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-mexicocenter.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
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 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



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

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 Stakeholders

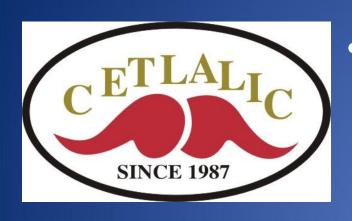
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Dreamer Study Abroad Program

US Institution

Mexican Institution

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

California-Mexico Project

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)

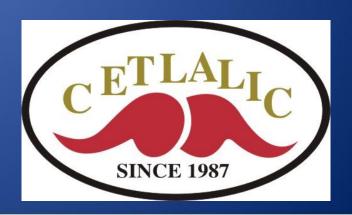


47th District
Congressman
Lowenthal

 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 met 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

Scholarship opportunities

Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship	http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/
Diversity Abroad	http://www.diversityabroad.com/
College Dream Fund Scholarship	http://www.y2lef.org/
New American Scholars Program	http://www.e4fc.org/scholarsprogram.html
MALDEF Scholarships	http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/ind ex.html
Wise Up! Scholarship	http://www.chirla.org/WiseUpScholarship
College Futures	www.collegefutures.org
Comprehensive AB 540 Scholarship list (PDF)	http://www.education- leadership.org/uploads/2/1/5/8/21581804/ab_5 40_scholarships_8_13.pdf
Educators for Fair Consideration Scholarship list (PDF)	http://www.education- leadership.org/uploads/2/1/5/8/21581804/_e4fc_s cholarships_1.pdf
Scholarship Fellows list regardless of citizenship (PDF)	http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/Media/Documents/Sch olarshipsOpenToStudentsRegardlessOfImmigrati onStatus.pdf

Dreamer Study Abroad Steps

 Step 7: Once Advance Parole is approvedstudent 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

