

Pitzer College Study Abroad

ISEP Application Information

Now that you have been approved by Pitzer to participate in this program, you will complete the ISEP application available here: <https://www.isepstudyabroad.org>. You will need to choose a program, a year and semester, and create an ISEP log in to apply. The ISEP application allows you to apply for more than one ISEP program. Be sure each ISEP program you choose is on the Approved Programs and Exchanges for Pitzer Students list on our website.

Quality of Applications

The ISEP selection process is competitive. Apply early to allow time for us to complete and review your application well before the ISEP application due date.

Application Fee

Pitzer will pay the non-refundable ISEP application and placement fees directly to ISEP. The ISEP fees are currently \$425 and subject to change. Students who withdraw their application or withdraw from a program after their application has been submitted to ISEP will be charged for the application and placement fees in addition to any applicable ISEP and/or Pitzer College withdrawal fees. Acceptance into a specific ISEP program is not guaranteed. Students not accepted into any ISEP program will not be charged for the fees.

Host Site Request List

Pitzer students may only apply to the ISEP programs on the Approved Programs and Exchanges for Pitzer Students list on the Study Abroad and International Programs website. We suggest you include at most three locations you would be willing to attend.

ISEP Exchange vs. ISEP Direct

Most of the ISEP programs approved for Pitzer students are approved as exchanges. Only the ISEP La Trobe University and ISEP University of Technology Sydney are ISEP Direct placements for Pitzer students. Please be sure you choose the correct option when completing your ISEP application.

Language Proficiency Report

If coursework will be in a language other than English, ISEP requires a language proficiency report on their form. Please schedule this with a language instructor well in advance of Pitzer's ISEP application due date. This may be uploaded in the Additional Documents section of the ISEP application.

Academic Reference

ISEP requires an academic reference letter that addresses the ISEP prompts. After speaking with your professor, send the online ISEP request to your professor at least two weeks before Pitzer's due date. Let them know to submit the reference to the Office of Study Abroad and International Programs or upload it to your ISEP application and NOT to mail them to ISEP. Let your faculty member know the reference letter is due by the Pitzer College Study Abroad due date shown in your portal (not ISEP's due date) to assure timely application processing.

Official Transcript

The Office of Study Abroad and International Programs will request your official Pitzer College transcript and upload it to your ISEP application on your behalf. Do NOT upload an unofficial copy of your transcript.

ISEP Coordinator Reference

Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo is the Home ISEP Coordinator for Pitzer College and will complete this.

Submission Process

1. You will
 - A. Complete your ISEP application including the language proficiency report, if applicable;
 - B. Confirm that the ISEP Academic Reference has been uploaded;
 - C. Confirm that our office has uploaded an official copy of your transcript. (Do NOT upload an unofficial copy of your transcript.)
 - D. Submit your ISEP Application before the Pitzer due date.
2. The Office of Study Abroad and International Programs will then
 - A. Complete the ISEP Coordinator Reference
 - B. Approve your application for review by ISEP prior to the ISEP application due date.

Plan ahead and pay attention to Pitzer's due dates. Provide your professors ample time to complete the Academic Reference and follow up if it has not been submitted. Incomplete ISEP applications will not be processed. Many ISEP programs are competitive and late applications may not be considered.

Multiple Acceptances

Once Pitzer approves your study abroad application, ISEP and the host institution also have to accept you. Acceptances for many ISEP programs are sent out late in the semester prior to study abroad participation. Acceptance rates vary by program. Students who apply to ISEP programs should have a viable non-ISEP approved program alternate. Students who are uncomfortable with ambiguity may want to apply to another study abroad program.