

**Southern California Foothills Consortium  
London Program  
Fall Semester 2009**

**Application Procedure**

1. Complete the AIFS application form, securing the signature of your college's study abroad program coordinator and thus signifying your eligibility to apply.
2. A deposit of \$450 (plus \$50 non-refundable deposit for each optional tour, if applicable).
3. Attach a photocopy of the information page of your passport (the page with your picture). If you do not yet have a passport, please apply for one immediately and mail a copy once you have received it.
4. Mail or give the completed application form, four 2" X 2" head shot photographs, and deposit to: Antelope Valley College, Sharon Lowry, (661) 722-6304 and Patricia Harris, (661) 722-6688; Citrus College, Lynn Jamison, (626) 914-8560; Crafton Hills College, Kris Acquistapace, (909) 389-3347; MiraCosta College, Mia Scavone, (760) 757-2121 ext. 6896; Mt. San Antonio College, Tamra Horton, (909) 594-5611, ext. 4177; Mt. San Jacinto College, Linda Lang, (951) 639-5252; Palomar College, Yasue O'Neill, (760) 744-1150 ext. 2167; Rio Hondo College, Katie O'Brien, (562) 463-7291; San Bernardino Valley College, Julie Tilton, (909) 384-8597; San Diego City College, Marion Froehlich, (619) 388-3652.
5. The balance of fees should be sent before the dates indicated directly to: American Institute For Foreign Study, Partnership Programs, College Division, River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902-3788. Telephone: (800) 727-AIFS.

**The AIFS program fees include the following:**

Option A: Shared Homestay: \$6,660.00                      Option B: Shared Apartment: \$7,545.00

- ⇒ Option A - accommodations in a twin-bedded room in a home in London including continental breakfast five days a week and access to cooking facilities
- ⇒ Option B - shared accommodations in an apartment – no meals are included

**Both options include:**

- ⇒ a London Transport travel pass giving unlimited use of the buses and underground trains (homestay participants receive a zone 1-3 travel card, and participants choosing the apartment option receive a zone 1 and 2 travel card);
- ⇒ orientation program consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff; student information packet including a comprehensive student handbook, local area information, etc.; a welcome reception; and a half-day guided sightseeing tour of London;
- ⇒ access to the AIFS Student Center and support of Student Services Staff;
- ⇒ classes in the University of London Union (ULU) facilities
- ⇒ student computer lab at the Dilke House student center where students can have free access to e-mail and Internet facilities;
- ⇒ membership of the University of London Student Union. Includes access to low-cost cafeteria, student clubs and societies, and reduced rates at ULU sports facilities;
- ⇒ membership with borrowing rights at the local borough public library;
- ⇒ British Life and Culture Course focusing on historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of contemporary Britain including ten weekly lectures, four local field trips and a student activity plan;
- ⇒ medical and program fee refund insurance policies;
- ⇒ \$50 non-refundable application fee.

**Program fees do not include the following:**

- ⇒ Round-trip transatlantic airfare between the U.S. and Europe, and transfers between the airport and the program site on specified program date(s) for \$945 tour/\$625 non-tour;
- ⇒ mandatory additional airline-imposed fuel surcharges of \$330 tour/\$290 non-tour (subject to change);
- ⇒ \$250 refundable damage deposit;
- ⇒ community college enrollment fees;
- ⇒ optional package of cultural activities for a supplemental fee of \$525. Includes four one-day excursions and six evening events in central London;
- ⇒ optional five-day/four-night orientation tour of Europe for \$1,035;
- ⇒ optional tour to Scotland at a cost of \$635;
- ⇒ optional meal plan for \$350;
- ⇒ textbooks;
- ⇒ passport and visa fees if applicable;
- ⇒ field trips or excursions required by your instructors;
- ⇒ personal expenses such as laundry;
- ⇒ optional personal effects coverage and medical insurance upgrade.

**Please retain this page for your records.**

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

### Option A – Shared Homestay

Fall semester	Fee	Due Date
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	June 19, 2009
Balance of fees	<u>\$6,210.00</u>	July 22, 2009
Sub-total	\$6,660.00	
Damage Deposit (Mandatory/ Refundable)	\$250.00	July 22, 2009
Total	<u>\$6,910.00</u>	

### Optional

European tour deposit	\$50.00	June 19, 2009
Scotland tour deposit	\$50.00	June 19, 2009
Balance of European tour	\$985.00	July 22, 2009
Scotland tour balance	\$585.00	July 22, 2009
Optional Cultural Package	\$475.00	July 22, 2009
Optional Meal Plan	\$350.00	July 22, 2009
Medical Insurance Upgrade	\$65.00	July 22, 2009
Personal Effects Coverage	\$90.00	July 22, 2009

### Option B – Shared Apartment

Fall semester	Fee	Due Date
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	June 19, 2009
Balance of fees	<u>\$7,095.00</u>	July 22, 2009
Sub-total	\$7,545.00	
Damage Deposit (Mandatory/ Refundable)	\$250.00	July 22, 2009
Total	<u>\$7,795.00</u>	

Airfare		
Tour departure	\$945.00	July 22, 2009
Non-tour departure	\$625.00	July 22, 2009
Fuel Surcharge (subject to change)		
Tour departure	\$330.00	July 22, 2009
Non-tour departure	\$290.00	July 22, 2009

Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." You may also use American Express, MasterCard or Visa. See application form. All students must submit the \$450 deposit (plus \$50 non-refundable deposit for each tour, if applicable) with the completed application. Financial Aid students are responsible for paying, by July 22, 2009, the airfare (\$945 tour/\$625 non-tour), fuel surcharges (\$330 tour/\$290 non-tour [subject to change]), \$250 refundable damage deposit, a \$600 program reservation deposit, optional cultural package (\$475) if applicable, and any remaining balance that will not be covered by aid.

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

## AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation from the airports in Europe to your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights on the dates indicated on this application only.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, June 19, 2009. Participants wishing to cancel from the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Wednesday, July 22, 2009. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

***Students may choose between two return flight dates. Changes made to this date after you've applied will incur a \$50 charge per change. All changes must be received in writing by AIFS. Students returning on the alternate return date of Friday, December 4, are responsible for their own accommodations after Friday, November 20, and for their own airport transfers.***

**AIFS Airfare Regulations:** Return must be to original U.S. departure point. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of ticket. Tickets cannot be rerouted, and stopovers are not permitted. Once in London participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability. Group round-trip ground transportation to and from the airport in Europe is on the regularly scheduled program dates only.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight.

## PROGRAM DATES

Sunday, September 6, 2009	AIFS flight departs U.S. for Paris for students on the optional European tour.
Monday, September 7, 2009	Arrive in Paris. Start of the optional European tour.
Thursday, September 10, 2009	AIFS flight departs U.S. for London for students not on the optional European tour.
Friday, September 11, 2009	AIFS flight arrives in London. Residences open at noon for all students. Optional European tour ends. Regular program begins.
Monday, September 14, 2009	Start of classes.
Thursday, October 22, 2009 to Monday, October 26, 2009	Optional tour of Scotland
Friday, November 20, 2009	End of program. Residences close at noon for all students. AIFS flight departs London for U.S.
Friday, December 4, 2009	Alternate return date (Students choosing this date are responsible for their own accommodations after November 20 and for their own airport transfers).



## PART E – HEALTH AND HOUSING INFORMATION

Please complete the following questionnaire carefully. Your housing assignment will be made based on the information that you provide. All requests are taken into consideration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete one section only, either the Shared Homestay OR Shared Apartment option.**

### SHARED HOMESTAY

**Please complete the following questions to assist the London staff in finding a suitable host family for you.**

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Jobs done in the past \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke?  Yes  No Do you object to a roommate who smokes?  Yes  No

Would members of the host family who smoke elsewhere in the house/apartment bother you?  Yes  No

Roommate preference (if known) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to live in a household with children or without?  With  Without

Would you object to being placed with a single-person host?  Yes  No

Do you have any allergies to household pets?  Yes  No

If there are any more details about yourself that you think would help your host to get to know you better, please state below:

\_\_\_\_\_

### SHARED APARTMENT

**Please note that specific housing preferences cannot be guaranteed.**

**Please note that single rooms are very limited and are allocated according to special needs, e.g. medical, age-related**

Do you smoke?  Yes  No Do you object to a roommate who smokes?  Yes  No

What time do you get up in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_ What time do you normally go to bed? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider yourself a quiet person?  Yes  No Where do you prefer to study?  room  library  elsewhere

Are you receiving any special medical treatment?  Yes  No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical condition that prevents you from climbing stairs? If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference (if known) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special reason for requesting a single room? If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider yourself a tidy person?  Yes  No  Somewhat

What type of music do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you normally listen to music in your room?  Yes  No

Are there any hobbies or interests you would like to pursue while in London? \_\_\_\_\_

## PART F – OPTIONAL DATA

Studying in another country requires considerable adaptability. This is part of both the challenge and the reward. Your willingness to answer these questions will assist the AIFS staff in providing you with an accommodation that is most likely to meet your needs.

Do you have any special dietary needs? \* If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider yourself a conservative or liberal person?  Conservative  Liberal

Do you have any allergies or chronic ailments?  Yes  No If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently under treatment for any mental or emotional matters?  Yes  No If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently taking any prescription medication on a regular basis?  Yes  No If yes, please list and state purpose \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Studying abroad requires a great deal of physical mobility. Do you feel you are able to perform the essential functions of studying abroad with or without any special requirements? \* If you do have special requirements, describe the requirement you would need and how this would enable you to participate.

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*AIFS cannot guarantee to accommodate special requirements and requests.*

# Agreement and Release Form

I, the undersigned, an Applicant for an overseas study program of the American Institute For Foreign Study, Inc. (the "Institute"), acknowledge that I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the AIFS application/brochure, which are incorporated in this agreement. This agreement is a legally binding contract. I acknowledge and accept the terms of the refund policy as outlined below:

If a participant withdraws in writing

On or before June 26, 2009

After June 26, 2009, but on or before July 22, 2009

After July 22, 2009

She/he receives

All fees paid less \$150 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

All fees paid less \$450 plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

No refund, and student is responsible for entire program fee.

All requests for refund must be made in writing, signed, and addressed or faxed to: **Registrar, AIFS, Partnership Programs, College Division, River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902; fax number (203) 399-5597. Unsigned withdrawal statements will not be processed.**

I unconditionally release the Institute from any claims for damage, injury, loss, or expense of any nature resulting from events beyond its control, including without limitation: Acts of God, war, strikes, crime, terrorism, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations. This release also applies to any losses arising from the use of any vehicle or from the selection of, or from any act or omission by any host family, bus or car rental agency, steamship, airline, railroad, taxi or tour service/organizer, hotel service, hotel, restaurant, school, university/college, or other firm, agency, company or individual, unless the loss is caused by the gross negligence of the Institute.

I understand that I am responsible for exercising caution and common sense at all times to avoid injuries, and that the Institute cannot provide supervision or support during periods of independent travel.

I agree that if I become ill or incapacitated, the Institute or its emergency assistance company may take such actions as it considers necessary under the circumstances, including securing medical treatment for me and transporting me to the United States. I release the Institute from any liability relating to this medical care. I also authorize the Institute to take whatever action it deems to be necessary and in my best interest (including transporting me out of the host country or back to the United States, at my own expense) in the event of political unrest or any other unforeseen event or condition. If the Institute incurs any expense on my behalf I agree to make immediate repayment upon my return.\*

I will comply with the Institute's rules, standards and instructions, and understand that failure to do so may result in being sent home at my expense, with no refund. I understand that my participation may be terminated if I am expelled from school or otherwise disciplined by school or civil authorities, or if the Institute, in its sole discretion, determines that my conduct is incompatible with the interests, harmony, comfort or welfare of the other students. I agree to indemnify the Institute if I do anything that causes the Institute to sustain financial loss or liability.

I understand that the Institute provides insurance coverage for my benefit while in the program, including limited health, accident, accidental death, personal effects and tuition refund insurance. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to understand the limitations of this coverage and agree that the Institute is not responsible for any uninsured losses.

I understand that the Institute reserves the right to make changes, cancellations or substitutions in cases of changed conditions or emergency, or based upon the interest of the group. I understand if I am terminated from the program, there will be no refund of AIFS fees.

I understand that obtaining a passport and any other required travel documents is my sole responsibility, and I agree to hold the Institute harmless in the event that I am unable to obtain the necessary documents for participation in the program and to indemnify the Institute for any costs to it that result from my failure to obtain the required documentation.

I understand that if I am not a U.S. citizen, a visa may be required for entry to the countries I plan to visit (or travel through) while a participant on this program. I further understand that it is my sole responsibility to determine my visa requirements and obtain the appropriate visa(s), and I agree to hold the Institute harmless in the event that I am unable to obtain the necessary documents and visas for participation in the program and to indemnify the Institute for any costs to it that result from my failure to obtain the required documentation.

I understand that from time to time the Institute's publicity material may include statements by its participants and/or their photographs, and I consent to such use of my comments and photographic likeness.

This agreement will be effective when my application is accepted by the Institute and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. This agreement cannot be modified except in writing by the Institute.

I agree that any dispute with the Institute that is not settled informally will be submitted to binding arbitration, to be conducted in substantial accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The location of the arbitration and identity of the arbitrator will be decided by mutual agreement, with the costs to be shared equally between the parties, and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final. By signing this agreement, I understand that I am giving up my right to have any claim against the Institute decided in Court before a judge or jury.

References in this agreement to "the Institute" shall include the American Institute For Foreign Study, Inc., and all of its agents, employees, affiliated companies, campus directors, chaperones, group leaders, teachers, host school and school officials.

If I am using financial aid to pay for all or part of my AIFS program fees, and if that aid is canceled or reduced by my institution or lending agency after I have embarked on the AIFS program, I am immediately responsible for full payment of all fees. Failure to make payment will result in my administrative withdrawal from the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name

\*A special substitute paragraph is available to members of the Christian Science faith.