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| **Short-Term Program Dates and Deadlines for Spring 2024 Programs** | | |
| April to July 15 | Individual meeting with Department/Academic Unit  Individual meeting with CGE for new program directors | All faculty should be in conversation with their Department/Academic Unit Head and College Dean prior to submitting a short-term proposal to receive preliminary approval.  Faculty who are proposing programs for the first time, those who are planning a program in a new location, or those who have not led programs in the last four years must meet with [Katie Sensabaugh](mailto:sensabkb@jmu.edu), the Director of Study Abroad. |
| August 1 | Program Proposal Deadline  **DUE** | Applications, flyers, and websites are prepared by the CGE based on content provided in the proposal: Information includes location, program description, tentative dates, courses, costs, and much more. |
| September 1 | Student Applications Open | Online application portal opens for 2024 programs. |
| September 11 | Draft ONE of Budget Projection  **DUE** | Directors will be asked to submit a basic budget to [Amisha Anderson](mailto:ander5al@jmu.edu) to begin establishing program costs before the Study Abroad Fair. Tentative program fees will be posted after first draft budget is approved. |
| September 15 | Fall Directors’ Meeting | CGE staff review procedures with all directors and co-directors (additional program staff are also invited). Lunch provided. |
| September 20 | Study Abroad Fair | Major “kick-off” event for recruiting. Directors are required to attend, as this event not only supports individual programs, but our *Study Abroad Program* as a whole. |
| October 3 | Course Approval Form  **DUE** | Course approvals with syllabi are due to the CGE with departmental signatures.  Syllabi are required to be attached to the electronic signature form. |
| October 15 | Student Application Deadline | Online application for priority deadline closes at 11:59pm for summer programs. |
| October 16-19 | Director Review Phase | Directors may begin approving applicants via the Terra Dotta system**. Admissions decisions are due by 11:59pm on the last day of the Review Phase.** |
| October 20 | Admission Processing | The CGE is preparing student accounts for acceptance, adding deposit charges, and updating post-decision materials. |
| October 21 | Student Notification of Admissions | Students are notified of admissions and given instructions regarding commitment and deposits ($500 non-refundable). |
| November 1 | Student Commitment and Deposit | Once notified of admission, students are billed $500 deposit to their MyMadison account. Students may pay the deposit and commit to the program via the Terra Dotta system. These two actions will reserve their space in the program. |
| November 2 | Online Applications Re-open | Students may apply for Winter Session program that have not filled. Prior to this point, the term rolling basis is not to be broadcast to students to ensure timely applications. |
| November 3 | Draft of Budget Projection (2)  **DUE** | Second draft budget is due based on actual numbers of committed – deposit paid students and projected student enrollment. |
| December 4-15 | Pre-Approvals Issued | CGE issues travel authorizations (pre-approvals) for all program directors.  Official start and end dates established and distributed to students. |
| January 16-26 | Program Confirmation Period | Directors confirm costs for activities and proposed itineraries for prepayment and, in conjunction with the CGE, make budget changes, determine faculty salary amounts, etc. |
| January 26 | Student Application Phase Ends | Applications will not be processed after January 26 (official university add/drop date). |
| January 29 | Student Final Deposits Due | All remaining students will be required to commit and make payments by this deadline. |
| January 30 | Final Budget Projection (3)  **DUE** | Signed budgets routed through the CGE, Provost, and AVP for Finance for approvals. Budget changes after January 30 are handled by International Accounting. |
| February 1 | Supply Purchase Request  **DUE**  Transportation Request  **DUE** | Directors who are purchasing any supplies for their program must fill out the Supply Purchase Request Form to be approved. Any purchases made prior to approval will not be reimbursed.  Directors who wish to request transportation to get to and from the airport for departure must fill out the transportation request form. This form can be completed once airfare has been booked. |
| February 22 | Program Contact Info  **DUE** | All program staff must have information entered to program proposals or the travel registry by this point. |
| March 1 | General Study Abroad Orientation | Mandatory meeting for all students and Program Directors. |