STUDY, RESEARCH, & PROJECTS ABROAD PLANNER

I. In what country would you study abroad?  
Please peruse accompanying list of programs with engineering content.

- Commit to choose a major early!
- If you wish to study in a non-English speaking country, consider taking ONE quarter of language as early as the fall of your Freshman year. Consider substituting for courses that can be taken on a flexible schedule. Consult your departmental advisor.
- The majority of study abroad and exchange programs with engineering content do not require prior foreign language. Refer to accompanying list.

II. When would you study abroad? Check all that apply.  Note that some programs require 2 quarters

- ☐ Summer – All offices sponsor summer programs.
- ☐ AY Fall – All offices sponsor fall programs.
- ☐ AY Winter – We recommend Study Abroad (SA) or International Program Development (IPD)
- ☐ AY Spring – We recommend Study Abroad (SA) or International Program Development (IPD)

III. Do you want technical elective credit in your abroad experience?

- ☐ YES – We recommend Study Abroad (SA) and International Program Development (IPD)
- ☐ NO - If not, we recommend Global Engagement Studies Institute (GESI) for international group project work. Up to 4 general elective credits can be earned, but not technical electives.

IV. Are you interested in a 5-year Bachelor + Masters that includes an abroad experience?

- ☐ YES: We recommend going abroad for part of your senior or MS year. Once you declare your major, plan a careful curriculum with your departmental advisor as soon as possible. Many advanced tech electives abroad are taught in English at a 4th-year / 5th-year level.
- ☐ NO: Within a 4 year Bachelor program, you need to plan well in advance. Declare your major early, and plan a careful curriculum with your departmental advisor as soon as possible. Take language courses sooner rather than later.

V. Are you interested in research abroad?

- ☐ YES: Successful research experiences can be made between sophomore & junior year, and between junior & senior year. For 5-year Bachelor + Masters students, they can also conduct research after their senior year. (Contact your departmental research advisor for ideas.)
- ☐ NO: Consider an internship abroad! (See below)

VI. Are you interested in industry internships or work abroad?

- ☐ YES: Visit the Career Development Office at 847-491-3366, mcd@northwestern.edu to find out more.
- ☐ NO: Consider research abroad! (See above)

VII. Are you interested in seeking funding to help cover related costs?

- ☐ YES: Visit the Office of Fellowships at 847-491-2617, fellowships@northwestern.edu and The Office of the Provost to find out more. In addition, the Office of International Program Development (IPD) and GESI offer fellowships, and many of the affiliated study abroad programs offer need- and merit-based scholarships.