

# Global Education Blogger

## Fall 2019

### Description:

The Global Education Office will hire two students studying off-campus in Fall 2019 to write for our blog, [Beyond the Bubble](#). This is not a travel blog that highlights your travels and sightseeing, but rather an opportunity to capture the holistic experience of study away—the challenges and the rewards. We ask bloggers to consider what it means to immerse oneself in a new environment and engage meaningfully with another culture, while reflecting upon the role of their own social identities in this new context. We expect bloggers to draw from their personal experiences and reflections, and research relevant topics in order to frame their posts within the context of their host culture.

### Responsibilities:

- Upload 4 posts throughout the semester in response to prompts relating to different aspects of the study away experience.
- Conduct an interview with one member of the host community and incorporate it into one of the four required posts.
- Complete a photo essay about the topic by the end of the semester.
- Reflect upon first impressions of the host community, and discuss how you can apply what you've learned off-campus to life at Amherst and beyond.
- Share your findings and reflections with the Amherst community during your first semester back on campus. This may involve presentation to a faculty panel about your experience, a poster session, and/or a social media campaign.

### Sample posts from past bloggers:

- [Gringo-Afroamericano Part I: Reflecting on Race and Study Abroad](#), [Part II](#) and, [Part III](#)
- [But Where Are You Really From?](#)
- [Engolindo Sapos](#)
- [Gayborhoods of Madrid](#)
- [Elusive Expectations: Finding My Bearings After a Split Year Abroad](#)

### To apply for this position:

1. Email your resume and cover letter as PDF attachments to Amanda Wright at [awright@amherst.edu](mailto:awright@amherst.edu). In your cover letter, tell us why you're interested in blogging for us and list at least two topics you'd be interested in researching, reflecting, and writing about while you're away. Please also discuss why these topics are particularly relevant to you and your host community, town, or city.
2. Include a writing sample (e.g. personal statement for college or your study away application, blog post, etc.) that might be similar to something you'd write for the blog. If that's not available, respond to the following prompt in 500 words or less: How did you choose your program and/or location? What challenges do you anticipate encountering while you're away?
3. Include a photograph, sketch, or short video as a sample of your work. If your work is online, include a link in your cover letter.

Bloggers will be paid \$250 for the semester.

**Deadline: June 15, 2019**