

## IPO Calendar Archive - 2008

### January

#### January 14

##### **IRTAG and ICDG call for Proposals**

Call for International Research Travel Assistance Grant (IRTAG) and International Curriculum Development Grant (ICDG). For this and other grant information, go to the International Programs web site: <http://intlcenter.tamu.edu/Grants.asp> . The deadline for electronically submitting applications for either grant is Wednesday, February 13. . For more information contact Kim Fox at [kfox@tamu.edu](mailto:kfox@tamu.edu)

#### January 21

##### **Martin Luther King Day Holiday.**

Faculty and Staff Holiday.

#### January 22

##### **Scholarship Deadlines for International Students**

If you are a graduate student and you are interested in the Eppright Scholarship, International Education Fee Scholarship: Graduate/Professional and others please contact the International Student Services office or visit their website where an online application process is available at <http://international.tamu.edu/iss/isschol.asp>. **The deadline for the The Eppright and IEFS-GP is February 1, 2008.**

#### January 22, 2008

##### **Study Abroad Programs Office Summer 2008 Scholarship Applications**

International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS): Funded by the International Education Fee, this merit-based scholarship furnishes \$500 or \$1,000 depending on the length of the program, and is granted to a student only once in their current degree/non-degree program. **The deadline for applying is Feb 1.**

#### January 23

##### **Study Abroad Spring Fair**

It's not too late to go away! Come to Study Abroad's Spring Fair in the MSC Flagroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check all the summer and fall programs, visit with TAMU Faculty members who are leading programs abroad, find out more about A&M's Reciprocal Exchanges, talk with TAMU students who recently studied abroad, get questions answered about independent program providers, talk with Financial Aid Advisors about funding your study abroad program, apply for your passport and more! Use our search engine to find a complete list of available programs at [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/find\\_program.asp](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/find_program.asp) and stop by our office in Bizzell Hall West to talk to a peer counselor or advisor.

#### January 23

##### **Engineering In Singapore Information Meeting With Pizza**

Imagine telling your parents about a 6 week summer that is 9948 miles away from home with 4 day weekends that gives you 6 TAMU units in: Micro/nano manufacturing + Computer & Society. Hear all about it and the Study Abroad and Engineering Scholarships available! Contact Dr. Hung ([hung@tamu.edu](mailto:hung@tamu.edu)) or attend Summer Study in Singapore briefing, 5-6 pm, Wed, Jan 23 in 112D Thompson Hall. **Free pizza**

#### January 24

##### **Show me the Money Informational**

Need Money to study abroad? Find out what is available at 4 p.m. in Rudder 504 Rudder

## **January 24**

### **Boston University Abroad On Campus**

Making plans to go abroad this summer? Want to go abroad for next year? Boston University Abroad (BU offers 61 programs in 34 cities in 21 countries with programs in language, liberal arts, fine arts, engineering and science. Internship placements are also available. Visit with representative Theresa Leary of Boston University in the main hallway of the MSC from 11am to 2pm.

Check out their programs (<http://www.bu.edu/ip/>). For more information on receiving transfer credit and financial aid for this program, please see Lisa Tauferner ([ltauferner@tamu.edu](mailto:ltauferner@tamu.edu)) or Clarissa Steele ([csteele@tamu.edu](mailto:csteele@tamu.edu)) in the Study Abroad Programs Office, 1st floor in Bizzell Hall West (ph 845-0544).

## **January 29**

### **Show me the Money Informational**

Need Money to study abroad? Find out what is available at 5 p.m. in Rudder 504 Rudder

## **January 28**

### **Study Abroad Informational**

Students who have studied in Italy and Argentina will share their experiences and answer your questions. The meeting will be held in Koldus 111 at 7 p.m.

## **January 29**

### **Study Abroad Informational**

Students who have studied in Australia and Germany will share their experiences and answer your questions. The meeting will be held in Koldus 111 at 7 p.m.

## **January 31**

### **International Programs Office Retreat**

International Programs will host its annual Retreat in MSC 225-226 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The 2007 Staff Star will be announced.

## **February**

### **February 1**

#### **Deadline for the Eppright and International Fee Scholarship - Graduate/Professional**

An online application process is available at <http://international.tamu.edu/iss/isschol.asp> .

### **February 6-8, 2008**

#### **Annual Texas A&M University CONACYT Principal Investigators' Symposium**

The annual Texas A&M University-CONACYT Principal Investigators' Symposium will take place at Texas A&M University on February 6-8, 2008. The annual symposium provides principal investigators funded under the Texas A&M University-CONACYT Collaborative Research Grant Program the opportunity to jointly present their research findings, learn about other collaborative research projects, and enhance their understanding of Texas A&M University and COANCYT. For more information, please contact Ms. Amanda White at [awhite@tamu.edu](mailto:awhite@tamu.edu).

### **February 7**

#### **Lunar New Year Celebration**

Come celebrate the Year of the Rat! A lion dance performance will start from the Sul Ross statue at 5:30 pm and march all the way to Sbisa. Tickets for a Lunar New Year dinner may be purchase at the door for \$8.88 or you can use your meal plan. Watch for more details at <http://ipa.tamu.edu>

### **February 8, 2008**

**General Business Procedures Seminar** hosted by Intl. Faculty & Scholars Services from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in Rudder Tower, Room 601. The seminar will address policy changes and forms updates as well as provide insight to Departments and their contacts on procedures to follow when requesting

assistance in the acquisition of work authorization for international faculty and scholars. To register visit <http://ifss.tamu.edu/workshopregistrationform.asp> or call our IFSS at 862.1719.

### **February 13**

**Show Me the Money! Study Abroad Funding Informationals** provide students with information on the different funding options available to them and how to go about obtaining that funding. For more information visit [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/predeparture\\_orientation.asp](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/predeparture_orientation.asp).

### **February 20**

Application workshop for the Freeman Asia Scholarship will be held in Rudder 401 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

### **February 27**

#### **Deadline for the Freeman Asia Award Summer Programs**

The program provides up to \$3,000 for study abroad in east and southeast Asia

### **February 27**

#### **Consuls General Luncheon**

Texas A&M will honor the Consular Officials of Houston at 11:30 a.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center. Bush Excellence Awards for Faculty in Teaching, Research and Public Service and the Outstanding International Alumnus Award and Eppright Award will be presented at this time. The Consuls Luncheon is by invitation only.

## **March**

### **March 6**

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### **March 6**

The Glasscock-center sponsored South Asia Working group talk by Dr. Baviskar -- "Cows, Cars and Cycle-rickshaws: The Politics of Nature on the Streets of Delhi, India" -- will be held on March 6, from 4-6 pm, in BLOCKER 203. All are invited to attend. Please announce widely to your departments, programs and other constituencies. This event, featuring eminent Delhi-based sociologist Dr. Baviskar's talk and 2-day visit, is arranged with assistance from the South Asia Institute at UT-Austin. TAMU co-sponsors are the Institute for Pacific Asia and the Friends of India Network. Thanks to all.

### **March 17**

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### **March 19**

The Office for Latin American Programs, Brazilian Student Association, and the Department of Political Science present a seminar entitled 'The New Face of the Brazilian Economy & External Policy' on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Allen Building, room 2115. The featured seminar speaker is Mr. Floriano Filho, a native of Brazil, is a 2007-2008 Fulbright/APSA Congressional Fellow. He is a senior journalist on leave from the Brazilian TV Senado (equivalent to C-SPAN 2) where he was a

presenter and the editor-in-chief of a show on external policies. For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Alves at [malves@tamu.edu](mailto:malves@tamu.edu).

### **March 19, 20**

Application workshop for the Freeman Asia Award for Fall/Academic Year Programs will be held in Rudder 401 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

### **March 26**

The deadline for the Freeman Asia Award for Fall/Academic Year Programs proposal is March 26. This opportunity provides up to \$7,000 for study abroad in east and southeast Asia.

### **March 31**

Show Me the Money! Study Abroad Funding Informationals provide students with information on the different funding options available to them and how to go about obtaining that funding. For more information, visit [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/predeparture\\_orientation.asp](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/predeparture_orientation.asp).

## **April**

### **April 1**

An application workshop for Gilman Scholarship for Fall/Academic Year Programs will be in Rudder 308 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

### **April 7**

The University Libraries Diversity Committee is hosting a presentation by the Institute of Asia Pacific (IPA) at Texas A&M as part of their Diversity Lecture Series. Dr. Randy Kluver, Director at IPA and the newly established Confucius Institute, will be the speaker and the topic of the presentation will be 'The Confucian Legacy in Chinese Culture'.

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Evans Library - Room 204E

For more information, please contact Carmen Suen at [csuen@ipomail.tamu.edu](mailto:csuen@ipomail.tamu.edu), or 845-3099.  
<http://ipa.tamu.edu/News/ConfLeg.asp>

### **April 8**

The deadline for Gilman Scholarship for Fall/Academic Year Programs proposal is April 8. This scholarship provides up to \$8,000 for study abroad anywhere in the world

### **April 10th**

#### **Asian Heritage Week Opening Ceremonies**

MSC Flagroom and Stark Galleries at 2:30 p.m. includes live cultural performances from ISA, VASA, CSSA, and PhilSA. A reception will also be held in the Stark Galleries following the speeches.

**Movie Screening- Journey from the Fall** in Wehner 113 at 7 p.m.

The director of the film, Ham Tran, will be our guest speaker and will be in attendance

**April 12****Parents' Weekend Breakfast** (Place and time TBD)

Study Abroad Programs Office is planning the breakfast to provide parents with information about the benefits of study abroad educating them on the various program options, and addressing concerns.

**April 14-18**

The Office for Latin American Programs is coordinating a site visit to the Costa Rica Center. This trip will enable the members of the Academic Committee the opportunity to visit the site, initiate planning for future Texas A&M academic activities at the Costa Rica Center, and attend meetings with universities and institutions in San Jose, Costa Rica. For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Alves at [malves@tamu.edu](mailto:malves@tamu.edu).

**April 16**

**Movie Screening-** The Forbidden Kingdom (Read more on IMDb)  
Rudder Theatre at 7 p.m.

**April 18**

**Movie Screening- Better Luck Tomorrow**  
Wehner 113 at 7 p.m.

**April 19th****Iron Chef Charity Event hosted by the Vietnamese Students Association(VASA)**

*MSC Kitchen from 3 p.m.- 9 p.m.*

A contest of cooking ability to all those who are brave enough to accept the challenge. The contest will be setup as follows: teams from different organizations will be registered to compete; they will then be provided with a certain secret ingredient that they will have to incorporate into their dishes; they will be allowed an allotted time to go buy the rest of their ingredients with an allotted allowance; then they will then be allow a certain time to cook and prepare their Asian dishes. There will be judges picked for the judging of dishes and winner will receive something. We wanted to sell \$1 or \$2 tickets to all those who are not participating in competition to go watch and taste some of the food made in the competition and all the proceeds (and a donation box) will go to a charity of our choice.

**April 24th****IDEAAL Leadership Seminar**

Rudder 404, 7:00 PM

**Beta Tau Omega Karaoke Night**

Harrington Bldg 9:00 Pm

**April 25****Movie Screening- Lagaan**

Rudder Theatre at 7 p.m.

**April 27thth****Asia United Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Asian American Intersvarsity(AAIV) and Closing Ceremonies**

Reed Building at 5:30 p.m.

This event is essentially designed to be a dodgeball tournament between approximately 14-16 teams in

order to raise money for an Asian specific organization. We want all organizations under APC to take place in the tournament this year as our theme is unity.

Underwriting of the event is generously provided by the Institute for Pacific Asia, Department of Multicultural Services and MSC Aggie Cinema. For more information, please contact the Asian Presidents Council at [ahsan@neo.tamu.edu](mailto:ahsan@neo.tamu.edu).

#### **April 28**

Confucius Institute - Opening Event

<http://ipa.tamu.edu/News/ConfOpenCer.asp>

## **May**

#### **May 13-22, 2008 - Faculty Abroad Seminar to Mexico**

The 15th Annual Faculty Abroad Seminar (FAS) will take place on May 13-22, 2008 in Mexico. FAS allows tenured or tenure track faculty the opportunity to travel to Mexico to learn more about the history, culture, and economical and political background of Mexico; to establish contacts with colleagues at Mexican institutions and universities for potential research, education, and public service collaborations; and to offer an understanding of future funding opportunities for collaborative research with Mexican counterparts. Nine Texas A&M faculty members will participate in this year's program. For more information, please contact Ms. Edna Bishop at [ebishop@tamu.edu](mailto:ebishop@tamu.edu).

## **June**

#### **June 20**

##### **Bolivian Rock Art Brown Bag Luncheon**

On Friday, June 20, at 12:00 PM in the George Bush Museum Auditorium the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History will host a Brown Bag Luncheon on Bolivian Rock Art. Matthias Strecker, Secretary and Editor of SIRAB, will provide an introduction to the subject and discuss SIARB conservation projects. For more information, please contact Dr. Deborah F. Cowman at [bvmnh@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:bvmnh@suddenlinkmail.com)

#### **June 23-27**

##### **Director of Costa Rica Education & Research Center's Trip to Texas A&M University**

Dr. Eugenio Gonzalez, director of the Costa Rica Education & Research Center, will be on campus on June 23-27, 2008 to attend meetings related to the development and establishment of the Costa Rica Center. The Office for Latin American Programs is coordinating the meetings for his trip to the University. For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Alves at [malves@tamu.edu](mailto:malves@tamu.edu)

#### **June 26-28**

##### **Visit of Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan (UADY)**

A delegation of administrators and faculty from Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan will visit Texas A&M University on June 26-28, 2008 to attend meetings with the Colleges of Architecture and Engineering. For more information, please contact Ms. Amanda White at [awhite@tamu.edu](mailto:awhite@tamu.edu)

## **July**

#### **July 22-24, 2008**

## **Making History Come Alive: Telling Stories and Developing Documentaries Workshop for K-12 Teachers**

This three day summer workshop for teachers will provide information on how to combine technology education with writing, research, and media literacy in the social studies, geography, science and English/Language Arts classroom. 9 am - 4 pm The cost is \$125.00. For more information or to register visit <http://worldroom.tamu.edu/Registration.asp>.

## **August**

### **August 14, 2008**

#### **International Friendly Business Expo**

Hosted by the International Faculty and Scholars Network, this second annual event brings vendors from the community to meet with new international faculty and scholars about such issues as banking, buying a home or a car, insurance, health care, financial planning, preparing for income tax season and finding out how the Better Business Bureau and the Bryan College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau can help. The event will be held in MSC 224, 225, and 226 from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information call Linda Edwards at 862-6700.

### **August 18-21, 2008**

#### **Costa Rica Center Executive Committee Trip to Costa Rica**

The Office for Latin American Programs will coordinate a trip to Costa Rica for the Executive Committee of the Texas A&M University Research and Education Center in Costa Rica (Costa Rica Center). The trip will take place on August 18-21, 2008 and include a site visit to the Costa Rica Center as well as meetings with Costa Rican institutions and universities in San Jose. For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Alves at [malves@tamu.edu](mailto:malves@tamu.edu).

### **August 27, 2008**

#### **General Information for Study Abroad**

On Wednesday, August 27, at 6:00 PM in Rudder 301 the Study Abroad Programs Office will host a general informational. A representative from the Study Abroad Programs Office, along with a student who recently studied abroad, will provide a general overview of the study, research, internship, volunteer and work abroad opportunities available for A&M students; how to fund a program abroad; and provide time for Q&A. For more information contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at [studyabroad@tamu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@tamu.edu) or 979-845-0544.

### **August 28, 2008**

#### **General Information for Study Abroad**

On Thursday, August 28, at 6:00 PM in Rudder 301 the Study Abroad Programs Office will host a general informational. A representative from the Study Abroad Programs Office, along with a student who recently studied abroad, will provide a general overview of the study, research, internship, volunteer and work abroad opportunities available for A&M students; how to fund a program abroad; and provide time for Q&A. For more information contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at [studyabroad@tamu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@tamu.edu) or 979-845-0544.

### **August 28, 2008**

**Visit of Dr. Jose de la Pena, Adjunct Director of Scientific and Academic Development for CONACYT**

The Office for Latin American Programs is coordinating the visit of Dr. Jose de la Pena, Adjunct Director of Scientific and Academic Development for CONACYT. While on campus, Dr. De la Pena will meet with Texas A&M administrators and faculty as well as participate in a signing ceremony for the Texas A&M University-CONACYT Research Agreement. On August 29, Dr. De la Pena will attend Rice University's symposium entitled "Presidential Summit: Higher Education's Role in Mexico-US Affairs and Research Collaboration". He will participate in a panel discussion with President Elsa A. Murano. For more information, please contact Ms. Amanda White at [awhite@tamu.edu](mailto:awhite@tamu.edu).

## September

### September 3, 2008

#### General Information for Study Abroad

On Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00 PM in Rudder 301 the Study Abroad Programs Office will host a general informational. A representative from the Study Abroad Programs Office, along with a student who recently studied abroad, will provide a general overview of the study, research, internship, volunteer and work abroad opportunities available for A&M students; how to fund a program abroad; and provide time for Q&A. For more information contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at [studyabroad@tamu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@tamu.edu) or 979-845-0544.

### September 4, 2008

#### General Information for Study Abroad

On Thursday, September 4, at 6:00 PM in Rudder 301 the Study Abroad Programs Office will host a general informational. A representative from the Study Abroad Programs Office, along with a student who recently studied abroad, will provide a general overview of the study, research, internship, volunteer and work abroad opportunities available for A&M students; how to fund a program abroad; and provide time for Q&A. For more information contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at [studyabroad@tamu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@tamu.edu) or 979-845-0544.

### September 4, 2008

#### Brazil Senior World Passport Programs

2008 is the fifth year for the Senior World Passport Program which allows senior citizens to travel the world without leaving the Brazos Valley. Each session will include a presentation, displays, international cuisine, music and more. The event is free and each session is held at 10 a.m. in the EXIT Teen Center on Rock Prairie Rd. This program is co-sponsored by the City of College Station and TAMU International Programs. To register to attend call the Office of International Outreach at 862-6700.

### September 7-12, 2008

#### Director of Costa Rica Center's Trip to Campus

The Office for Latin American Programs will coordinate the trip of Dr. Eugenio Gonzalez, Director of the Costa Rica Center. While on campus, he will meet with the Costa Rica Center's Executive Committee, Operations Committee, and Program Development Committee as well as attend additional meetings with university administrators and faculty. For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Alves at [malves@tamu.edu](mailto:malves@tamu.edu).

### September 15, 2008

### **Deadline for University-Wide Spring Semester Reciprocal Exchange Programs**

Monday, September 15 is the deadline by which students wishing to participate on Spring semester reciprocal exchange programs should submit their application and supporting documentation. Reciprocal exchanges are agreements between A&M and a partner foreign institution that allows A&M students to pay tuition and fees to Texas A&M University to take A&M equivalent courses abroad, while being immersed in the culture and language, if applicable. For more information, visit <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu> or 979-845-0544.

### **September 24, 2008**

#### **Overseas Day Study Abroad Fair**

On Wednesday, September 24 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the MSC Flag room, Hallway, and Rudder Fountain, the Study Abroad Programs Office will host Overseas Day, the annual fall study abroad fair. The purpose of this fair is to provide students with an opportunity to see a number of the available program options, talk with faculty leading programs abroad, chat with students who recently returned from abroad, apply for a passport, and speak with scholarships and financial aid advisors. There will be door prizes and a chance to vote on the photo contest. For more information contact the Study Abroad Programs Office at [studyabroad@tamu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@tamu.edu) or 979-845-0544.

## **October**

### **October 2, 2008**

#### **European Union Senior World Passport Programs**

2008 is the fifth year for the Senior World Passport Program which allows senior citizens to travel the world without leaving the Brazos Valley. Each session will include a presentation, displays, international cuisine, music and more. The event is free and each session is held at 10 a.m. in the EXIT Teen Center on Rock Prairie Rd. This program is co-sponsored by the City of College Station and TAMU International Programs. To register to attend call the Office of International Outreach at 862-6700.

### **October 2, 2008**

#### **International Faculty and Scholar BBQ**

The Sixth Annual International Faculty and Scholar BBQ, hosted by Texas A&M International Programs and the City of College Station Department of Parks and Recreation, is held to welcome new international faculty, scholars and their family to the community. The event includes remarks from university and city officials, information on city agencies, Texas-style BBQ and country and western dance performances from the world-famous Texas Aggie Wranglers dance team. (This event is by invitation only)

### **October 15-17, 2008**

#### **International Board Meeting**

The Texas A&M International Board meets in the spring and fall of each year. The fall meeting will take place in Reed Arena.

## **November**

### **November 22, 2008**

**Brazos Valley Worldfest**

The second-annual community-wide international festival, held in downtown Bryan from 10a-5p, will be bigger and better for 2008. The festival will include multiple stages for performances, culture displays and demonstrations, international cuisine, storytelling, arts and crafts, amusements and more. The event is free and a free shuttle service will be provided from Blinn College and the University Apartments. For more information or to find out how you can be involved visit

<http://brazosvalleyworldfest.org>.