

Short-term Faculty-Led Program FAQ's

<i>Will it be safe to travel on these programs?</i>	Bryant prioritizes health and safety on all its programs. If it is not safe to travel, the university will likely relocate the program to a safe location or cancel the program altogether.
<i>What should we consider about traveling with relation to COVID-19?</i>	Our programs will follow the host country's COVID guidelines and requirements (e.g., masks, social distancing, etc.). Therefore, if a vaccine/booster mandate is a requirement of that location, it will be a requirement for all students, faculty and staff who participate in that location's program.
<i>What items should my student have ready before they apply for one of Bryant's short-term programs?</i>	Most importantly, a valid passport! This should be valid for at least 6 months <i>after</i> the student is scheduled to return home. We find with youth passports, people don't realize they expire sooner, so they may need to be renewed. The application will also ask for a \$500 deposit (non-refundable) and an essay. Students and their families should also make sure they have reviewed and are clear on the program's withdrawal/cancellation policy before applying.
<i>How are students selected, and how many students can participate in each program?</i>	These programs are NOT a first-come, first-serve program. Eligible students who apply must submit an essay explaining why they are applying to that program. Faculty members select their students based on the essay, so long as the student has submitted a complete application by the deadline. Each program can accept a maximum of 44 students, with the Oxford program limited to 25.
<i>What does a completed application include?</i>	A completed application includes: initialing and electronically signing the program's refund/cancellation policy; a 300 word essay explaining why they want to participate in that specific program; a non-refundable \$500 deposit; and a valid passport copy or receipt showing a new passport has been applied and paid for. Some programs may require additional application materials to be submitted and will be mentioned on the initial application page if applicable.
<i>My student didn't get their first choice, what happens now?</i>	Students will be given the opportunity to select a second-choice program to apply to and submit a new essay for their new program once we know which programs are still accepting students. If students decide to apply to a second-choice program, their deposit will be applied towards that program; if they decide not to apply to a different program, they need to let us know and we will work with the Bursar's Office to get their deposit refunded. These programs do not offer a waitlist option, as there is never a guarantee an accepted student will drop out.
<i>Can my student switch programs after they've been accepted?</i>	Switching programs is NOT permitted after acceptance; Faculty members make reservations, and payments, for their accepted students very early, which makes switching impossible.
<i>My student told me that the travel fee and airfare range between two costs for each program. When and how is the final cost decided?</i>	The final per student cost is determined after the application closes and how many students have applied and been accepted for each program. Some programs may not fill up, whereas other programs fill to the maximum capacity, and this is part of the deciding factors for what the travel fee and

	<p>airfare will end up being for each student to pay. This is why each program's travel fee and airfare are advertised to cost within a certain range; until we know the total number of participants, we can only provide students with an early estimate to anticipate what their costs would be if they end up participating.</p>
<p><i>I have decided I don't want my student participating in their program anymore, can I get a refund? (this also applies to medical withdrawals, transferring schools, athletics, OL/RA selection, etc.)</i></p>	<p>The application deposit of \$500 is non-refundable once the student is accepted on a program. If the withdrawal is within 2 – 3 weeks of acceptance, then you may only be out the \$500. <u>Please remember that we work with program providers on these programs, and we are under contract to pay the full cost of the program. Airfare, hotels, tours, etc. are booked early to get us the best prices, so a refund is highly unlikely.</u></p>
<p><i>My student wants to come home from their program, how can I make that happen?</i></p>	<p>If your student wants to leave after they have arrived in the country, then they will be permitted to do; however, there is not a refund for the program, and the student is responsible for the price of the return ticket. They will work with their on-site leaders to assist with your student's return.</p>
<p><i>What will Bryant do if something does happen in the places where the group is traveling?</i></p>	<p>Bryant's in-country leader group and on-campus emergency contacts will do everything they can to see to getting the group to a safe place should something happen while they're traveling. The students have been given several meeting places to go to for each city they're traveling to in case of an emergency situation occurring, and the leaders will be sure to communicate with the on-campus contacts who will be available to offer any support necessary.</p>
<p><i>Will our medical insurance plan cover them while they're on their program?</i></p>	<p>Bryant provides each student on its faculty-led programs with a supplemental insurance plan, which also covers some additional travel-related items such as lost baggage. Students may need to pay for certain medical services out-of-pocket while traveling, and then file a claim to be reimbursed for some or all these expenses (depending on what it is and the costs incurred). If a student requires medical attention due to an incident that occurs while intoxicated, the insurance will not cover those expenses.</p>
<p><i>How long do students travel for these programs?</i></p>	<p>The length of time the students are overseas varies, however, you can expect them to be away for anywhere from 14 days (Oxford program); 16 to 21 days (fall or spring programs); or up to 5 weeks (SKKU program).</p>
<p><i>How do these programs work regarding how/when the credits count?</i></p>	<p>Students who travel in August are participating in a fall faculty-led program, thus the credits are part of their fall semester courseload and are included on their fall tuition bill. Students who travel in January or May/June are participating in a spring faculty-led program, and the program's credits are part of their spring semester courseload and included on their spring tuition bill. Summer programs with partner schools (e.g. Oxford, SKKU) are billed for the price of the overall program, which will include the tuition for the credit(s).</p>

<p><i>Can my student do a short-term program AND a semester abroad?</i></p>	<p>Absolutely! In fact, many of our students decide to study abroad after participating in a short-term program we offer. Students should start to make themselves aware of the program requirements to participate in each option soon after arriving at Bryant and working with their academic advisor on best program options for their degree requirements.</p>
<p><i>Can my student participate in more than one short-term program?</i></p>	<p>Absolutely! We understand that students may not be able to, or want to, study abroad for a semester. Therefore, students can apply for multiple programs, provided they are not running at the same time. However, if a student applies for more than one program in an academic year, that student should be prepared to participate in both programs. They should not apply for a “back-up” program in case they do not get accepted for their primary choice.</p>