



# CIE NEWS

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## Director's Message

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Congratulations to our graduating students! The CIE extends its best wishes to you as you enter the next phase of your lives. We are certain that you have made many lasting memories and friendships at Rider that you will always hold dear. We wish you the best of luck with your future careers.

We also have many outbound students preparing for their study abroad journey this summer and fall. We hope you enjoy your travels and all of the learning, growth and adventure that they will bring. Studying abroad is an experience of a lifetime. Carpe diem!

If you have a desire to study abroad, our office is open for advisement all summer long.

Visit <http://rider.studioabroad.com> to find the program just for you. Go Global with Rider!

## International Student Mentor Program

Don't miss the opportunity to meet and mentor international students from around the world. You'll increase your global literacy and foreign language skills, and you'll be able to add a unique academic experience to your resume. Contact [cie@rider.edu](mailto:cie@rider.edu) for an application.

**The deadline to apply is April 27th.**

## NEWS FROM ABROAD



*Aung San Suu Kyi*

It's a new day in Burma! Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Peace Prize winner and a prominent voice for democracy, is now the leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD) after spending 20 years under house arrest. The NLD recently celebrated a major triumph by taking 45 seats in the Burmese parliament. Considering that the country has been under military control since 1990, the victory in the election is a hopeful sign for democracy and political reconciliation.

## Country Highlight—New Zealand



New Zealand is located in the Southwestern Pacific Ocean. Composed of two land masses called North and South Island, New Zealand is rich in beautiful landscapes, adventure and diversity. Home to four million people, it is larger than the United Kingdom and two-thirds the size of Japan.

Challenge yourself inside and outside of the classroom to embrace all that New Zealand has to offer. Trek through the mountains, surf at a local beach, or stand in awe of fjords, glaciers, forests and volcanic peaks. Immerse yourself in culture and learn about the Maori and Kiwi people, and discover a myriad of ways to conserve the environment.

Please contact the CIE for more information on how **YOU** can study abroad in New Zealand.

## Top 10 Reasons to Study Abroad in New Zealand

1. Premier academics
2. Unique wildlife. New Zealand is home to the world's rarest penguin—the Yellow-eyed Penguin
3. Diverse scenery
4. Maori culture
5. Friendly people and a temperate climate
6. Sheep, sheep, sheep! There are more sheep in New Zealand than people!
7. Visit sites where the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *Whale Rider* were filmed
8. Visit the hot springs and soak in volcanic mud pools
9. Hit the slopes, hit the beach and kayak on the lake all in one day
10. It's the chance of a lifetime!



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## Student Highlight - New Zealand



I absolutely love New Zealand! It is such an amazing country because it has it all; city life, beaches, national parks, mountains and volcanoes. The people are fun and friendly and the culture is laidback. I've gone on a ton of road trips and have

even driven around on the curvy mountain roads, which was really fun.

A few of my favorite places have been Cape Reinga, the northernmost tip of New Zealand where you can see the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean colliding; the caves in Waitomo, and Tongariro Alpine Crossing, which was a 19 kilometer hike up and around the mountains (also known as

"Mordor," for Lord of the Rings fans).

I'm in awe of everything I've done so far and I haven't even been to the South Island yet. In order to understand how great New Zealand truly is, you have to go and experience it for yourself. If you ever get the chance to travel or study abroad, New Zealand is the place to go!

- Elyse Nussenfeld, New Zealand



## New Opportunities for Rider Faculty

### University of Graz Fulbright Application Call!

Two Fulbright Visiting Professor positions are available at the University of Graz for a four-month term in 2013-2014. One position is in Cultural Studies and one is in Natural Sciences.

For more information, view the Jointly Sponsored Grants listed at: <http://www.fulbright.at/fulbright-for-us-citizens/scholars>

## Rider Students ARE Studying Abroad!

### ASIA

China  
Thailand

### OCEANIA

Australia  
New Zealand

### EUROPE

Belgium  
France  
Ireland

Italy  
Spain  
United Kingdom  
Wales

## New Opportunities for Rider Graduates!

Applications are now available for the Australia Endeavor Awards. If you are a high-achieving student studying for your master's degree or Ph.D. and interested in travel to Australia, please visit the website below.

[www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

## Fall 2012 Outbound Student Orientations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 27	Final Orientation	Fireside Lounge	3 to 5 p.m.

### ARE YOU READY TO GO ABROAD?

For more information on how you can study abroad, send an email requesting an advisement appointment to [cie@rider.edu](mailto:cie@rider.edu) or visit our website at <http://rider.studioabroad.com>.