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UCEAP provides the opportunity for students to become international citizens and global thinkers, prepare for careers in our rapidly changing world and gain the skills needed for success in the global marketplace.

With the help of our staff and faculty relationships on all UC campuses and study centers abroad, we are committed to providing quality study abroad experiences for all UC students. This is supported by our over \$1 million in scholarships, partnerships with top international universities, programs for nearly every major, and a growing range of internship and research opportunities.

I invite you to enjoy the following student stories and share in their success, enthusiasm and participation in UCEAP.

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INTERNS IN SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT PROGRAM MEET US AMBASSADOR SUSMAN

On Feb. 21, UC students [interning in the Scottish Parliament](#) were the centerpiece of a farewell reception held by the US Consulate in Scotland in honor of the outgoing

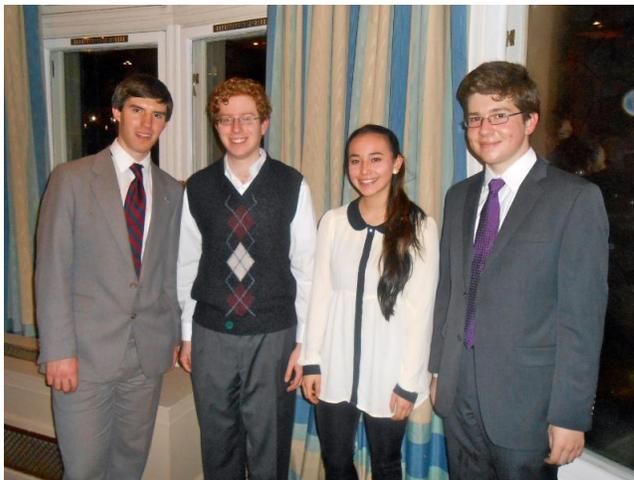
US Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Louis Susman. The interns and many of their MSPs heard Amb. Susman speak of his visits to Scotland and the highlights of his time in the UK, including dinner with the Queen at Buckingham Palace and attending the Olympic Opening Ceremony with First Lady, Michelle Obama.



US Ambassador Louis Susman and Max Perrey

Ambassador Susman highlighted the value of an internship as a personal experience as well as the positive impact on their future careers in such challenging times. *"Take it from someone with a business background: when more and more suitable candidates are applying for one position, having completed an internship abroad really makes your résumé stick out from the pack."*

Praising the special relationship between Scotland and the United States, the Ambassador told the interns that, *"their presence here was essential to America's image and interests and to strengthening the US relationship with Scotland and the United Kingdom."*



From left to right: Max Perrey (UCSC), Ben Schwartz (UCB), Alison Hahm (UCSC), & Benjamin Nuyens (UCB)

Speaking of his experience at the Parliament so far, UCSC intern Max Perrey says:

"Interning at the Scottish Parliament is a fantastic opportunity that I would highly recommend to anyone wishing to learn about Scottish or UK politics, a parliamentary system of governance, and policy more generally. I've helped to draft parliamentary motions, coordinated press releases with the constituency office and assisted

with events that my MSP is sponsoring this spring. I can take a lead on projects and see them through in my four months here. During the parliamentary recess in February, our program arranged for the UCEAP interns to spend a couple of nights in London and witness the House of Commons and the House of Lords in action. While we were not expecting to see Prime Minister David Cameron, we were pleasantly surprised by his presence in the House of Commons! I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Edinburgh."

UC BERKELEY STUDENT GRATEFUL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY IN BORDEAUX

Linguistics major, Nika Allahverdi, is spending [spring semester in Bordeaux](#) thanks to scholarships from UCEAP and the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. In her blog she writes, *"I would like to thank UCEAP for their relentless hard work and funding without which I would not be here, writing a blog and sharing my life with you."*

We hope Nika is enjoying her time in Bordeaux, and from the looks of her blog, she is learning a lot!

"How to spot an American in France: They aren't chain smoking like the French. They walk and text more often than the French. They walk and eat. They take pictures of all the food they order. They don't wear enough clothes and complain about how cold it is. They get too excited about rain and hail (at least the Californians do). I, too, am guilty as charged. But come on, how can you not want to take pictures of all the food in France?" [Read more](#)



MADRID STUDENT PUBLISHES ARTICLE THROUGH JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP

UCSB Communications major, Maritza Mossberg, is currently spending the year at [Complutense University of Madrid](#). As an intern for *InMadrid* magazine, she is gaining professional experience in her major and sharing her perspective with a wide audience. Recently, her article on adjusting to life in a different country was published in the January issue!

"When you take a chance on the pier of life and jump into the unknown of a strange tierra to study, work, or learn another language and feel inspired, you are bound to experience a life-changing journey." [Read more](#)



CHECK ANCIENT RAVENNA OFF YOUR "MUST SEE" LIST

UCEAP students in [Bologna](#), Italy get to visit Ravenna during their intensive language program, a destination that has been rated one of the [20 best trips to do in 2013 by National Geographic](#).

Ravenna served as the capital of the Western Roman Empire in the fifth century and many of the town's buildings are spectacularly decorated with mosaics from that period. The



tradition of mosaics is alive and well in Ravenna today and students get to admire contemporary works in the local Modern Art Museum.

The appreciation for mosaics has lead a number of students to take Professor Lazzarato's course on mosaic making at the Accademia di Belle Arti di Bologna! The UCEAP excursion's focus is a tribute to women in history - Galla Placidia, Theodora (Emperor Justinian's wife), Beatrice (Dante's muse), and Anita Garibaldi. The field trip also includes tasting fresh piadine (stovetop prepared bread similar to a tortilla) - a "romagna" staple generally prepared by women. With the high ratings our students give the trip, this charming town would top a UCEAP "best of" destination list!

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EW ZEALAND RECIPROCITY STUDENT RESEARCHES CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC

Lora Vaioleti, a masters student at the [University of Waikato in New Zealand](#), was awarded a \$15,000 Fulbright Scholarship to continue her research on perceptions

of climate change in the Pacific region. Through UCEAP Reciprocal Exchanges, she is currently attending UC Irvine.

Her current research uses dialogue and 'futures thinking' to help increase resilience to climate change in the Pacific, a region that is particularly vulnerable. Her interest in the Pacific region stems from her Tongan ancestry.

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