

# Dreamer Study Abroad

## [Lessons learned from Mexico](#)





What is a Dreamer?



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An undocumented student  
2001- AB540 passed giving  
Dreamers in CA in-state  
tuition  
Thank you assemblyman  
Marco Firebaugh!



## CALIFORNIA-MEXICO DREAMERS STUDY ABROAD

### ATTENTION LOS ANGELES AREA DREAMERS!

The California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program will offer 25 Dreamers from colleges and universities in the L.A. area, a unique 3-week Travel-Study opportunity to visit Mexico (December 17, 2015 to January 11, 2016) with most expenses covered by a grant from JUNTOS PODEMOS to the California-Mexico Studies Center.

Participants will be required to apply by no later than **September 15, 2015** online at:

[www.california-mexico-center.org/dreamers-study-abroad-winter-2015](http://www.california-mexico-center.org/dreamers-study-abroad-winter-2015)



#### To qualify applicants must:

- Have current DACA status
- Have a passport from country of origin
- Apply for Advance Parole authorization
- Commit to travel and participate in all program activities
- Have \$1,500 for airfare, registration, tuition & Advance Parole fees

#### Selected participants will benefit from the following:

- College credit, Spanish and Mexican Culture instruction, and DACA/DAPA process training.
- Room & Board, field trips, meals & local transportation
- A chance to visit family and discover Mexico
- Develop leadership skills to create similar programs
- Re-enter the US legally & clear a prior unauthorized entry
- Qualify for legalization adjustment of status upon return



For more information visit:  
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WE CAN**  
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# What is DACA?

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)  
(DACA- USCIS form I-765: cost: \$460)

- June of 2012, Obama's executive order.

- A temporary protective status for Dreamers
  - two-year work permit & exemption from deportation.

- Entered the US before 16-yrs-old and before June 2007.

- must be renewed every two years

# Advance Parole

How is study abroad legally possible for DACA students?

Travel permission called “Advance Parole” (USCIS form I-131) for one of the following reasons:

1. educational purposes
2. humanitarian purposes
3. professional purposes

\*All of which must be properly documented

# Advance Parole Process

- Students should ONLY apply IF they are certain they have a clean record.
- Students should consult legal counsel and call the USCIS anonymous number to verify their status: 1-800-898-7180
- Apply for Advance Parole at least 6 months in advance of trip, Cost is \$360
- DACA status must be current and not going to expire during time abroad

# More legal resources

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
FOUNDATION

UC Davis Legal Center

Marcus Tang has offered his consultation to  
anyone:

[Mtang-clinic@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:Mtang-clinic@law.ucdavis.edu)

# The future of DACA

Executive order: DACA (2012) will remain the same, although Republicans might kill it

Expanded DACA/DAPA (Nov. 20, 2015)

A revision of DACA to:

- increase age limit

- increase to 3yr status

- extend to parents of current DACA

Supreme Court review in June -push to '17



# Stakeholders



Dreamer Study  
Abroad  
Program



# Individual DACA Study Abroad Program



- CETLALIC will serve as the international institution that hosts Dreamers.
- CETLALIC will assist students with designing a specialized program for them, as well as a budget and provide a letter of acceptance/support.

# Individual DACA Study Abroad Program



The California Mexico Studies Center will serve as the US institution supporting Dreamers that are studying abroad individually.

The CMSC will provide stateside support, letter of reference, etc. in the DACA/Advanced Parole process as well as provide scholarships should there be funding.

# Future Dreamer Study Abroad

## 2016 California-Mexico Dreamers Proposed Projects

### UCLA

#### UCLA

- Valeria Garcia
- Rosa Miguel
- Olivia Laura Ochoa

#### Santa Monica College

- Stephany Martinez
- Jose Lopez

#### East LA College

- Martha Pool

#### Pasadena College

- Alejandra Garcia



### CSUN

#### CSU Northridge

- Dario Fernandez
- Alvaro Castillo, Jesus Cruz, Laura Leal, Yessenia Cruz.

#### Mission College

- Gloria Plaza

#### Pierce College

- Karen Ragazzo

#### CSU Channel Islands

- Brenda Lievanos

#### CSU Bakersfield

- Erik Perez
- Daniel Jimenez

### CSULB

#### CSU Long Beach

- Mariela Gutierrez
- Sandra Lopez, Norberto Lopez, Mayra Castro, Kelby Sapien, Moises Perez, Fabiola Saucedo.

#### Harbor College

- Mariana Hernandez

#### Long Beach Community College

- Maria Gudiño

#### CSU Dominguez Hills

- Zaira Flores

### La Verne

#### University of La Verne

- Daniel Loera
- Melissa Negrete

#### Cal Poly Pomona

- Berenice Cuevas

#### Mt. San Antonio College

- Janet Toribio
- Raul Sanchez

#### Fullerton College / CSU Fullerton

- Estefania Cruz
- Lizette Islas

# Dreamer Study Abroad Steps

Dreamers should understand that this is a self-initiated process.

- Step 1: Apply for DACA status (3-6 month process, \$460 fee)
- Step 2: Once you have DACA status, apply for Advance Parole, (3-4 weeks, \$360 fee)



47th District  
Congressman  
Lowenthal



- Step 3: Contact US program coordinator or university letter of support and to see if there is funding.
- Step 4: Contact Host- country institution for acceptance letter if necessary.



# Dreamer Study Abroad Steps

- Step 5: Dreamers should meet with their on campus advisor -for course credit options
- Step 6: Dreamers should check with Financial aid office, Dream Center if available and look for scholarships, and Dream Loan options.  
[www.dream.csac.ca.gov](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov)

# Scholarship opportunities

<b>Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship</b>	<a href="http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/">http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/</a>
<b>Diversity Abroad</b>	<a href="http://www.diversityabroad.com/">http://www.diversityabroad.com/</a>
<b>College Dream Fund Scholarship</b>	<a href="http://www.y2lef.org/">http://www.y2lef.org/</a>
<b>New American Scholars Program</b>	<a href="http://www.e4fc.org/scholarsprogram.html">http://www.e4fc.org/scholarsprogram.html</a>
<b>MALDEF Scholarships</b>	<a href="http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html">http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html</a>
<b>Wise Up! Scholarship</b>	<a href="http://www.chirla.org/WiseUpScholarship">http://www.chirla.org/WiseUpScholarship</a>
<b>College Futures</b>	<a href="http://www.collegefutures.org">www.collegefutures.org</a>
<b>Comprehensive AB 540 Scholarship list (PDF)</b>	<a href="http://www.education-leadership.org/uploads/2/1/5/8/21581804/__ab_540_scholarships_8_13.pdf">http://www.education-leadership.org/uploads/2/1/5/8/21581804/__ab_540_scholarships_8_13.pdf</a>
<b>Educators for Fair Consideration Scholarship list (PDF)</b>	<a href="http://www.education-leadership.org/uploads/2/1/5/8/21581804/_e4fc_scholarships_1.pdf">http://www.education-leadership.org/uploads/2/1/5/8/21581804/_e4fc_scholarships_1.pdf</a>
<b>Scholarship Fellows list regardless of citizenship (PDF)</b>	<a href="http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/Media/Documents/ScholarshipsOpenToStudentsRegardlessOfImmigrationStatus.pdf">http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/Media/Documents/ScholarshipsOpenToStudentsRegardlessOfImmigrationStatus.pdf</a>



# Dreamer Study Abroad Steps

- Step 7: Once Advance Parole is approved- student can buy airfare

**NOT BEFORE!!**



# Questions

What does this program look like?

- ❑ Dec. 17, 2015-Jan. 11, 2016  
3 WEEKS!
- ❑ Come to Mexico to reconnect with family, culture and history
- ❑ Explore identity: *Will I feel more at home in the US or in Mexico?*
- ❑ Project model: replicate the program across California
- ❑ 35 college students
- ❑ 5 faculty/staff
- ❑ 18 university/college campuses

