BURCH PROGRAMS AND HONORS STUDY ABROAD

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Honors Study Abroad offers innovative learning opportunities in London, Oxford, Rome, Cape Town, and Singapore. Students take courses with UNC–Chapel Hill faculty who serve as program directors and with instructors from some of the world’s leading institutions of higher education. The London program is based at Winston House, UNC–Chapel Hill’s European Study Center, located in Bloomsbury close to the city’s leading universities and cultural institutions. All of the programs provide graded honors credit and fulfill General Education and major requirements.

Burch Field Research Seminars deliver unique, hands-on learning experiences that showcase the relationship between faculty research and undergraduate teaching. Seminars are held in changing locations around the globe. Recent topics have included the archaeology of ancient Andean civilizations in Peru, genocide and human rights in Rwanda, and domestic and international policy making in Washington, DC.

Burch Fellowships allow students to design an educational adventure anywhere in the world. Burch Fellows receive grants up to $6,000 to support self-designed, off-campus learning experiences like these: working with NASA astrobologists to study the possibility of life on other planets; jamming with jazz musicians in Cuba; travelling to the Philippines to study how bamboo can mitigate the effects of climate change.

Carolina Blue Honors Fellowships enable students to embark on a summer internship focused on learning and working in sports entrepreneurship abroad. Grants of up to $5,000 support self-designed, international projects such as working for an Australian Baseball League franchise, leading a social media campaign for a pro cricket franchise in the India Premier League, or helping a soccer start-up get off the ground in Tanzania.

Robinson Honors Fellowships focus on the history and culture of Europe and the Mediterranean from the golden age of Greece to the upheaval of World War I. Robinson Fellows pursue a project of their own design exploring the realms of art, art history, classics, literature, history, medieval and early modern studies, music, philosophy, political thought, and religious studies. Grants of up to $6,000 fund experiences such as studying the construction of the great cathedrals of Europe, interning in Sotheby’s Old Master Paintings division in London, or working on an archaeological dig in Anatolia.

Weir Honors Fellowships in Asian Studies allow students to become fluent in Mandarin and gain practical, independent work experience in China, home to one of the world’s oldest civilizations and the 21st century’s fastest growing economy. Weir Fellows spend the spring semester in Beijing for intensive language study and then complete an eight-week summer internship in either Beijing or Shanghai exploring careers in fields such as banking, law, journalism, public health, and historic preservation.