

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: SCOTLAND

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in June (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

Program Focus: This program welcomes courses from all academic fields as long as they relate closely to Scotland.

Program Description:

Consistently listed among the world's most beautiful countries, Scotland made it to the top of the list in 2017 (according to the readers of *Rough Guide* travel guidebooks). Set in such breathtaking scenery, this TnCIS program capitalizes on Scotland's history, heritage, and culture to make one wonder, "What better location to study abroad?" Beyond typical class activities, students will have opportunities for numerous scheduled excursions to enhance the course material and bring it to life. Additionally, students will have free time to explore on their own in several locations as we travel around Scotland.

Students will begin the journey in Oban, a resort town on the west coast of Scotland. Gaelic for "the little bay," Oban is best known as Scotland's seafood capital, for its seaside views, and for the important role it played as a base during the Battle of the Atlantic. Class excursions may include the War and Peace Museum, McCaig's Tower, the Oban War Memorial, and the Skipinnish Ceilidh. During their free time in Oban, students have enjoyed eating locally caught seafood; trying handmade chocolates at the Oban Chocolate Company; walking through the ruins of Dunollie Castle; or taking a ferry to the isles of Mull, Iona, or Staffa to visit Fingal's Cave (which inspired Felix Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture).

After Oban, the program will travel to the east coast of Scotland to visit St. Andrews, birthplace of golf and home to one of the world's oldest and most prestigious universities. (It's where Kate and William met.) Students might choose to walk among the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral and Castle, observe a foursome of golfers concluding a round on the Old Course, play a "round" of their own on the 18-hole putting course, or purchase a hoodie in the university bookstore. Other possibilities include having afternoon tea at the Old Course Hotel, taking a stroll through the botanical gardens, and touring nearby facilities where bagpipes are produced.

St. Andrews will also serve as the program's base for day excursions to several possible locations—Dunnottar Castle, Glamis Castle, and Scone Palace. An eventful day is planned for Stirling—the centerpiece of "Braveheart Country"—for Stirling Castle; the William Wallace Monument; Bannockburn Battlefield; and the Church of the Holy Rude, where the infant King James VI was crowned in 1567 (yes, the King James you associate with the King James Version of the Bible). As the gateway to the Highlands, Stirling has long played a key role in the conflicts between Scotland and its neighbor to the south.

Following our time in St. Andrews, the program will venture to Edinburgh, Scotland's vibrant and exciting capital. Edinburgh is a cosmopolitan city that retains its Old-World charm with its centuries-old architecture and medieval cobblestone streets in the Old Town, and trendy shopping and beautiful parks in the New Town. Class excursions in Edinburgh may include Edinburgh Castle, the Writers' Museum, the National Museum of Scotland, the National Library, or a historic walking tour of the underground vaults. During free time in

Edinburgh, students may have the opportunity and wish to hike to the top of Arthur's Seat, a dormant volcano overlooking the city; take a ghost tour around the haunts of the infamous body snatchers Burke and Hare; solve a mystery at Rosslyn Chapel, which played a significant role in Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*; enjoy afternoon tea at Holyrood Palace, where Queen Elizabeth II resides when she visits Scotland's capital; or stroll through Greyfriars Kirkyard to search among the tombstones for names that J. K. Rowling "borrowed" for many of the characters in the *Harry Potter* series.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

Attend Faculty and Student Orientations

Recruit

Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:

Teach Course

Assist with Excursions

Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:

Taxable two thousand and two hundred dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, visitor's visa, all ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.