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Summer Programs Study Abroad Fair

On January 22, the NCSU Study Abroad Office hosted the first-ever NC State Summer Programs Study Abroad Fair in the Talley Ballroom. While the Study Abroad Office traditionally holds a large fair every September to promote study abroad on campus, this January fair was specifically aimed at raising awareness of the huge diversity of NCSU faculty-led summer programs being offered in 2009. The fair was a tremendous success, with hundreds of students getting the opportunity to learn about the more-than 30 NCSU study abroad programs on offer this summer. Summer study abroad applications are available online now and the deadline is March 13th, 2009 for certain programs.

[Photos of the event](#)

Global Perspectives Certificate Launch

In conjunction with the Summer Programs Study Abroad Fair, a Launch Party was held to introduce the new Global Perspectives Certificate. Provost Larry Nielsen was in attendance for the GPC Launch Party, and spoke of the Certificate's goals. The objective of the Global Perspectives Certificate program is to recognize students for their international studies and activities, and to encourage students to continue their global interests both overseas and within the United States. The certificate allows students to document academic, extra-curricular, and service-based international involvement for future employers, graduate schools, and scholarship support organizations. Upon completion, students will receive a notation on their transcript, documenting their global experience. For more information and to apply for the GPC Certificate visit: <http://gpc.ncsu.edu> or contact Anna Fitzpatrick, GPC Coordinator, at gpc_coordinator@ncsu.edu

Keeping Programs Affordable

With an eye on the economic downturn, the Study Abroad Office is making every effort to keep study abroad at NCSU affordable and accessible to as many of our students as possible. In keeping with this effort, NCSU Study Abroad is offering an additional \$20,000 in scholarships for 2009 – this is in addition to the nearly \$150,000 in scholarships that the Study Abroad Office awards annually to more than 200 deserving students. We have also been reducing program costs where possible. Our program in Lille, France for example recently reduced its overall cost by \$200. Add to this the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against many currencies overseas, and this summer presents a great opportunity for our students to study abroad affordably.

2008 Photo Contest

The 2008 Study Abroad Photo Contest was conducted at the beginning of the fall 2008 semester and was open to any NC State student who studied abroad from fall 2007 through summer 2008. We received over 500 photograph submissions and we would like to thank all those who submitted photos, as well as everyone who voted. The winner from each category: "Landscapes", "People and Culture", and "Pack Abroad" received a prize package including a

cash prize and donations from various sponsors. All entries can be viewed at <http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu>.

Landscape Category



Nearing sunset at Malbork Castle
Edwin Jones (Poland)

People and Culture Category



Man's other best friend
Danielle Pittner (Thailand)

Pack Abroad Category



NCSU meets the great wall
Davis Litzenberger (China)