

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHILE WAITING FOR COLLEGE APPROVAL?

Tip #1: Make sure you are all set for international travel

- If you have a passport, check that your passport is up to date and will be valid for 6 months after your program ends
- If you don't have a passport, make an appointment to get one
- Look into the visa requirements and processes for your country (you can also ask your program about this!)
- **Check out the Passport Initiative on the BMC Office of Global Engagement website to apply for funding**
- **The Ardmore USPS has passport appointments Monday-Friday (11:00 AM-3:30 PM) and Saturday (10:00 AM-1:00 PM)*

Tip #2: Keep up to date on your program

- Continue checking your host program's website to keep up to date on the various program deadlines and guidelines
- **Feel free to email a representative from the host program to double-check you are aware of all deadlines**

Tip #3: Be prepared for the external application

- Make sure you have the necessary resources and information compiled for the external program application to your host program
- Fall applicants: start working on the materials for the external application to your host program
- **If you need references or additional documents, ask for those sooner rather than later**
- **The Study Abroad Office can't complete Home School Approvals for your host program until you receive College Approval**

Tip #4: Take deep breaths

- Try to relax and take everything one step at a time
- **If you want to talk the process over with someone or chat about anything study abroad, drop by the SASCs' office hours**