



# Going Abroad 101



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
Education Abroad





# It's an Aggie Tradition

#1 public university for  
sending students abroad

5,800 Aggies a year

400 different programs

110 different countries



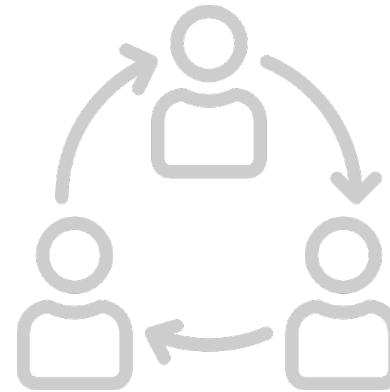
# Today's Agenda

- What's in it for me?
- How much is it going to cost?
- What are my options?
- Will it delay my graduation?
- What's next?



# Why go abroad?

- Research proves there are a lot of reasons
- We've narrowed those down to four main reasons
  - Explore
  - Experience
  - Extend
  - Excel





# Explore



“Getting the chance to study abroad allowed me to explore different aspects of myself personally and academically. I'm so grateful for the experience to broaden my horizons in every way.”

*-Andres Melchor '23*

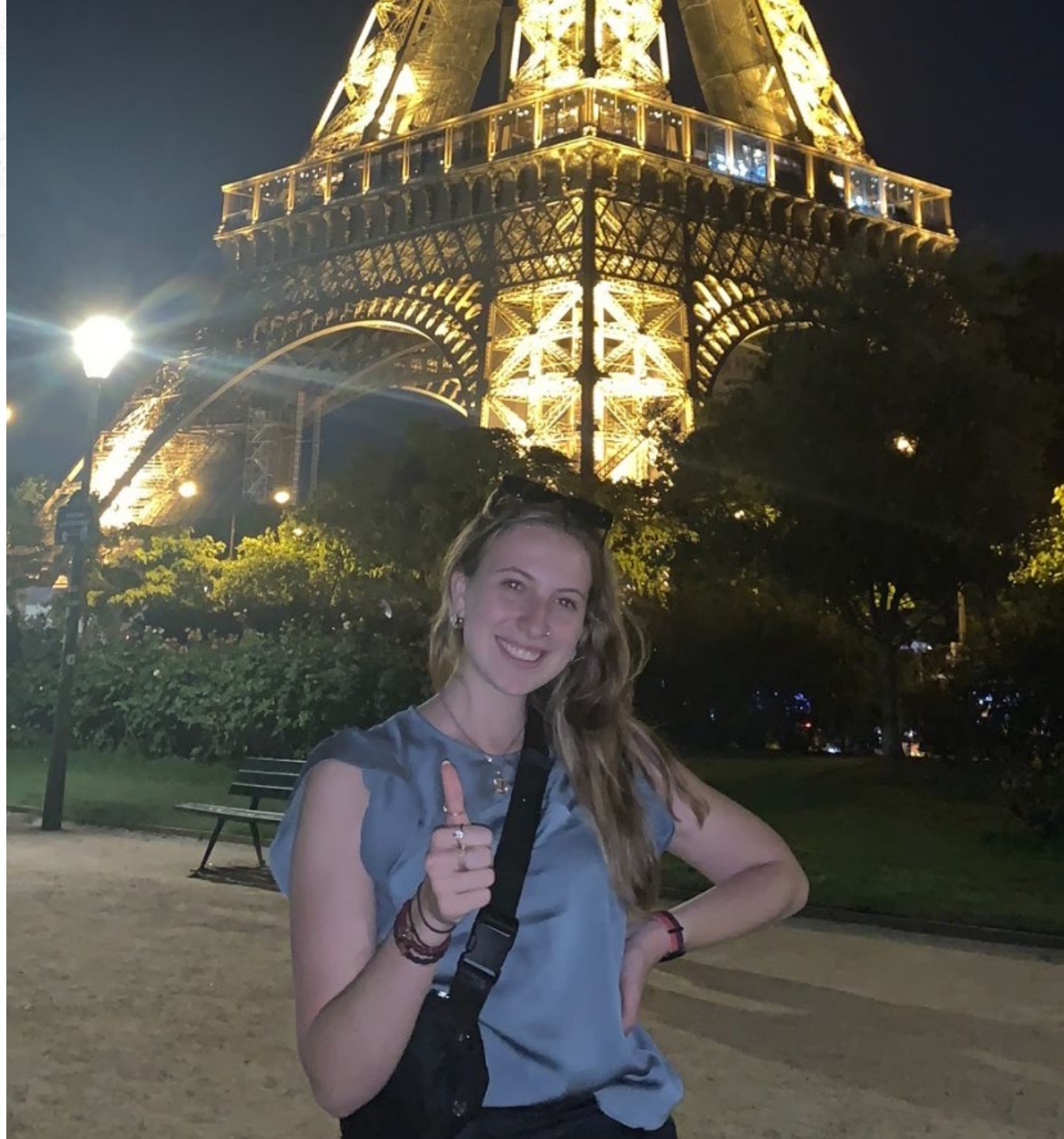
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# Experience



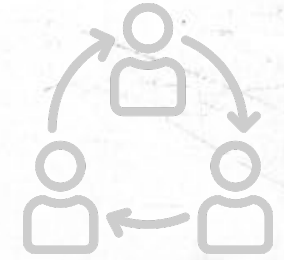
“Studying abroad in Paris was an amazing experience of immersing into a new culture, learning a new language, and making unforgettable memories w/ new friends.”

*-Jordan Haschke '23*





# Extend



“My time abroad in Greece was one of the best and most enjoyable times of my life. I got to experience amazing food, sights, and culture. It was a very rewarding experience that I wish everyone could take part in.”

*-Javier Lopez '23*

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# Excel



“Going abroad allowed me to learn about and appreciate a culture that was so different from what I was used to even as I was learning to become more independent. I grew more in that semester than in previous semesters, so it was truly a life changing experience.”

*-Busira Lassissi '24*



# How much is it going to cost?



- Various factors determine cost
- Price determined by program type
- Costs range from low to high to anywhere in between
- Options that cost less than a semester here in Aggieland!

# Funding your experience

tx.ag/FundingAbroad



# \$1.5M

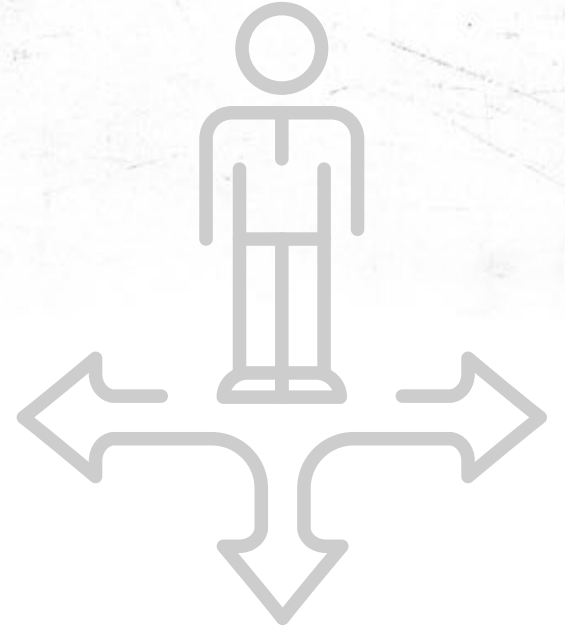
Awarded annually  
in **scholarships**

- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Grants
- Specialized benefits



# What are my options?

- TAMU credit
- Transfer credit
- Non-credit (internships, service-learning)
- 1 week to 1 school year in duration





	EXCHANGE	FIELD TRIPS	AFFILIATE PROVIDERS	FACULTY-LED
	Exchange programs involve the reciprocal exchange of students between Texas A&M and our partner institutions abroad.	Field Trips are led by faculty members at Texas A&M as an international component of their on-campus course.	Affiliate providers are organizations that offer international programs and services to students from a variety of institutions.	Faculty-led programs are A&M-credit courses that are led and taught by Texas A&M faculty abroad.
<b>Duration*</b>	Semester	Summer/Winter Break/Spring Break	Semester/Summer/Winter Break	Summer/Winter Break/Semester
<b>Cost</b>	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$
<b>Taught by</b>	Local Professors	TAMU Faculty/Staff	Local Professors/Hired Instructors	TAMU Faculty/Staff
<b>Level of on-site support</b>	min.  max.	min.  max.	min.  max.	min.  max.
<b>Credit type</b>	Transfer Credit	TAMU Credit	Transfer Credit	TAMU Credit
<b>Classes with</b>	Local/International Students	TAMU Students	Local/U.S. Study Abroad Students	TAMU Students
<b>Housing options</b>	Dorm  Homestay  Apt.	Dorm  Apt.  Hotel	Dorm  Homestay  Apt.	Dorm  Homestay  Hotel
<b>Housing with</b>	Local/International Students	TAMU Students	U.S. Study Abroad Students	TAMU Students
	<p><b>Ideal for students who...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have high financial need or are on a budget</li> <li>• Want to be fully immersed in their host culture</li> <li>• Are interested in meeting students from all over the world</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ideal for students who...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want a short-term experience for less than 2 weeks</li> <li>• Enjoy being with other Aggies abroad</li> <li>• Are interested in service and volunteer projects abroad</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ideal for students who...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need flexibility in their course options and time abroad</li> <li>• Value personalized and robust support services and programming, like excursions and mentoring</li> <li>• Want to build close relationships with students in their cohort</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ideal for students who...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want to take a specific TAMU course taught by a TAMU faculty member</li> <li>• Can't fit a semester of study abroad into their academic plan</li> <li>• Want to build close relationships with program leaders and other Aggies in their cohort</li> </ul>

\*Duration terms are typical of each program type. Some specific programs may differ from what is listed.



# Will it delay graduation?

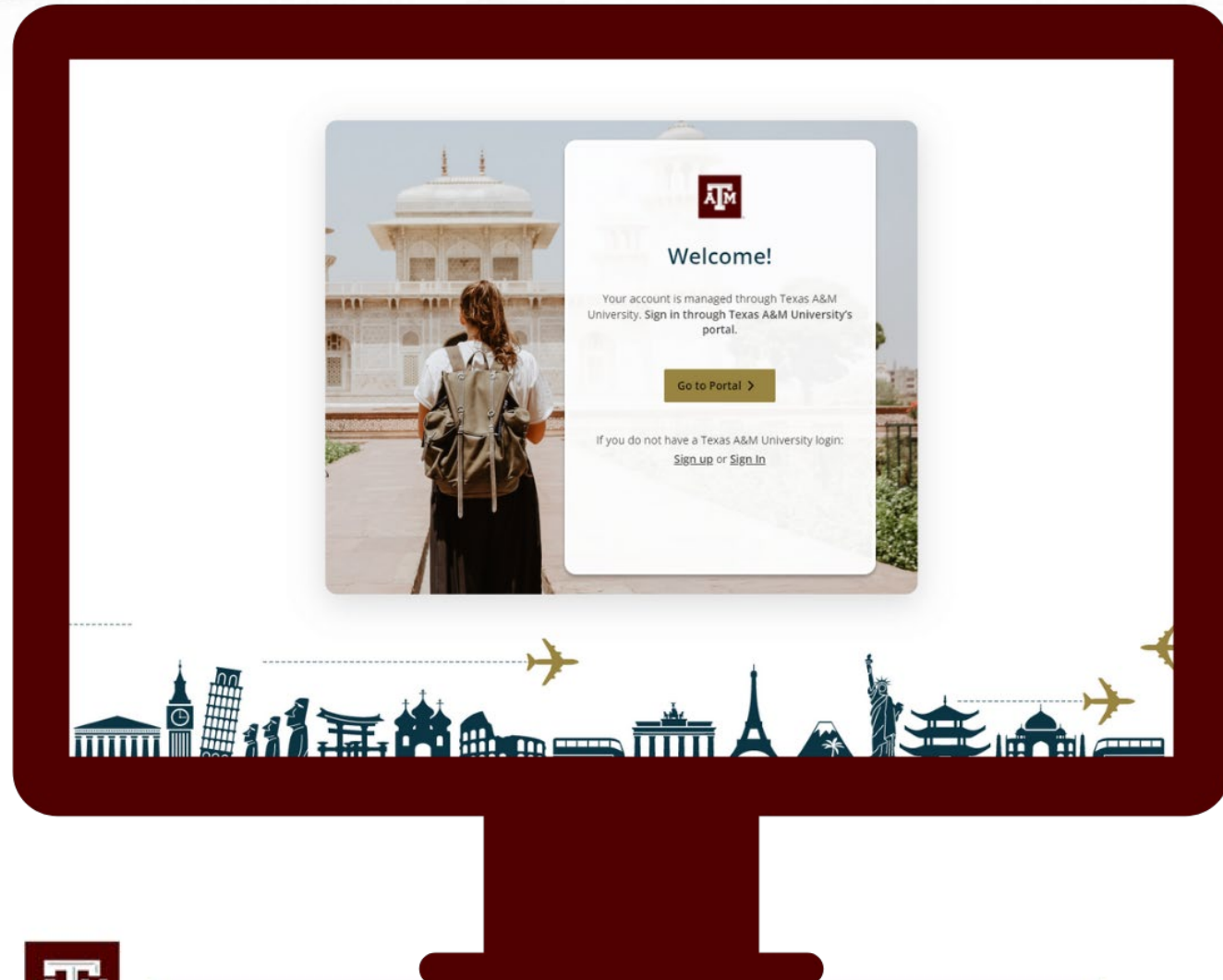
- Plan early
  - Let your academic advisor know
  - Every degree plan is different
  - There is no “magic” year
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# Let's get started

- Create your profile
- Get matched with programs
- Start exploring!

[tx.ag/Eportal](https://tx.ag/Eportal)



# Next steps

[tx.ag/GoAbroad](https://tx.ag/GoAbroad)



## Step 1:

10-12 months out

ACADEMIC ADVISING

## Step 3:

8-10 months out

FUND THE TRIP

## Step 2:

10 months out

EXPLORE OPTIONS

## Step 4:

6-9 months out

TALK TO ED ABROAD & APPLY

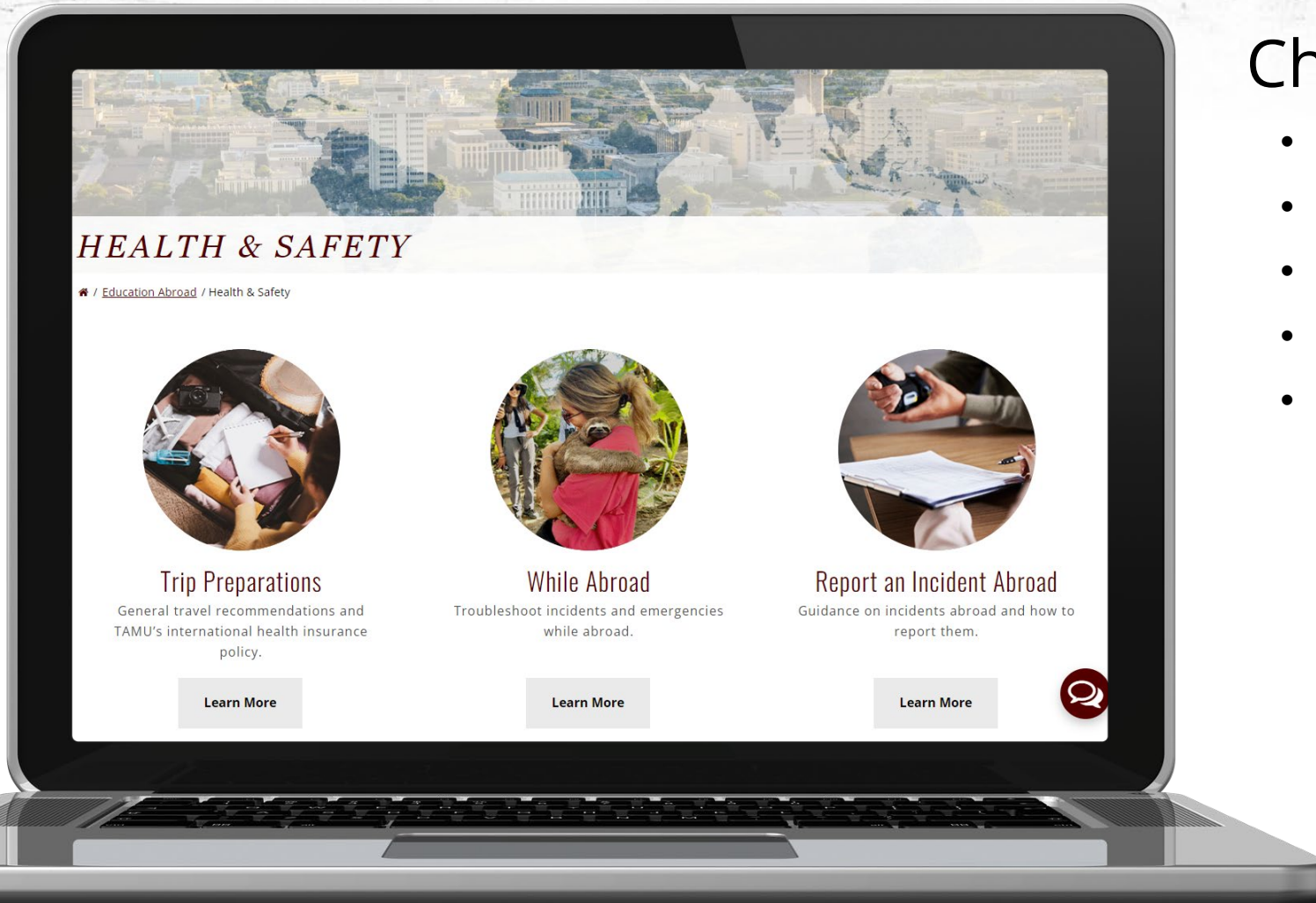




# Health and Safety

Check our site for:

- General recommendations
- Resources for while abroad
- Information about insurance
- Incident reporting
- Emergency response



[tx.ag/AbroadSafety](https://tx.ag/AbroadSafety)



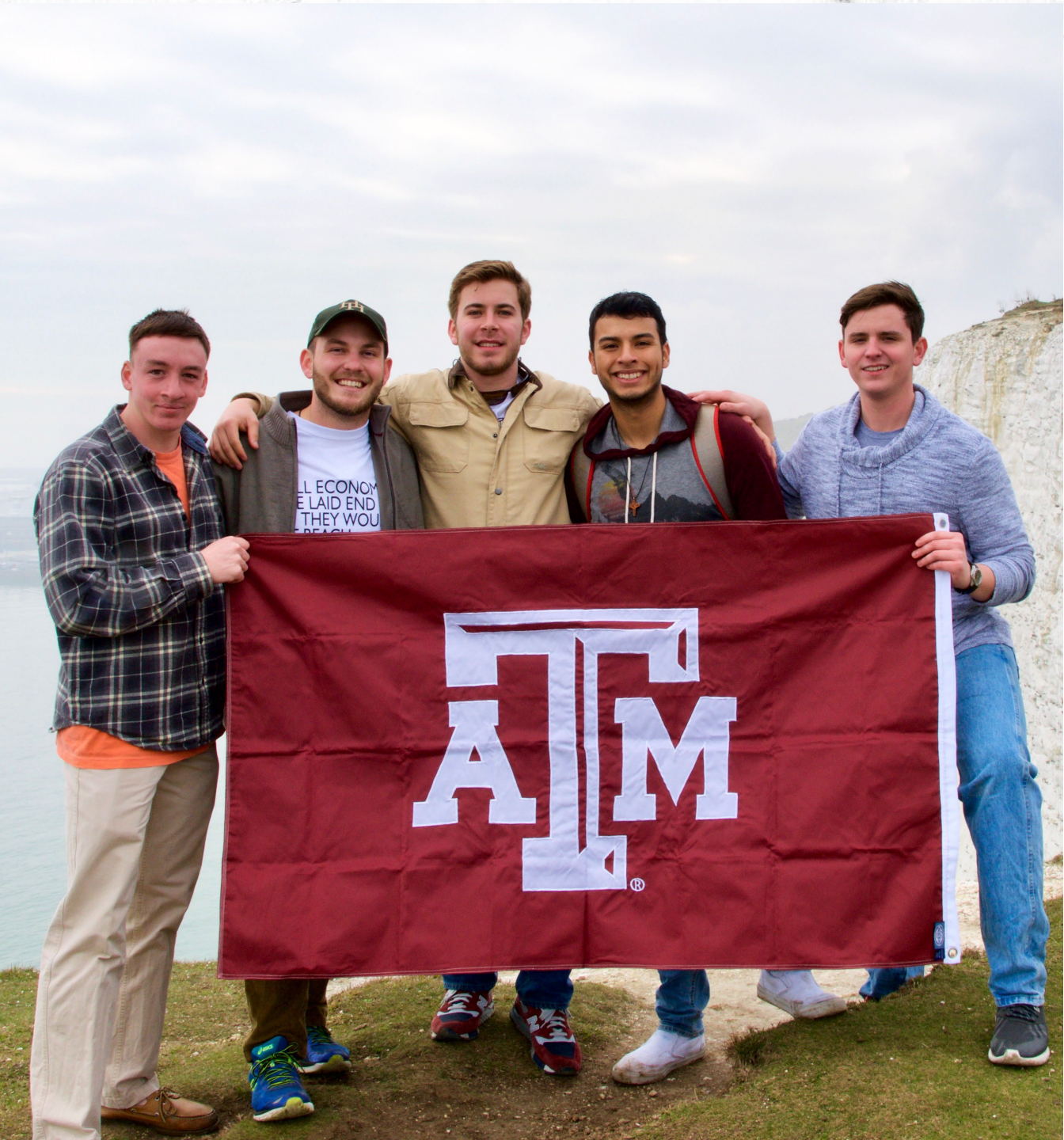


# Passport Services

- Passport Acceptance Facility
  - Get or renew passport
  - Passport photos
- Open to the public
- By appointment

[passports.tamu.edu](https://passports.tamu.edu)

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# Connect

Create your profile!

[tx.ag/EAportal](https://tx.ag/EAportal)

Read about other Aggies' experiences

[tx.ag/AggiesAbroad](https://tx.ag/AggiesAbroad)

Attend Education Abroad events




[tx.ag/EAevents](https://tx.ag/EAevents)

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# Key Takeaways

- Consider Education Abroad as part of your Texas A&M experience
- Don't let obstacles stand in your way!
- We want to help EVERY Aggie go abroad



# | QUESTIONS?

