

CSU Letterhead

Dear Faculty Colleague,

I congratulate you on your interest in international study and research. The university wholeheartedly supports global education and encourages all of its faculty and students to become active participants in exploring our ever-shrinking world. Direct involvement in and connections with people in other cultures is extremely rewarding. The benefits of first-hand experience living and working in another country cannot be over-estimated; the effects are life-changing for all those involved. Vicarious knowledge is valuable but there is no substitute for rubber-meets-the-road experience.

CSU has made a major commitment organizationally and financially to support faculty in their pursuit of international study and research. The Office of International Programs has been established to promote global education on campus and to assist faculty and students in their international study endeavors. In addition, each year the university sets aside funds to underwrite faculty as they pursue international research and lead student study trips abroad. This provision of funds serves the dual purpose of directly financing CSU faculty in their efforts and also of indirectly reducing the financial burden to students because the need to include the cost of faculty study trip sponsors does not have to be born by those students participating in the programs.

I applaud your efforts and encourage you as leave the comfort of the familiar and seek out the rewarding challenges of direct engagement of the world we live in.