


SEMESTER AT SEA

Fall 2027 Voyage

# MAKE THE WORLD YOUR CLASSROOM



100+ days, 10+ countries, 3-4 continents, 1 semester. This is a study abroad experience like no other.





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## AGENDA



Semester at Sea



The CSU Global  
Teaching Scholars



Why do it?



What is next?



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## Key Considerations & Program Overview

JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY THAT SPARK BOLD SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES.



## Goals

1. Quick initial self-assessment
2. Introduction to basics of Semester at Sea



# Preliminary questions to consider...

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## Question 1

Do you meet requirements and look forward to experiencing the living and working conditions of a ship being used as a floating campus?



## Question 2

Do you wish to undertake a most unique, exciting, exhilarating, and intense opportunity for personal and professional growth?



## Question 3

Do you wish to enrich your understanding of the world to exercise your global civic duties to be even better prepared to inspire present and future generations and invite them to do the same?



## Question 4

Do you want to engage in experiential learning together with your students and many others side by side?



## Question 5

If appointed as a CSU Global Teaching Scholar, what ideas do you have for your possible contributions post-voyage to enrich both CSU and ISE most immediately?



# Semester at Sea Brief Overview

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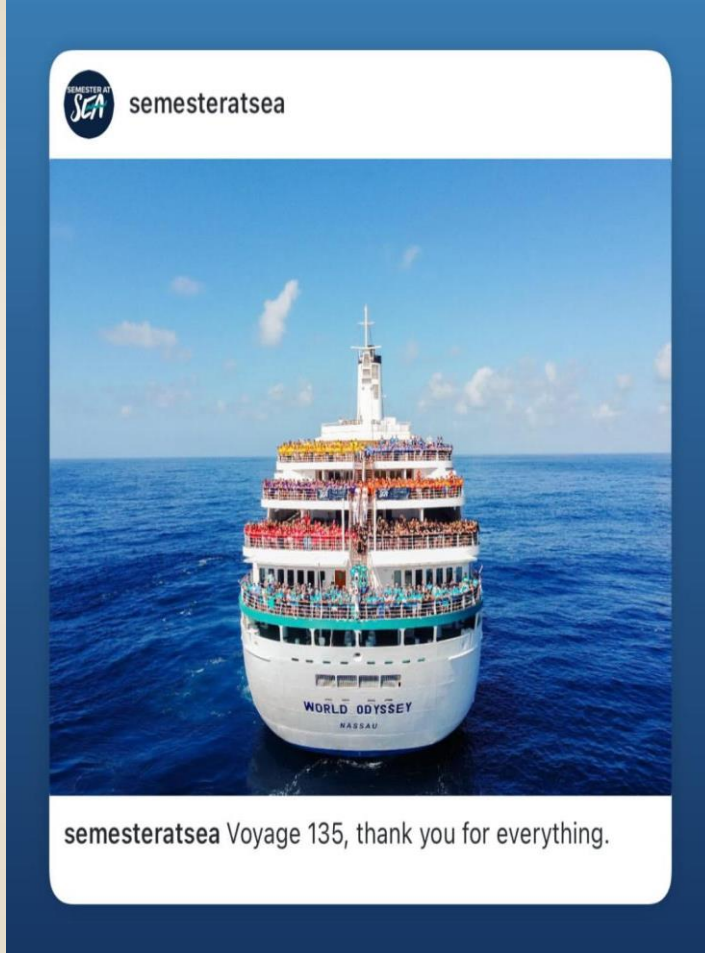
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## OUR MISSION

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



- 10 countries - Europe, Africa, Asia...
- Approx. 105 Days
- ~5-7 days in each country
- ~500 students from ~ 250 schools & 25 countries
- 12 - 15 credits
- ~70 course offerings

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VOYAGE  
COMMUNITY  
VALUES

Well-being

Interconnectedness

Respect

Inclusion

Integrity

Excellence



## VOYAGE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Personal Journey

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Journey in Human  
Community

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Journey on Planet Earth

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Lifelong Journey



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## CSU Appointments- As of Fall 2025

FACULTY AND STAFF	#
CSU ACADEMIC DEANS	17
CSU GLOBAL TEACHING SCHOLARS (GTSs)	60
CSU FACULTY (NON-GTS)	24
CSU ACADEMIC ADVISOR /REGISTRAR	14
CSU LIBRARIANS	6
CSU ACADEMIC STAFF	7
CSU STUDENT LIFE	14
CSU EXECUTIVE DEANS	2
<b>TOTAL SAILED</b>	<b>144</b>

SEMESTER	YEAR	STUDENT COUNT
FALL	2016	24
SPRING	2017	17
FALL	2017	40
SPRING	2018	31
FALL	2018	23
SPRING	2019	38
FALL	2019	34
SPRING	2020	31
SPRING	2022	23
FALL	2022	30
SPRING	2023	39
FALL	2023	36
SPRING	2024	19
FALL	2024	25
SPRING	2025	26
FALL	2025	17
<b>TOTAL SAILED</b>		<b>453</b>

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# The CSU Loren W. Crabtree Global Teaching Scholars

## Program Overview

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# CSU Global Teaching Scholars (GTSs) Brief program overview...

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## The Loren W. Crabtree Global Teaching Scholars (GTSs)



- Instrumental to the ISE-CSU Affiliation
- Former CSU CLA Dean and Provost and Executive Vice President
- US-Sino Relations Expert
- Exemplary Dedication to International Education

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## Who appoints CSU GTSs for a voyage?

The CSU Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, Professor Michael Galchinsky, considering the Search Committee's recommendation (ISE + CSU members), issues the appointments letters confirming selected candidates.



## Who is selected as a CSU GTS for a voyage?

GTSs are faculty...

- With an established successful record of undergraduate teaching.
- Whose values align with those of ISE and are eager to contribute to its mission.
- Who wish to share their growth with CSU, ISE, and beyond.



## What is expected of the GTS?

- Participate in all pre-voyage activities to be voyage-ready.
- Serve as model CSU and Semester at Sea ambassadors on the ship and in country.



## What is expected of the GTS? (cont.)

- Return to CSU to actively promote and support global awareness, global literacy, global citizenship, and internationalization efforts.
- Support ISE as an alum to grow the program and help nurture the alumni network.



## How can a GTS contribute to ISE?



- Join Ram Welcome
- Volunteer to Support or Simply Join Study Abroad Fairs
- Join Us on CSU Semester at Sea Days
- Wear Semester at Sea gear regularly
- Motivate students to consider the Semester at Sea program as there are scholarships available.
- Share your experience in your unit (department, college, division)
- Help spread the word! Semester at Sea should not remain as the best kept secret!



## What is the teaching assignment as a GTS?

- GTSs typically teach 3 CSU courses & hold office hours.
- Design a field class for each course with ISE's logistical support.
- Use Moodle (Learning Management System-- Required).



## What else is important to know and consider?

- Be aware that, while at sea, Internet access is extremely limited, so it is neither possible nor feasible to engage in non-Semester at Sea work.
- Abide by all policies and expectations (ISE's and CSU's) in a timely manner, before, during, and after the voyage.



## What else is important to know and consider? (cont.)

- Carefully read the position description and clarify any questions.
- Follow all the guidance presented on the Provost website to ensure a successful application process.



## What else is important to know and consider? (cont.)

- Returning CSU faculty are welcome to apply, but priority consideration is given to faculty who meet the criteria and have not sailed previously.
- Interviews will be held in person on June 10 and June 11, 2026, at ISE's new location (off campus).
- GTSs maintain their CSU salary and benefits.
- GTSs are expected to return to campus for another year to contribute to CSU!



## What else?

- Receive an ISE travel allowance to help alleviate the cost of travel to and from embarkation.
- Are responsible for all other expenses not covered by ISE or CSU.
- Are provided with free housing and dining from embarkation to disembarkation (while sailing or in port).
- May consider other opportunities to help alleviate in-country excursions.
- Need to abide and comply with all ISE policies beyond academics!



## Finally, what else to consider?

- The world is truly your campus: Consider this opportunity to expand your research, scholarly activity, or creative artistry.
- CSU IRB approval is required to conduct research in connection with the Semester at Sea program.
- If interested in learning more about it, contact me to schedule an appointment to further discuss.



# Why do it?

What are some of the reasons faculty may pursue a CSU GTS assignment?



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An international  
educator's top  
*3 reasons* why...



# REASON 1:

# A HIGH IMPACT PRACTICE

## VOYAGE LEARNING OUTCOMES



### PERSONAL JOURNEY

We intentionally explore our own identities, abilities, and values, and recognize the ways they influence our actions and worldviews.



### JOURNEY IN HUMAN COMMUNITY

We critically reflect on a diversity of cultural perspectives and experiences from around the world.



### JOURNEY ON PLANET EARTH

We deepen our understanding of the Earth's environment, its resources, ecological interdependence, and our responsibility to care for the planet.



### LIFELONG JOURNEY

We commit to lifelong learning and action to help solve global challenges.



Mission: Journeys of discovery that spark bold solutions to global challenges.

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# REASON 2: THE MOST DIVERSE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Provides access to the world...
- Develops and nurtures a global mindset...

***KEY INGREDIENTS TO DRIVE  
POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE”***



REASON 3:

PROFOUND  
PERSONAL &  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
EXPERIENCE



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# WHAT IS NEXT?

## Timeline & Additional SAO Support

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**Fall 2027  
GTS SEARCH**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**May 26, 2026**

**For questions, contact:**

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## Fall 2027 Voyage - Search Timeline

<b>TASK</b>	<b>DEADLINE 2026</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION: TO or FROM</b>
Application Deadline	May 26	Email application to <a href="mailto:kristin.mravinec@colostate.edu">kristin.mravinec@colostate.edu</a>
In-Person Interviews of Selected Candidates	June 10-11	Invitation from <a href="mailto:fehlers-zavala@isevoyages.org">fehlers-zavala@isevoyages.org</a>
Notification to Appointed GTSSs	Week of June 22	Appointments by VPDUA Galchinsky via <a href="mailto:kristin.mravinec@colostate.edu">kristin.mravinec@colostate.edu</a>
GTSSs' submission of course syllabi to ISE	August 18	To ISE per SAO's instructions following appointment confirmation.



## What additional support is there for applicants?

\*Brief Informational Session with Q & A, May 6, 2026, 11-noon  
&

\*Office Hours w/Senior Academic Officer  
May 8, 2026, 2 to 4 pm (or email me for an appt.)

\*Events Location:  
CSU Provost Conference Room  
(106 Administration Building)



Remember:

Your application is welcome!



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