The Cal Poly International Center suspended summer faculty-led (or Global Programs) in Europe and Asia on March 18 and is now suspending all summer programs with a start date before August 1.

As of March 19, 2020, the U.S. Department of State has issued a Global Level IV Travel Advisory, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued travel advisories including a Level III warning for the entire world. In addition to these advisories, the principle reasons for the decision to suspend all summer programs are...

1) the ever changing landscape of COVID-19 and the increasing number of cases worldwide;
2) the need for students to work on visa procedures for some countries as early as next month;
3) program provider payments that start to be due as soon as a few weeks from now;
4) recognizing that many countries are in lockdown mode, have border restrictions and have quarantines for incoming visitors; and
5) wanting to provide certainty so that students can make other arrangements to meet their educational, professional, and personal goals.

REFUNDS
Students who have the $400 International Center Fee on their Cal Poly student accounts will have the charges automatically reversed. All program fees paid to either Cal Poly or to a partner program (i.e., CEA, CIEE, DIS, MUAS, SIT, TEAN, TECNUN, USAC) will go through each organization’s refund process to request applicable refunds. Students who have been accepted and made program deposit payments to a partner program should promptly notify their program to withdraw officially and request appropriate refunds.

ADVISING AND COURSE SUPPORT
If students need academic advising support for Summer Term, they are highly encourage to connect with college advisors. First-year students can contact the Mustang Success Center. Advising centers are aware of summer program cancellations, and advisors are available to assist virtually.

FINANCIAL AID
The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships is aware of summer program cancellations, and financial aid counselors are available to help. If students received an adjusted financial aid award for summer 2020 or need financial aid counseling, contact financialaid@calpoly.edu

ALTERNATIVE STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS
If students are interested in exploring alternate study abroad options for future terms, including fall, they can browse via the Advanced Search Tool on the study abroad website. Additionally, the International Center continues to provide all services in a virtual format throughout the spring quarter.

NOTE: The International Center has gone to virtual services as of Wednesday, March 18.

- International Students and Scholars should contact intlservices@calpoly.edu.
- Study Abroad inquiries should be sent to abroad@calpoly.edu or specific study abroad advisors/coordinators.
- Faculty and staff international travel inquiries should be sent to intltrvl@calpoly.edu.
- We remain fully committed to serving our students, faculty, and staff during this time.

Feel free to contact Josh Machamer for questions you might have.