

2025 Summer Study Abroad Application Information:

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 summer study abroad program. All applicants must be rising juniors or seniors and be in good academic and disciplinary standing. Students are not eligible for the program if they are currently on probation or have current active findings of responsibility for academic integrity, Code of Conduct, or other student conduct violations. The Dean's office will contact the Office of Student Affairs and academic program offices and have the right to terminate any student's application at any stage should they not cooperate in a timely fashion or if submitted information is not accurate. If you are chosen, you will act as an ambassador of Cooper Union at your host institution.

Students who are accepted for the Summer Study Abroad program will be eligible for Dean's Office Summer Abroad Cultural Immersion Fellowships which will cover the cost of travel, accommodations, and program-related fees. The number of Fellowships awarded will not exceed the number of positions allocated to each program, based on the partnership agreements. Admission to the Summer Study Abroad program and awarding of Fellowships will be at the discretion of Associate Dean Lisa Shay. Tuition will not be charged for EID 300. However, students are responsible for any applicable registration fees for Cooper Union.

Recommendation by Dean Shay for the study abroad program does not guarantee acceptance at our partner institutions. Our partner institutions have the authority to decline admission to a student, even if Cooper recommends them.

You will make your own flight and travel arrangements. You are responsible for facilitating housing and other arrangements as needed. You must purchase travel health insurance if your health plan does not cover overseas travel or if required by the partner program.

Students are advised to check the academic calendar of their host institution when proposing dates of study and should plan to align their experience with the host institution's schedule. If they are working on a project with students from the host institution, those students will most likely end their work at the end of the semester, and it's unlikely there will be much work to do on the project after the term ends. Also, be mindful that most of Europe goes on vacation in August, and faculty availability could be quite limited at that time.

Before submitting your application, please review all information about the program found on the following webpages: <http://cooper.edu/engineering/global-studies/summer-abroad> and <http://cooper.edu/engineering/global-studies/summer-abroad/frequently-asked-questions>

Please complete the application in Microsoft forms. In addition to answering informational questions, you will also need to provide the following:

Required Additional Materials (items a-d and, if applicable f or g, uploaded with the form):

- a) Letter of intent addressed to Associate Dean Lisa Shay**
- b) Your Résumé/Curriculum Vitae with a Small, Current Photo**
- c) A Copy of your Unofficial Transcript from Self Service**
- d) A Copy of your Passport**
- e) Two letters of recommendation (which should be submitted directly by the faculty member, rather than uploaded)**
- f) If applying for Dresden, Letter of Motivation addressed to the faculty member in charge of the research group**
- g) If applying for SERIUS, SERIUS application and supplemental materials (see <https://cooper.edu/engineering/global-studies/summer-abroad/details#singapore>)**

In your letter of intent addressed to Associate Dean Shay please include: A brief statement about yourself, your academic work thus far, your career intentions, the goals you hope to achieve, why you want to study abroad and how you expect the study abroad program to complement your studies at Cooper.

Include in your Résumé/Curriculum Vitae:

1. Any language you may speak in addition to English.
2. Your technical skills - expertise with computers, lab equipment, etc.
3. Community service - other activities as a volunteer in and outside the Cooper Union.
4. Membership in professional societies and honor societies.
5. Work experience and extracurricular activities - sports, clubs, etc.

Two letters of recommendation are required from Cooper faculty. One should be from your department or another faculty who teaches in the School of Engineering who can comment on your aptitude or potential to conduct independent research. The faculty member writing the recommendation should email the letter directly to beth.slack@cooper.edu.

The Letter of Motivation for Dresden should be addressed to the faculty in charge of the research group. Inform them of your major and, if relevant to their project, any minor you are pursuing. Explain why you want to work on their project and what coursework or other experience you have in that area.

There are a limited number of research projects on the website. Let us know if you want to contact the faculty member in the partner school about a project before applying for it.

Please note that there may be additional admissions materials required if you are nominated for a program.

You will be registered for EID 300, Special Research Projects Independent Study (up to 6 elective credits). To receive these credits, two reports will be due in early September 2025 (exact date TBD): one on your research project and one on your cultural experience, which can be of your travels too. The technical report on your research project should be a conference quality paper in content, organization, and grammar. Submission of the technical report to a peer-reviewed research publication forum (workshop/conference/journal) is strongly encouraged. Please see the attached course syllabus for additional information.

Our hope is that students will be able to fully participate in the Summer Study Abroad program in summer 2025. However, we will follow all recommendations by Cooper Union's leadership, as well as applicable governmental policies (both US and foreign). Due to Covid-19, some programs may decide to offer their summer study abroad experience virtually. Please note that the six credits offered for EID 300 will not be awarded for virtual summer programs, nor will students be required to submit the final reports. Students may still apply to participate in these programs and still must be nominated by Cooper Union. Students in virtual programs are not eligible for the Summer Abroad Cultural Immersion Fellowships.

This program is competitive and there are a limited number of students we can accept. If you are accepted, and decide not to go, there is a cancellation fee of \$500.

DEADLINE for applications is 5PM, January 10th.

If you have any questions or need any help with the application please feel free to contact Associate Dean Lisa Shay at lisa.shay@cooper.edu or Beth Slack at beth.slack@cooper.edu.

Link to application: <https://forms.office.com/r/7dJT3HwP6a>