

## PSYCHOLOGY SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

### SOUTH PACIFIC 2017



Hosted by: [Department of Psychology](#)

**Academic Focus:** Cross-cultural studies on infant and child development in Samoa.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Minimum 2.5 GPA; good academic standing; at least 18 years of age; completion of a full year of college; and currently enrolled in a college/university.

Because this is an unusual program requiring some resilience to challenging living conditions, prior to signing up, students must contact professor Philippe Rochat to schedule an interview, write a short, maximum one page essay explaining why they want to participate to the program. Please send your essay and email professor Rochat for an interview appointment at [psypr@emory.edu](mailto:psypr@emory.edu)

**\*\* Program Dates:** May 28 – July 4 2017

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted starting December 15. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1. CIPA encourages students to submit their applications as early as possible because some programs fill up by the end of January.

**Program Information:** The Department of Psychology is offering a five-week program in remote islands of the South Pacific. This is a unique opportunity for students to study and live in what is considered as two of the three major South Pacific Island cultural and geographical contexts in Polynesia. Based on community living and home stays, students will immerse themselves in intensive writing about their

experience as well as participate in a collective research project pertaining to infant and child development. To provide students with the opportunity for subtle comparative insights and cultural contrasts, the trip will be divided into four major segments of various lengths. The first segment (7 days) will be in the city of Auckland in New Zealand where students will have to attend lectures in preparation of their research in Samoa. Lectures will focus on cross-cultural behavioral research, social cognitive development and Samoan culture in general. The second segment (21 days) will be on the island of Savaii in Western Samoa for research and home stay in a traditional village. The third segment (5 days) will be again in Auckland, New Zealand, where students will analyze and present the data they collected in Samoa. At all locations students will participate in nature and cultural tours.

Students will live in traditional ways with island families. Students should be willing, at time, to live in rough, "sub" US standard conditions. Although the islands are postcard beautiful, it is not Club Med. Students will be introduced to the family environment and specific educational issues and will be provided with an extensive introduction to the physical and cultural ecology by native scholars from local universities. In addition, over the five-week program, students will have regular research seminars and an on-going supervision regarding their field note-keeping and extensive personal writing, as well as on their data collection as part of the collective child psychology and developmental research project

**Courses:** All program participants take two courses worth eight Emory credit hours.

PSYCH 388 "Child Development in the South Pacific" (3 credits) is the lecture course of the South Pacific Summer Study Abroad program introducing participating students to topics of child development relevant to their research in Samoa and Vanuatu prior to homestays. (Philippe Rochat, instructor)

PSYCH 494 "Directed research for study abroad" (5 credits), the second course of the South Pacific Summer Study Abroad program introducing participating students doing supervised developmental research in Samoa and Vanuatu during home stays. Description: 5 credit hours. (Philippe Rochat, instructor)

**Costs:** Room and board, insurance and visa: (approximate costs: \$1700 + LA-LA flight costs: \$ 2432 + the 8 credit tuition fee.

**Financial Aid/Scholarships:** Emory College students who qualify are considered by the Office of Financial Aid for a summer aid award after registration in summer study abroad classes. The amount of the award depends on the number of credits and current financial aid package. Students currently receiving financial aid from Emory are typically eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for information about specific awards. Emory Scholars are informed separately about the procedures for Scholars Summer Study Abroad awards. Emory University Employee Courtesy Scholarships may be applied to the academic fee portion of the summer study abroad program's cost. For more information, please see [Summer Study Abroad Scholarships](#).

**Application Process:** This program is open to both Emory students and to visiting students from other institutions. For questions or assistance, please contact the CIPA Advisor to schedule a meeting or to

inquire about the process. In order to apply, students must complete the following steps:

1. Apply online to your program via the on-line application system. Click on the Apply Now link. Emory students will need their Emory login ID and password. Visiting students from other institutions will create a username (current email address) and password through the online system.

2. View the application checklist and requirements. Once you log into the system, you will be required to complete a series of steps through the checklist process. The checklist includes the following types of documents:

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Students should complete the on-line application before submitting a deposit.**

*Material Submissions:* Items that you need to submit to the CIPA office:

(a) \$350 application deposit (to be applied towards the program cost)

*Signature Documents:* Items that you will need to read and "digitally sign" on-line:

(a) Application Instructions and Information (detailed instructions on process)

(c) Consent for Release Agreement

(d) CIPA Study Abroad Health Form

(e) CIPA Study Abroad Academic Policies (Summer)

(f) Visas for Non-US Citizens (Semester and Summer)

*Questionnaires:* Items that you will need to fill out within your online application, or upload:

(a) CIPA Essay

(b) Additional Applicant Information

(c) Consent for Release and Emergency Contact Information

(d) Photocopy of Passport (uploaded) Note: Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the final date of the program you are applying for.

(e) OPUS transcript that includes Fall 2015 grades (uploaded)

### **Program Resources:**

Orientation: Each summer study abroad program will have a mandatory pre-departure orientation session and/or other pre-departure activities for accepted program participants. The Program Director will contact program participants with details. CIPA will also offer a general pre-departure orientation in early April (date and location TBD).

[CIPA Summer Study Abroad Refund Policy](#)

[CIPA Summer Study Abroad Information for Visiting Students](#)

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