

Dear students,

It is with a heavy heart that I am sending this email to let you know that today Purdue made the difficult decision to cancel all Spring 2021 study abroad programs. This means that you will not be able to participate in your study abroad program. I know this is disappointing news, but please understand that the decision was made with student health and safety as our first priority.

I know you will have some questions, and the information below should answer some of these:

- 1) Purdue will notify all our exchange partners and program co-sponsors (such as CIEE, CIMBA, IES, SEA Semester, WIP) of our decision and work with them on next steps for our students. We will ask that they be lenient in cancellation policies and that they do their best to reimburse as much of your deposit as possible. If you have already paid your deposit, please reach out to your program for next steps.
- 2) If you were participating on an exchange program and paid your deposit to Purdue, it will be refunded to your Purdue account.
- 3) Students who have purchased flights should contact their airline directly for a refund, credit or transfer. Purdue is not able to offer any sort of refunds for flights or other incurred expenses.
- 4) If interested, we encourage you to defer your application to a future term such as Fall 2021. We will keep your application on file and re-use as much of it as possible. If interested in this option, please let your study abroad advisor know.
- 5) If you have not already done so, please work with your academic advisor for alternate arrangements for spring. If you have already registered for Purdue courses for spring as a back-up, no further action may be needed.
- 6) Additional questions can be directed to me, and I will do my best to answer them as quickly as possible.