Frequently asked questions about UCR Faculty-led Education Abroad Programs

1. How many courses will I teach?
   You will teach 8 units for courses listed in UCR’s General Catalog, so students can receive financial aid.

2. Which courses should I teach?
   You can teach courses which appeal to a broad number of students across disciplines (i.e., breadth courses) or teach courses which are required for the major. Faculty who have run past programs have offered one course along with a second 190 course that complements that first course.

3. Does my chair have to approve these courses?
   Yes, your chair approves the courses you will teach, and can help you strategize on which courses could attract the most students.

4. Will I get a teaching assistant to help out?
   You will have a teaching assistant, unless we contract to work with a third party provider (e.g., CAPA, Worldstrides); in such cases, the third party provider provides on-site assistance.

5. How many students need to enroll to run a program?
   We require a minimum of 12 students to run a program.

6. How am I compensated?
   You are appointed by Summer Sessions, and are paid according to their policies. Please see Summer Sessions Director Leonard Taylor for additional information.

7. What costs does the program cover?
   The program covers your airfare, transportation to and from the airport, lodging in close proximity to the students, per diem, and admission tickets. Additional costs relevant to the program might be covered, and can be discussed with the Education Abroad Office.

8. How many excursions, and what kind, can I plan?
   Your excursions should be strongly linked with the courses you will teach, to the degree possible. You can plan as many excursions as appropriate, but keep in mind that each excursion increases the cost to the student.

9. How do I choose the location?
   You could choose a location you know well, have on-going research interests, and complements the courses you will teach.

10. Do I have to make arrangements locally with the hotel, university, etc.?
    You can make preliminary inquiries with any local contacts you would like to work with, and include these details in the draft budget. If your proposal is approved, the Education Abroad and Business Office staff will work with you and your local contacts to complete the budget.

11. Who can help me with questions about my proposal?
    Our Education Abroad staff would be happy to help with any questions; we can also review your proposal prior to submission.

12. I want to plan a program, but can’t go next summer. Can I submit a proposal now for summer 2020?
    Yes, you can submit a proposal now for summers beyond the next; we seek to build sustainable programs which can be routinely offered, and want to work with your schedule.