



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The following list of special programs is compiled from information received by the Education Advisor from various universities in the U.S. Some of these special programs are geared towards undergraduate students, others toward graduate students. Please contact the university or organization directly for more information. **ALWAYS PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE DEADLINES GIVEN IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT.**

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Undergraduate: Research Experience in Biodiversity Conservation (Wilmington, NC)

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Biodiversity Conservation is a National Science Foundation funded program for summers 2008 - 2010.

Program Summary: A multidisciplinary group of students and faculty will compare fossil, archeological and modern marine samples to study how the marine ecosystem has changed through time. We will determine the degree and nature of human impact, assess the health of the modern system, and identify possible approaches to protecting biodiversity.

Activities include the following:

- Collecting and studying fossils to reconstruct changes in the ecosystem over the past 3 million years
- Applying archeological techniques to American Indian shell midden materials to examine the marine system before intensive human influences
- Participating in research cruises and examining the health of the modern marine fauna
- Exploring environmental management implications of your work

Dates: June 2 - July 30, 2009

Eligibility: Eligible participants include rising juniors and seniors in Archeology/American Indian Studies, Biology, Environmental Studies, Geology/Paleontology and Marine Sciences. Members of underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply!

Financial Support:

- \$ 450.00 a week stipend for 8 weeks
- All expenses paid
- Round-trip transportation to Wilmington
- Free housing in university apartments
- Per diem food allowance (cook or eat out)
- Money to continue your research at your home institution
- Travel to present your research results

Application Deadline: March 1, 2009

Application - instructions for submitting an application <<http://www.uncw.edu/earsci/reu/application.htm>>

Program Flyer - printable pdf file <<http://www.uncw.edu/earsci/reu/documents/NSFREUfactsheet09.pdf>>

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Graduate: New Master's Program in Finance, Claremont McKenna College, Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, (Claremont, CA)

The Robert Day School Master's Program in Finance: This innovative one-year degree program is looking for students with strong leadership potential to engage in an intensive curriculum in finance and economics, beginning Fall 2009.

Highlights of the program include:

- Generous funding for merit-based scholarships
- Dedicated career services specialist and extensive alumni network
- Excellent faculty with experience both in academics and industry
- Intensive Finance curriculum completed in one year
- Co-curricular program designed to enhance leadership and communication skills, as well as provide access to speakers, conferences, alumni and employers.

For more information, visit: www.claremontmckenna.edu/rdschool

Scholarship: Admission to the Robert Day School Master's Program in Finance is need-blind. Robert Day's very generous gift to establish this program includes substantial merit-based scholarship support which will be awarded as prospective students are selected for admission. Those desiring to be fully considered for scholarship support are encouraged to apply as early as possible as funding is generous, but not unlimited.

For more information please contact the Graduate Admission Office:

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Graduate: MPA in Environmental Science and Policy, Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs (New York, NY)

Program Description

The Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy trains sophisticated public managers and policymakers, who apply innovative, systems-based thinking to environmental issues. The program challenges students to think systemically and act pragmatically. To meet this challenge, the school offers a high-quality graduate program in management and policy analysis that emphasizes practical skills and is enriched by ecological and planetary science.

There is still time to apply to the 12-month MPA Program in Environmental Science and Policy beginning in May 2009. The next deadline to apply and be considered for fellowship is **Thursday, January 15, 2009**.

Students who do not wish to be considered for a fellowship, but do wish to apply, still have a chance to apply for the February 15th deadline.

To learn more about the program, please visit the program website:

www.columbia.edu/cu/mpaenvironment

Information about admissions and how to apply can be found online also at:

www.columbia.edu/cu/mpaenvironment/pages/application.html

You can also learn about the work students are doing in their workshops classes this semester; projects from this semester's workshop course can be viewed online. The workshop projects are the culmination of semester-long projects on a proposed but not yet enacted environmental law or treaty with an emphasis on management issues. The purpose of the fall-semester workshop is to provide students with the opportunity to manage and implement a public earth system and environmental program, and the opportunity to put into practice what has been learned throughout the year.

To view these projects, please visit:

www.columbia.edu/cu/mpaenvironment/pages/news_briefing_fall08b.html

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Graduate: LL.M./MBA program at Chicago-Kent College of Law

The LL.M. programs in International and Comparative Law, Financial Services Law and International Intellectual Property Law at Chicago Kent College of Law attract diverse and accomplished lawyers from all over the world.

As we review the applications for the class of 2010, we are mindful of the difficult choices that students must make as they look to study abroad. Concerns about safety and costs are paramount for many prospective students. I believe that the LL.M. Programs at Chicago-Kent are particularly well-suited to these difficult and changing times. We are located in the heart of the American Midwest, and offer students an intellectually challenging, culturally stimulating and economically affordable opportunity to study with leading scholars in international and comparative law.

As one of the few American law schools offering financial aid to LL.M. students, Chicago-Kent is proud of its role in supporting the next generation of entrepreneurial business leaders and legal scholars.

We are pleased to announce a **new opportunity for students** to combine legal and business study: Chicago-Kent and the Stuart School of Business now offer qualified students a combined LL.M./M.B.A. program – for more information please go to www.kentlaw.edu/international.

Email inquiries regarding our graduate law programs may be sent directly to the LL.M. Program Manager at intllm@kentlaw.edu.

English Language Program: Texas A&M University English Language Institute, College Station, TX

The family atmosphere of the English Language Institute at Texas A&M University enables students to learn and develop lifelong ties in a welcoming and supportive environment. At Texas A&M faculty members are facilitators of learning that provide students the opportunity to learn and practice English, diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses, and serve as mentors.

The English Language Institute meets the needs of both beginning and advanced English learners by offering courses from a 100-300 difficulty level. Courses include American Culture and Customs, Composition, Grammar, Listening, Oral Skills, Reading, and Vocabulary. Supplemental services, such as ongoing TOEFL preparation, add to the academic experience.

Application Deadline: Prospective students should apply at least 90 days prior to the date in which they plan to enter the country. For program start and end dates, please see <http://eli.tamu.edu/admissions/dates.php>.

Eligibility Requirements

The English Language Institute accepts a variety of students over 17 years old, including prospective undergraduate and graduate students. Materials required for admission include:

- Application form
- Official bank statement in US dollars
- TOEFL or essay
- Two passport photos
- \$50 application fee
- Transcripts translated into English

Further Information

<http://eli.tamu.edu/>

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English Language Program: Learning English the Web Way: free website from the U.S. Department of Education

<http://theboard.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/11/24/learning-english-the-web-way/>

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Learning English the Web Way
By The Editorial Board

USA Learns is a free website from the U.S. Department of Education that helps people learn to speak and write English.

The Web site, launched this month at www.usalearns.org, is not a perfect substitute for an abundance of amply funded, not-overcrowded English as a Second Language classes. But it's a good start.

People who don't have the time, money, or luck needed to get into E.S.L. classes, or who want to practice on their own, can now cozy up to a library computer and get hours of valuable training in the practical language of taxes, government, health, parenthood, and other useful subjects.

English Language Program: University at Albany (Albany, NY)

Summer 2009: June 2 - July 24, 2009 other dates online.

Cultural Activities and Speakers: Intensive English

In past semesters IELP has sponsored day trips to Boston, New York City, Lake George and Howe Caverns. IELP offers activities for each of the four seasons such as apple-picking in the fall and outdoor theater in the summer. Other activities include picnics, parties, an English Olympics, bowling, volleyball, and a visit to the New York State Museum.

English Only Policy! Intensive English Language Program:

This policy requires students to use only English in classes. English is strongly encouraged in situations outside of class also.

Please send questions or comments to: IELP@albany.edu
www.albany.edu/ielp/

English Language Program: International Language Institute of Massachusetts (Northampton, MA)

Teachers and administrators were nice, friendly and warm. It was very helpful to me to be surrounded by kind and nice people. I felt comfortable just one week after coming here.
- Sylvia Agoh, Ivory Coast, Spring 2008

The International Language Institute's Intensive English Program offers practical and academic English in interactive classes.

- * Academic and practical English
- * 21 hours of instruction per week
- * Students are 18 years and older
- * All students receive individual attention
- * Emphasis on speaking and understanding
- * Internet-connected and Wi-Fi computer lab
- * Certificate of completion

Housing can be arranged with area hosts. Northampton is located in scenic western Massachusetts. It is a small town and has many shops and cafes on its quaint, tree-lined main street.

The INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE INSTITUTE of Massachusetts (ILI) is a non-profit language school located in beautiful Northampton, Massachusetts. Established in 1984, ILI has earned a distinguished international reputation for its excellent language and teacher training programs. ILI's mission is to promote intercultural understanding by providing quality language instruction and teacher training.

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English Language Program: Mercy College (NY)

This program is geared toward students wishing to improve their English language skills while also getting the opportunity to experience life on a US college campus, and take part in various cultural and educational excursions planned for the participants. **The Summer Institute for the Study of English at Mercy College, New York** is an 8-week program beginning on June 24, 2009. We will offer 18 hours of English language instruction per week to be taught by qualified, experienced instructors. We are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity to students from your country wishing to improve their English language skills and experience life in the United States first hand. Attached is a poster outlining this program. We will be sending you printed copies of this poster in the coming weeks. Please feel free to distribute them to anyone interested in attending.

Mercy College is an American institution of higher learning, fully accredited by the [Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools](#) and the New York State Education Department. We have an excellent student to faculty ratio at 15:1; Students come first at Mercy College, and we are focused on providing them with a solid, personalized educational experience that will ensure their future success. Our students have the opportunity to interact with an outstanding and committed faculty, which includes authors, experts in their fields, and Fulbright scholars who have studied internationally. Mercy College has been dedicated to a high quality and affordable education in the United States since 1950.

We offer over 90 programs undergraduate and graduate programs in liberal arts, business, education, and health and social sciences. We have five major campuses in Manhattan, Bronx, Dobbs Ferry, White Plains and Yorktown. A great number of our programs are also offered on-line, and many students choose to complete at least part of their degree through distance learning. We give our students flexibility, affordability, and quality. Please visit our website (www.mercy.edu) to get more in depth information about all of the programs we offer.

Please feel free to call us at any time with your questions or comments. We would be honored to host students from your country, and we thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us to reach them.

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