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WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD WITH UM? AND WHY NOW?

I became interested in study abroad as a freshman when I joined the Franke Global Leadership Initiative and learned about the different ways I could fulfill the requirements for the Beyond the Classroom Experience. I heard there was an option for me to study abroad anywhere I wanted, all while paying UM tuition if I were to attend a partner university. I have yet to travel outside the country, and I believe now is a good time because I want to grow my appreciation for other parts of the world, as well as grow my appreciation for my own country.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS STARTING THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Relax and focus more on what you can control and less on what is outside of your control. 2. Understand all that you need to get done and then get it done. 3. Do not feel you need to get everything done all at once. 4. Begin early so you can take your time and relieve yourself of unnecessary stress for the future. 5. Be grateful for the wonderful opportunity you have before you.



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WHAT GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

I am looking forward to just about everything study abroad has to offer. For example, I am looking forward to traveling outside of the country for the first time. I am also looking forward to exploring the scenic beauty of Ireland and how it has come to shape the Irish culture.

In addition, I am looking forward to learning about the relationship between Ireland and the rest of the world, including the United States, from the Irish perspective. I am excited for the ups, the downs, the highs, and the lows, because I believe both the good and hard times will encourage me to grow as an individual.



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I am hoping to gain a further understanding of the nation where my ancestors were born.”

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