

## **Education Abroad Checklist for VM504P students:**

- Passport-** Good for 10 years so you can work on getting this early! Make sure your passport is valid until 6 months after you return to the US.
- Immunizations-** Check with your local Health department or the WSU Travel Clinic for country specific recommended immunizations. Some shots come in a series so check 6-9 months ahead of your departure. Call Health and Wellness Services for an appointment: 509-335-3575. You can also go to <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/> to click on areas of the world for disease risks and immunization requirements.
- Complete the pre-requisite course:** All students interested in completing an externship abroad must first complete VM501
- Talk with an appropriate advisor-** Discuss your ideas with an appropriate person in the department. Gather suggestions & contacts for possible destinations.
- Be familiar with the objectives and requirements & complete the online WSU Vet Med Externship Application -** Review the International Field Studies information to make sure you complete all the steps and know what forms need to be completed. Go to <http://www.ip.wsu.edu/education abroad>, and search for the WSU Vet Med application. Once you begin an application, you log in using your WSU log in and ID#. If you have problems, contact Kate Wray Chettri: [kwraychettri@wsu.edu](mailto:kwraychettri@wsu.edu), Tel: 509-335-1727.
- Money-** Create a budget for your living and traveling expenses abroad and decide how you are going to fund them.
- Research Scholarship opportunities and apply early!** Check with the Ed Abroad Office, your department, IVSA and the web to find scholarships you are eligible for.
- Check into airfare and other travel information** (train passes, ISIC cards, hostel cards)
- Visa-** Many countries will require that you have a visa before entering the country to study. To obtain a visa, you must have a valid passport & acceptance letters from your program or host. This usually is completed a few months before you leave. Your contacts abroad will most likely send you information about any visa requirements for your host country, but if not, ask!
- Think about your housing arrangements in the US for before & after you study abroad.**
- Consider giving a parent or guardian Power of Attorney-** This allows your parent or guardian to sign your name in your absence. (Financial aid forms, bank issues, etc.)
- If you have any questions-** Talk to one of the following people: President, International Student Veterinary Association: Erica Gillum. International Veterinary Education Program Coordinator: Dr. Mushtaq Memon. Vet Med Student Services & Course Registration: Barb Robbins. Education Abroad Externship Coordinator: Kate Wray Chettri.

### **For more information**

International Veterinary Education

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/international>

Education Abroad Office

<http://www.ip.wsu.edu/education abroad>

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