

FINDING AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM CAN BE DIFFICULT

Contact with other cultures can enrich students' lives and improve cross-cultural understanding and cooperation. Parents and students recognize that an educational program abroad will give the student a greater consciousness of other people, cultures, customs and languages. In today's globally interdependent world, this experience can be invaluable. Students who successfully participate in an international program report increased feelings of maturity, responsibility, and independence.

However, with the world's changing political climate and increasing number of educational opportunities, finding the right program can be overwhelming. Students can find themselves in a maze of competitive and increasingly complex educational possibilities, new laws, and changing cultural mores.

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AN INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT CAN PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND HELP NEEDED FOR YOUR SEARCH



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AN INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT HAS THE EXPERTISE TO HELP TODAY'S STUDENTS CHOOSE FROM A WIDE RANGE OF STUDY OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED AROUND THE GLOBE

An independent educational consultant is uniquely qualified to provide American and international students and their families with the information and tools they will need to choose appropriate educational options both in the United States and abroad. The consultant can help the student choose between short-term, semester and full-year programs. Options can include high school/boarding school placements, language courses,

summer enrichment, home-stays, internships, undergraduate programs and graduate programs.

A consultant will work with the family to thoroughly assess the student's educational and experiential background, capabilities and interests to determine the right match.

AN INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT CAN HELP IN MATTERS INVOLVING VISAS, TRANSCRIPT VERIFICATION, TRANSLATIONS, AND COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

Studying abroad usually requires a great deal of planning and preparation. A consultant can monitor and guide students throughout the process and provide families with practical advice on topics including safety issues, budgeting, banking, and travel arrangements.

AN INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE A WORTHWHILE AND PRODUCTIVE EXPERIENCE

From advice on how to select and apply to a program, to how to arrange for financial aid, to earning academic credit, an educational consultant offers comprehensive and personalized services to students interested in studying in another country.

The exciting experience of international study offers an exceptional chance for self-discovery and personal growth that can change a student's life. Educational consultants guide students and their families through every step of this important decision-making process.

