

# **Welcome Back!**

## **Building & Utilizing a Peer Advisor Program to Benefit Your Office & Students Navigating Re-Entry**

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# Life After Study Abroad

"I came back and felt like everyone was really excited for Taco Bell and sporting events."

"I missed...the life I had while I was abroad."

Angela Manginelli in Welcoming Home World Travelers, Terra Dotta

What about you?

# Life After Study Abroad

- Preparing students for re-entry
- Reverse Culture Shock
- Marketing skills gained from experience abroad
- Sharing with others; the search for community

**80% of returnees  
experienced  
reverse culture  
shock**

**81% were  
motivated to  
plan their next  
adventure**

**67% were  
concerned with  
feeling stuck and  
bored**

**63% were  
concerned with  
relating to friends  
and family**

# Life After Study Abroad

culture shock

A state of bewilderment or distress experienced by an individual who is suddenly exposed to ***a new, strange, foreign social and cultural environment.***

Dictionary.com

# Life After Study Abroad

"The person you are now returning from abroad is not the same person who left in the first place...You have new habits, values, and ideas, sometimes without even realizing it!

[Others] may find it difficult to comprehend the changes you have been through....It can be difficult for them to understand your whole transformative experience, and you may find it hard to balance fulfilling old roles and breaking in new ones. This strain and stress can sometimes invoke a sense of helplessness or a loss of identity. ***This is what we call reverse culture shock, where you're learning who you are and how you fit into your culture after returning home from study abroad.***"

How to Deal with Reverse Culture Shock After Studying Abroad by Valerie Stimac,  
GoOverseas.com

# GT Education Abroad Peer Advisors

- 21 currently
  - Eligibility: studied and/or interned abroad
  - Application & group interview
- Areas of contribution:
  - Advising
  - Events
  - Mixed media: blog, podcast, social media
  - Outreach: walk-in advising, tabling, presentations, etc
- Perks
  - Community
  - Professional Development



# EA Peer Advisors – Nuts & Bolts

- Accessibility to students

Want to ask a student who's already been abroad?

Click on their pictures to get their bio and email address. Don't be shy: they're here for you and asking them a question would absolutely make their day!

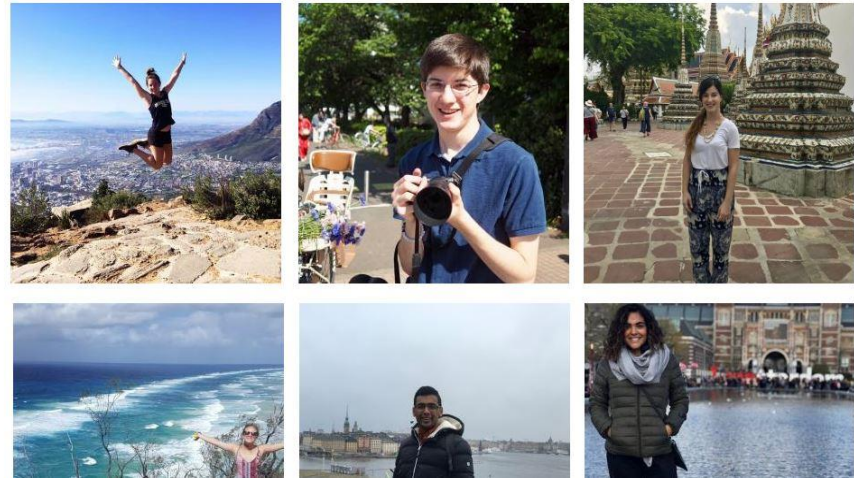
Peer Advisors are returned education abroad students who participated in an exchange program, faculty-led program, global internship, or a combination of the three. Many of the Peer Advisors are also part of the International Plan. Peer Advisors play a critical role in promoting study abroad to Georgia Tech's students and gain public speaking, leadership, and creative experience. They help OIE at campus events throughout the academic year, provide an invaluable student perspective on abroad programs, and help develop marketing materials.

\*Think you might want to become a Peer Advisor? We're taking applications for spring 2019, scroll down to the bottom of the page to apply!

**\*Abhita Moorthy** – Industrial & Systems Engineering; 3rd year / Marietta, GA / Spanish  
LBAT – Peru & Spain; Global Internship: Santiago, Chile



My Global Internship in Santiago, Chile, where I worked as an Energy and Sustainability Analyst Intern, was great to be able to apply my Spanish to a professional setting while also improving the skills I learned in my ISyE classes. The picture above is from the Torres del Paine National Park in the Chilean Patagonia region. I will be studying abroad once again at GTL in Spring 2019. If you have any questions about the Spanish minor, the LBATs, the International Plan, or the Global Internship Program, I would be happy to help! Questions about my experience? Email me at: [amoorthy@gatech.edu](mailto:amoorthy@gatech.edu).



# EA Peer Advisors – Nuts & Bolts

## • Organization

Peer Advisor Handbook - Fall 2018

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	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	e	International Plan Q & A (pref IP student)	Peer Advisor International Opportunities Open House	International Plan Q & A (pref IP student)	IP & Exchange Open House (pref IP and/or exchange participants)	Global Leader Retreat Activity be group leader group assign neighborhood
2	Peer Advisors needed	1	All	1	2-4	Open to
3	Date	8/20/2018	8/21/2018	8/22/2018	8/23/2018	8/25/2018
4	Time	5 - 6 PM	10:30 AM - 12 PM	4:30 - 5:30 PM	11 AM - 12 PM	1 - 6 PM
5	OIE Staff (contact info in "OIE Contact Info" tab)	Colette	Logan, Ashlee	Colette	Colette, Meg, Cassy	Alyson Mc
6	Location	Clary Theater	SC Peachtree Room	Clary Theater	Savant 308	Atlanta
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8	Emma Hamilton (Co-op)					
9	Katriella Lumbantobing					
10	Zivan Bhola					
11	Timothy Purvis					
12	Ariana Morgan (abroad)					
13	Christian Brice	X			X	Invite sent SignupGe
14	Jessie Berry					
15	Mihir Dhoot					
16	Nastasia Porras					
17	Johanna Tomkiewicz					
18	Grace Oberst					
19	Abhita Moorthy					
20	Elin Howard					
21	Emily Chang					
22	Christopher Duman					

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**Study Abroad Fair**

**Study Abroad Fair 2018**

Thank you for volunteering at the 2018 Study Abroad Fair. Feel free to select multiple time slots if you'd like.

Date: 10/02/2018 (Tue.)

Location: Student Center Ballroom

Created by: GE Georgia Tech Education Abroad

Time (EST)	Available Slot
9:00am - 10:00am	<p><b>Volunteer</b></p> <p>Setup</p> <p>6 slots filled - more available</p> <p>AM Alex Merck</p> <p>EH Elin Howard</p> <p>SE Santiago Escobar</p> <p>AC Autumn Caraway</p> <p>RG Rosario Garcia-Chinchilla</p> <p>RD Riya Dedani</p> <p><a href="#">Sign Up</a></p>
10:00am - 11:00am	<p><b>Volunteer</b></p> <p>Working the check-in table, passing out donuts/popcorn, providing directions, etc</p> <p>8 slots filled - more available</p> <p>SM Serah Mungai</p> <p>JT Johanna Tomkiewicz</p> <p>I have interviews until 10 so I'll probably be able to show up around 10:30-11 to start my shift until 12</p> <p>JB Jessie Berry</p> <p>ZH Zach Hopton</p> <p>AC Autumn Caraway</p>



# ISA Global Ambassador Program

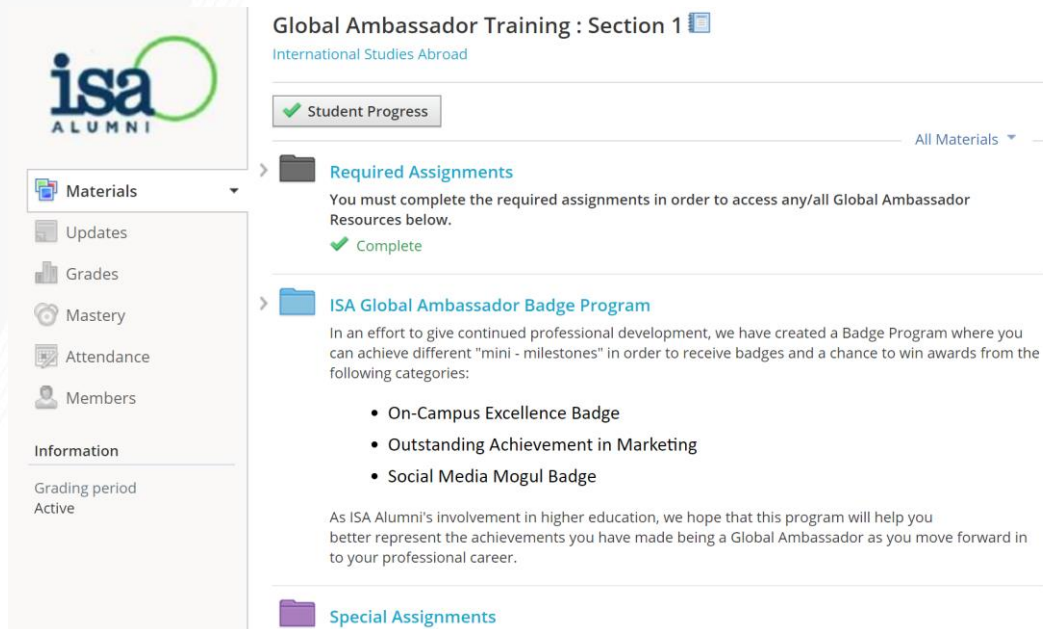
Who's eligible?

- ISA Alum (of any division)
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Passed all classes as a part of their ISA program

# ISA Global Ambassador Program

## How it works

- ISA alum submit an application and go through an interview process
- Campus Study Abroad Office must approve
- Complete online training through Global Ambassador Schoology and required webinars



The screenshot displays the 'Global Ambassador Training : Section 1' page within a Schoology LMS. On the left is a sidebar with the 'isa ALUMNI' logo and a menu containing 'Materials', 'Updates', 'Grades', 'Mastery', 'Attendance', 'Members', 'Information', and 'Grading period Active'. The main content area is titled 'Global Ambassador Training : Section 1' and includes a 'Student Progress' indicator showing 100% completion. Below this, the 'Required Assignments' section states that all materials are complete. The 'ISA Global Ambassador Badge Program' section explains the purpose of the badge program and lists three categories: 'On-Campus Excellence Badge', 'Outstanding Achievement in Marketing', and 'Social Media Mogul Badge'. A final section for 'Special Assignments' is partially visible at the bottom.

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Global Ambassador Training : Section 1

International Studies Abroad

✓ Student Progress

All Materials

Required Assignments

You must complete the required assignments in order to access any/all Global Ambassador Resources below.

✓ Complete

ISA Global Ambassador Badge Program

In an effort to give continued professional development, we have created a Badge Program where you can achieve different "mini - milestones" in order to receive badges and a chance to win awards from the following categories:

- On-Campus Excellence Badge
- Outstanding Achievement in Marketing
- Social Media Mogul Badge

As ISA Alumni's involvement in higher education, we hope that this program will help you better represent the achievements you have made being a Global Ambassador as you move forward in to your professional career.

Special Assignments

# ISA Global Ambassador Program

## How it works

- Students complete 10 hours of unpaid work and are then compensated \$10/hour or their state minimum wage
- Hours worked for their study abroad office also count

# ISA Global Ambassador Program

What do Global Ambassadors do?

- Work closely with the ISA Alumni Relations team, assist Regional Directors and Study Abroad Offices
- The Badge Program



- We encourage creativity / play to their strengths
- Activity Reports and Timesheets

# ISA Global Ambassador Program

## Perks to the program

- Paid position
- Professional Development
- Networking
- Share your experience
- Global Ambassador Travel Grant

## A World of Difference: How Studying Abroad Shaped Me

BY ANNALUSSIER ON DECEMBER 14, 2016 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



DISCOVERY MODEL  
INTERCULTURAL



HISTORICAL



PROFESSIONAL



ENVIRONMENTAL



SOCIOPOLITICAL

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Whenever you ask someone about their experience studying abroad, a common theme is change. Learning to accept change, coping with change, and even changing as a person. It is hard to truly understand what people mean without living through a similar experience, but now I understand.



# ISA Global Ambassador Program

Perks to the program

- ISA Global Ambassador Workshop Opportunity



# IDEA SHARING

