tour balance	\$545.00	July 18, 2012
Optional Cultural Package	\$495.00	July 18, 2012
Medical Insurance Upgrade	\$65.00	July 18, 2012
Personal Effects Coverage	\$90.00	July 18, 2012

Option B – Shared Apartment

Fall semester	Fee	Due Date
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	June 15, 2012
Balance of fees	<u>\$6,675.00</u>	July 18, 2012
Sub-total	\$7,125.00	
Damage Deposit (Mandatory/Refundable)	\$250.00	July 18, 2012
Total	<u>\$7,375.00</u>	

Airfare

Tour departure	\$625.00	July 18, 2012
Non-tour departure	\$495.00	July 18, 2012
<u>Taxes/Fees/Fuel Surcharge (subject to change)</u>		
Tour departure	\$691.00	July 18, 2012
Non-tour departure	\$632.00	July 18, 2012

Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." You may also use American Express, MasterCard or Visa. See application form. All students must submit the \$450 deposit (plus \$50 non-refundable deposit for each tour, if applicable) with the completed application. Financial Aid students are responsible for paying, by July 18, 2012, the airfare (\$625 tour/\$495 non-tour); taxes, fees and fuel surcharge (\$691 tour/\$632 non-tour [subject to change]); \$250 refundable damage deposit; a \$600 program reservation deposit; optional cultural package (\$495) if applicable; and any remaining balance that will not be covered by aid.

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation from the airports in Europe to your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights on the dates indicated on this application only.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, June 15, 2012. Participants wishing to cancel from the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

Students may choose between two return flight dates. Changes made to this date after you've applied will incur a \$50 charge per change. All changes must be received in writing by AIFS. Students returning on the alternate return date of Friday, November 30, are responsible for their own accommodations after Friday, November 16, and for their own airport transfers.

AIFS Airfare Regulations: Return must be to original U.S. departure point. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of ticket. Tickets cannot be rerouted, and stopovers are not permitted. Once in London participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability. Group round-trip ground transportation to and from the airports in Europe is on the regularly scheduled program dates only.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight.

2012 PROGRAM DATES

Sunday, September 2	AIFS flight departs U.S. for Paris for students on the optional European tour.
Monday, September 3	Arrive in Paris. Start of the optional European tour.
Thursday, September 6	AIFS flight departs U.S. for London for students not on the optional European tour.
Friday, September 7	AIFS flight arrives in London. Transfer to accommodations. Optional European tour ends. Regular program begins.
Monday, September 10	Start of classes.
Thursday, October 18 to Monday, October 22	Optional tour of Scotland
Friday, November 16	End of program. AIFS flight departs London for U.S.
Friday, November 30	Alternate return date (Students choosing this date are responsible for their own accommodations after November 16 and for their own airport transfers).

Agreement and Release Form

I, the undersigned, an Applicant for an overseas study program of the American Institute For Foreign Study, Inc. (the "Institute"), acknowledge that I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the AIFS application/brochure, which are incorporated in this agreement. I acknowledge that I am responsible for reading all information provided in the AIFS pre-departure materials, whether sent by mail or posted online, and abiding by all policies contained therein. This agreement is a legally binding contract. I acknowledge and accept the terms of the refund policy as outlined below:

If a participant withdraws in writing

On or before June 22, 2012

After June 22, 2012, but on or before July 18, 2012

After July 18, 2012

She/he receives

All fees paid less \$150 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

All fees paid less \$450 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

No refund, and student is responsible for entire program fee.

All requests for refund must be made in writing, signed, and addressed or faxed to: **Registrar, AIFS, Partnership Programs, College Division, River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902; fax number (203) 399-5597. Unsigned withdrawal statements will not be processed.**

I unconditionally release the Institute from any claims for damage, injury, loss, or expense of any nature resulting from events beyond its control, including without limitation: Acts of God, war, strikes, crime, terrorism, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations. This release also applies to any losses arising from the use of any vehicle or from the selection of, or from any act or omission by any host family, bus or car rental agency, steamship, airline, railroad, taxi or tour service/organizer, hotel service, hotel, restaurant, school, university/college, or other firm, agency, company or individual, unless the loss is caused by the gross negligence of the Institute.

I understand that I am responsible for exercising caution and common sense at all times to avoid injuries, and that the Institute cannot provide supervision or support during periods of independent travel.

I agree that if I become ill or incapacitated, the Institute or its emergency assistance company may take such actions as it considers necessary under the circumstances, including securing medical treatment for me and transporting me to the United States. I release the Institute from any liability relating to this medical care. I also authorize the Institute to take whatever action it deems to be necessary and in my best interest (including transporting me out of the host country or back to the United States, at my own expense) in the event of political unrest or any other unforeseen event or condition. If the Institute incurs any expense on my behalf I agree to make immediate repayment upon my return.*

I will comply with the Institute's rules, standards and instructions, and understand that failure to do so may result in being sent home at my expense, with no refund. I understand that my participation may be terminated if I am expelled from school or otherwise disciplined by school or civil authorities, or if the Institute, in its sole discretion, determines that my conduct is incompatible with the interests, harmony, comfort or welfare of the other students. I agree to indemnify the Institute if I do anything that causes the Institute to sustain financial loss or liability.

I understand that the Institute provides insurance coverage for my benefit while in the program, including limited health, accident, accidental death, personal effects and program fee refund insurance. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to understand the limitations of this coverage and agree that the Institute is not responsible for any uninsured losses.

I understand that the Institute reserves the right to make changes, cancellations or substitutions in cases of changed conditions or emergency, or based upon the interest of the group. I understand if I am terminated from the program, there will be no refund of AIFS fees.

I understand that obtaining a passport and any other required travel documents is my sole responsibility, and I agree to hold the Institute harmless in the event that I am unable to obtain the necessary documents for participation in the program and to indemnify the Institute for any costs to it that result from my failure to obtain the required documentation.

I understand that if I am not a U.S. citizen, a visa may be required for entry to the countries I plan to visit (or travel through) while a participant on this program. I further understand that it is my sole responsibility to determine my visa requirements and obtain the appropriate visa(s), and I agree to hold the Institute harmless in the event that I am unable to obtain the necessary documents and visas for participation in the program and to indemnify the Institute for any costs to it that result from my failure to obtain the required documentation.

I understand that from time to time the Institute's publicity material may include statements by its participants and/or their photographs, and I consent to such use of my comments and photographic likeness.

This agreement will be effective when my application is accepted by the Institute and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. This agreement cannot be modified except in writing by the Institute.

References in this agreement to "the Institute" shall include the American Institute For Foreign Study, Inc., and all of its agents, employees, affiliated companies, campus directors, chaperones, group leaders, teachers, host school and school officials.

If I am using financial aid to pay for all or part of my AIFS program fees, and if that aid is canceled or reduced by my institution or lending agency after I have embarked on the AIFS program, I am immediately responsible for full payment of all fees. Failure to make payment will result in my administrative withdrawal from the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name

*A special substitute paragraph is available to members of the Christian Science faith.

PART E – HEALTH AND HOUSING INFORMATION

Please complete the following questionnaire carefully. Your housing assignment will be made based on the information that you provide. All requests are taken into consideration.

Name _____ School _____ Term _____

**Please complete one section only, either the Shared Homestay OR Shared Apartment option.
You will be charged a \$50 change fee for each change in housing, so please make your selection carefully.**

SHARED HOMESTAY

Please complete the following questions to assist the London staff in finding a suitable host family for you.

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

Ages of brothers and sisters _____

Major _____ Year _____

Jobs done in the past _____

Do you smoke? Yes No Do you object to a roommate who smokes? Yes No

Would members of the host family who smoke elsewhere in the house/apartment bother you? Yes No

Roommate preference (if known) (1) _____ (2) _____

Would you object to living in a household with children? Yes No

Would you object to being placed with a single-person host? Yes No

Do you have any allergies to household pets? Yes No

If there are any more details about yourself that you think would help your host to get to know you better, please state below:

SHARED APARTMENT

Please note that specific housing preferences cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that single rooms are very limited and are allocated according to special needs, e.g. medical, age-related

Do you smoke? Yes No Do you object to a roommate who smokes? Yes No

What time do you get up in the morning? _____ What time do you normally go to bed? _____

Do you consider yourself a quiet person? Yes No Where do you prefer to study? room library elsewhere

Are you receiving any special medical treatment? Yes No If yes, specify: _____

Do you have any physical condition that prevents you from climbing stairs? If yes, specify: _____

Roommate preference (if known) (1) _____ (2) _____

Do you have any special reason for requesting a single room? If so, please specify: _____

Do you consider yourself a tidy person? Yes No Somewhat

What type of music do you prefer? _____ Do you normally listen to music in your room? Yes No

Are there any hobbies or interests you would like to pursue while in London? _____

PART F – OPTIONAL DATA

Studying in another country requires considerable adaptability. This is part of both the challenge and the reward. Your willingness to answer these questions will assist the AIFS staff in providing you with an accommodation that is most likely to meet your needs.

Do you have any special dietary needs?* If yes, please describe _____

Do you consider yourself a conservative, moderate or liberal person? Conservative Moderate Liberal

Do you have any allergies or chronic ailments? Yes No If yes, please describe _____

Are you presently under treatment for any mental or emotional matters? Yes No If yes, please describe _____

Are you presently taking any prescription medication on a regular basis? Yes No If yes, please list and state purpose _____

Studying abroad requires a great deal of physical mobility. Do you feel you are able to perform the essential functions of studying abroad with or without any special requirements?* If you do have special requirements, describe the requirement you would need and how this would enable you to participate.

**AIFS cannot guarantee to accommodate special requirements and requests.*



AIFS OPTIONAL PRE TOUR OF EUROPE FALL SEMESTER 2012

Sunday, September 2

Depart the U.S. for Paris

Monday, September 3 (Night in Paris)

Arrive in Paris where you will be met at the arrivals area of the airport by an AIFS representative and transferred by coach to your hotel. If you are traveling independently to Paris, please make your way directly to the hotel unless you have already informed us that you will take the group transfer from the airport.

You will have the afternoon free to explore or sleep!

Early evening meet in hotel lobby for brief orientation and evening boat trip along the river Seine.

Night in Paris hotel: Mercure Gare de Lyon

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-2217-mercure-paris-gare-de-lyon/index.shtml>

Tuesday, September 4 (Night in Paris)

Meet in the hotel lobby for a morning professionally guided tour by private bus taking in many of the famous sights and monuments of Paris – the elegant Champs-Elysées and Place de la Concorde, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and Eiffel Tower

Free afternoon for sightseeing

Night in Paris hotel

Wednesday, September 5 (Night in Bruges)

Morning guided tour of the Louvre art gallery

Lunchtime departure by coach for Bruges

Evening walking tour of Bruges

Night in Bruges hotel: Floris Karos Hotel

<http://www.florishotels.com/belgium-hotels/bruges-hotels/karos-hotel-bruges>

Thursday, September 6 (Night in Brussels)

Free day in Bruges.

Late afternoon departure for Brussels

Night in Brussels hotel: Ibis Brussels Centre St. Catherine

<http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1454-ibis-brussels-centre-ste-catherine/index.shtml>

Friday, September 7

Morning guided sightseeing tour of Brussels.

Free time for lunch.

Eurostar train from Brussels to London St. Pancras.

Upon arrival in London you will be transferred to your housing.

The pre-tour cost of \$995 and includes bus transfers, accommodation in tourist-class hotels on a bed-and-breakfast basis, train ticket from Brussels to London and the services of a tour manager throughout the tour. Transatlantic airfare is not included. If you have any questions about the tour arrangements, please email our Student Advisors at studentinfo@aifs.co.uk.

SCOTLAND



FALL SEMESTER 2012

OPTIONAL TOUR OF SCOTLAND

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18 – MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2012

Included in the price you get....

- Professional bus tour with fantastically fun and knowledgeable local Scottish guide
- Round-trip train fare between London and Edinburgh (Departs after class Thursday, returns Monday afternoon)
 - 4 nights accommodation in hostels (2 nights in Edinburgh, 1 near Loch Ness, 1 on the Isle of Skye)
 - Amazing sights, stunning scenery + hairy coos!
 - Entrance to Edinburgh Castle
 - Home-cooked group evening meals
 - Continental morning breakfasts

If you're planning to take a trip to Scotland, why not let AIFS take care of the arrangements for you? We use an Edinburgh-based tour company who supply a nimble wee bus and superhuman tour guide who will add even more color — and plenty of unique Scottish humor — to a host of wonderful sights and scenery. Visit Loch Ness, follow in the footsteps of Braveheart, maybe drop in at a distillery, explore the Isle of Skye and much, much more. This will be a memorable and special trip, so don't miss out!!

THE PRICE OF THIS TRIP IS \$595

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOOTHILLS CONSORTIUM

OPTIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM: LONDON, FALL SEMESTER 2012

AIFS offers students the opportunity to purchase an optional cultural program, designed to help students see more of Britain's famous sights and more of London's cultural events at a greatly reduced price. The program includes 4 one-day excursions (including transportation, services of a private guide and entrance fees) and 6 cultural events (theater, sports). The fee is \$495, and students can sign up on the program application form.

DAYTRIPS

Daytrips are typically chosen from the following list:

Oxford

Oxford, most famous for being the home of Britain's oldest university, spent some time in the twelfth century as the royal residence. Students were first attracted to the town during the reign of Henry I - the "Scholar King." The University is split into colleges, many of which were first established by rich bishops. Oxford maintains its academic record today - one college alone has produced 13 prime ministers - with graduates including Sir Walter Raleigh, Oscar Wilde and Bill Clinton. This daytrip includes entrance to one of the Oxford University colleges, usually Christchurch College, where some of the Harry Potter filming has taken place.

Stonehenge and Salisbury

Stonehenge is probably one of the most important prehistoric monuments in Britain and one of the most famous World Heritage Sites worldwide. The tour also includes a visit to the magnificent Salisbury Cathedral, which has the highest spire in Britain. Travel is by coach and includes entrance to Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral.

Bath

An opportunity to visit this beautiful "spa" town, where Jane Austen wrote *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey*, Gainsborough established himself as a portraitist and landscape painter, and the city's elegant crescents and Georgian buildings are studded with plaques naming the various eminent inhabitants from its heyday. Today, Bath ranks as one of Britain's top ten tourist cities, yet the place has never lost the exclusive air that its famous inhabitants evoke. The architecture and pristine condition of the city make it one of the most beautiful in England, and a real must-see. This daytrip includes entrance to the famous Roman Baths.

Brighton

Brighton is deservedly Britain's number one seaside town - a fascinating mix of seediness and sophistication. It's the perfect choice for day trippers from London, with great shopping, the infamous Palace Pier with its palace of fun - *the* place to be seen sticking your head in a cardboard cut-out of Prince Charles, and the best place to buy sticks of famous Brighton rock candy - and The Lanes, a maze of narrow alleyways crammed with antiques, jewelry and fashionable clothes shops. Brighton literally jumps with pubs, bars, clubs and good-value eating places. Entrance to the Royal Pavilion is included.

Stratford-Upon-Avon

No one can visit England without making the journey north to Stratford. Stratford-Upon-Avon is perhaps an unremarkable market town. The charter for its weekly market was granted in the twelfth century and still exists today. Essentially, Stratford was a stopping-off place for stage-coaches traveling between London, Oxford and the north. The town probably would have disappeared into little-known obscurity if it weren't for the fact that John and Mary Shakespeare's first son, William, turned out to be the most celebrated writer in the English language. The daytrip visits Shakespeare's Birthplace.

THEATER

The theater offerings depend upon the current London theater scene but always include a combination of musicals, drama and comedy. Typical examples are:

Phantom of the Opera

Hamlet at Shakespeare's Globe outdoor theatre

Billy Elliot

Wicked

Avenue Q

Warhorse

The Woman in Black

An opera or ballet

SPORTING EVENTS/WALKING TOURS

The program usually includes a ticket to a rugby game or football match (that's soccer to you!) plus a walking tour of Jack the Ripper's haunts.