To enter the 2015 Study Abroad Photo Contest, read the rules of the contest below, complete the form on the back, and return the form to OSA by October 30, 2015.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Entrants must be students who have participated in, and earned credit in, an MSU-sponsored study abroad program. This includes current students as well as recent graduates; MSU students as well as students from other universities who went on an MSU program.

A maximum of two photos may be submitted per entrant and must be original, un-altered, and un-manipulated work (no professional photos or digitally enhanced photos). Images may be color, black & white, or sepia.

Photos must have been taken by the entrant during the entrant's study abroad program. Photos taken by another participant on the entrant's program is acceptable as long as it was with the entrants camera (i.e. a friend took your photo with your camera). Photos must be also taken outside of the United States and may include locations traveled to during free time (must have occurred within the official program dates).

Photos that include alcohol or the consumption of alcohol, drug use, or other illegal activities will not be accepted. Defamatory, slanderous, obscene, threatening, hateful, or otherwise offensive photos are also prohibited.

All photos must be submitted digitally either on a disk or emailed to marti269@msu.edu. **Files must be titled to correspond with your entry.** Photos should be high resolution (300 dpi is ideal) in a jpg/jpeg format.

A completed entry form MUST accompany every entry. If submitting photos via e-mail, your entry form may be scanned and attached with your photo(s). You can also cut and paste the entry form into an e-mail and include an electronic signature. Hard copy forms and disks may be turned in at the Office of Study Abroad, 105 International Center.

Entries must be received (electronic or hard copy) no later than 5:00 p.m., October 30, 2015. Entries received after the deadline will not be eligible so be sure to allow plenty of time if submitting entries via mail or e-mail.

By entering the contest you will be giving OSA permission to use your photo(s) in various marketing activities, publications, and/or on the Web for the purpose of promoting study abroad at Michigan State University. This means all photos, not just winning entries, will be eligible for inclusion in such activities.

**AWARDS**

Winning entries will be selected on the best quality photographs that convey a strong sense of place or express a cross-cultural experience in one of the following categories:

1. **PEOPLE:** Children, adults, families, self portraits
2. **NATURE:** Plants, landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife
3. **ARCHITECTURE:** Buildings, cityscapes, landmarks
4. **SPARTANS ABROAD:** Students wearing MSU attire or displaying Spartan pride
5. **MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** This category seeks photos that visually represent the service-learning experiences of study abroad students, and the positive difference made in the local community.

*Applicants submitting an entry for the “Making a Difference” category must also write a brief description about their photo. Particularly why the photo fits the category and how the subject or event inspired the photo. Descriptions for other categories are optional.*

Staff from the Office of Study Abroad will judge the entries, looking for the most interesting, compelling, exciting and awe-inspiring photos that evoke emotion about your experience abroad. The winning photo in each category will be awarded a $75 giftcard. Only one award per entrant will be given.

Winners will be officially announced in November during International Education Week 2015.

Judges decisions are final.
ENTRY INFORMATION

Name of entrant: __________________________________________

Current address: __________________________ City: __________ State: _______ Zip: _______

E-mail: ___________________________ Major: ___________________________

Name of study abroad program: __________________________________________

Location: __________________________________ Semester: _______ Year: _______

Entry #1

Category (choose one): □ PEOPLE □ NATURE □ ARCHITECTURE □ SPARTANS ABROAD □ MAKING A DIFFERENCE*

Title of photo: __________________________________________

Location of photo: __________________________________________

Please identify anyone pictured in the photo: __________________________

(Be sure you have their permission.)

Description of photo (*required for “Making a Difference” category):

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(you may also choose to attach a separate document to this entry form)

Entry #2

Category (choose one): □ PEOPLE □ NATURE □ ARCHITECTURE □ SPARTANS ABROAD □ MAKING A DIFFERENCE*

Title of photo: __________________________________________

Location of photo: __________________________________________

Please identify anyone pictured in the photo: __________________________

(Be sure you have their permission.)

Description of photo (*required for “Making a Difference” category):

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(you may also choose to attach a separate document to this entry form)

I have read, understand, and accept the rules of the Study Abroad Photo Contest as stated on the front side of this entry form. I authorize the MSU Office of Study Abroad to duplicate, distribute, alter, and/or publish any of the photos I have submitted to help promote study abroad at Michigan State University. I also agree that the information I submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the photo(s) I submitted are my own work.

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________