

Dear PIRE Student,

Congratulations on embarking in your upcoming PIRE research experience abroad this summer. You are receiving this letter as part of your Mandatory Pre-departure Orientation.

Listed below and attached to this message are several items that we are required to provide to you as part of your pre-departure preparations. Please note that item 2 must be filled out and signed by you and returned to our office via email (scanned) or via fax at 305-348-1941 by **Friday, April 29, 2011**. The enclosed pre-departure packet contains the following:

1. 2011 PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE (ATTACHED)—*the guide contains all items that we cover during the mandatory pre-departure orientation. Please read through it carefully and let us know if you have any questions.*
2. PREDEPARTURE FORMS--STUDENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED (ATTACHED)—*please read and sign all of these documents and send them back to us via fax or email by **April 29, 2011**.*
3. TIPS FOR TRAVELING ABROAD: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html
4. TRAVEL HEALTH TIPS FOR STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD:
<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentStudyAbroad.aspx>
5. TRAVEL REGISTRATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE:
<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/index.aspx> -- *The Office of Education Abroad at FIU will register all students with the US Department of State. Should an emergency arise while you are abroad, this will be the quickest and most efficient way in which the State Department will be able to know where you are and how soon they can bring you back safely to the US.*
6. COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Health Notes from the CDC:

ARGENTINA: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/argentina.aspx>

CHILE: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/chile.aspx>

CHINA: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/china.aspx>

FRANCE: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/france.aspx>

ITALY: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/italy.aspx>

SPAIN: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/spain.aspx>

State Department Consular Notes:

ARGENTINA: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1130.html

CHILE: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1088.html

CHINA: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1089.html

FRANCE: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1116.html

ITALY: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1146.html

SPAIN: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1024.html

***VERY IMPORTANT:** For your appropriate host country, please pay close attention to the sections titled: SAFETY AND SECURITY, and CRIME. You are urged to review the CDC's recommended and required vaccines for the country in which you will be living this Summer. Please plan ahead so that you can meet all entry and health requirements in a timely manner.*

Your health insurance ID card will be provided prior to your departure on the program and will cover you for the duration of the program. The cards will be provided to your faculty director for distribution.

Please take a moment to review all of the information that we've sent you.

We look forward to receiving your paperwork and we wish you a successful and enjoyable time abroad.

Best regards,

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