From 24 June - 12 July 2013 the School of Accounting at RMIT in conjunction with the Department of Accounting at the University of Melbourne will be conducting a fully escorted study program visiting Los Angeles, Toronto, Niagara, Providence, Newport, Norwalk, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Gettysburg and New York.

The International Study Program celebrates its 21st Anniversary in 2013. Laurie Webb commenced leadership of the program at Monash University in July 1993, with the first program to Asia, the inclusion of the USA in the following year and Europe in subsequent years. In 2006 two distinct programs emerged - one to North America in June/July and Europe in January each year. In June 2013, Laurie will lead his 28th study program.

These student programs are distinguished through their high level connections with international organisations and the high quality of the experiential learning program. Laurie wishes to pay tribute to Holidays on Location and its principal, Leo Adams, who have been associated with the program since its inception in 1993. The company has made a significant contribution to the success of the program through meticulous planning and the highest quality delivery of services.

Over the past twenty years, the program has broadened the international understanding of nearly 1000 students and staff from Monash, La Trobe and other Australian universities and in 2010 the University of Melbourne joined RMIT as a joint partner of this unique program.

Laurie Webb pays a special tribute to the many organisations and their executives who have contributed most generously in many ways over the past twenty years in making this program such an extraordinarily rich experience for students and staff.

Features
- A fully escorted international study program visiting the west and east coasts of the USA and north-east Canada.
- An experiential education program that has no equal domestically or internationally with cross-continent travel, prestigious host institutions and comfortable travel throughout the program.
- Opportunity to meet with key executives from hospitable and enthusiastic host institutions in the fields of entertainment, education, IT and manufacturing. Outstanding corporate hosts including Walt Disney®, CBS-TV, GE-Corporate, IBM and BMW (Canada) that are unique to this program. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Washington, DC and the FASB in Connecticut are the two principal accounting regulatory bodies in the USA whilst the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) is one of the two principal accounting bodies in North America.
- The opportunity for private travel after the conclusion of the program in New York.

Objectives
This Accounting Study Program is a unique opportunity to travel, study and gain access to a range of leading business, educational and regulatory leaders in North America. Students will gain invaluable insights into, and expand their knowledge of international business and accounting practices. The development of interpersonal skills and self-confidence in presenting to, and speaking with, hosts is an additional benefit of participation.

Academic content
RMIT students will enrol in dedicated electives ACCT 2172/2173 (International Accounting Study Program). Assessment for both electives includes a primer of host organisations, case study, participation and a reflective journal.

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Additional sightseeing and meals

The program also includes organised visits to:
- Welcome and farewell dinners with local hosts in Los Angeles and New York
- Los Angeles: Full day transfer and admission to Disneyland Theme Park in Anaheim
- Toronto: Morning two-hour panoramic city tour with guide
- Niagara Falls: Visit to Table Rock, Niagara Gorge, Whirlpool Rapids, Floral Clock, Maid of the Mist boat excursion to the base of Niagara Falls
- Newport: Afternoon three-hour panoramic city tour with guide
- Philadelphia: Mid-morning panoramic city tour with guide
- Washington DC: Afternoon three-hour panoramic city tour with guide
- Gettysburg: Visit to National Military Park, walking tour with guide
- Newport: Afternoon three-hour panoramic city tour and financial district with guide

Transportation

International flights are with Qantas and American Airlines. Ground transportation is by fully air-conditioned panoramic motor coaches.

Study costs

RMIT students will pay the fees associated with studying the equivalent of two RMIT general electives. Applicants who do not take any electives will incur a $500 administration fee.

Scholarships

Global Study Connections:
- "Strive for Excellence": $1000.
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia: $3,000 bursary for one RMIT student, conditions apply. Closing date 12 April 2013 - see website for details.
- WHK Melbourne: Scholarship for academic excellence: $1,000.
- RMIT Mobility Grants Short-term travel grants: up to $1500 each. Refer to the study tours section of www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/financialsupport For more information, please contact Laurie Webb (RMIT University).

Cost

Option 1 - Full Cost: The cost is $6757 (approx) per person plus ET&FS tax* ($880) and insurance ($249) = a total of $7886 (as at 11 Feb 2013)
This includes: Twin share accommodation in standard room, breakfasts (except Los Angeles and New York), all sightseeing programs (see additional sightseeing and meals), welcome dinner in Los Angeles and farewell dinner in New York.

Note: Tuition fees are NOT included and are payable separately to RMIT University.

Option 2 - Land Cost only:
As above but excludes all flights and ET&FS tax* = a total of $5015 (approx) per person
(Flights are Melbourne - Los Angeles; Los Angeles - Toronto; New York - Melbourne) Participants must make their own flight arrangements and ensure arrival coincides with the commencement of the program as shown on the itinerary.

Ground Travel is by deluxe air-conditioned coaches with certified drivers and guides. The range of accommodation standard is between 4-star and 4-star superior hotels. Room category is based on standard rooms with the option to upgrade to superior category as required. Host organisations generally provide lunches.

*ET&FS tax: Estimated tax and fuel surcharge amount includes payments to Governments in the form of departure tax, airport usage fees and charges applied by airport corporations, flight security insurance and fuel levies applied by airlines. You are advised that the ET&FS tax amount is subject to exchange rate calculations and this amount will be re-assessed on day of final payment.

Deposit - Terms and Conditions

A deposit of $600 (cheques should be made out to Holidays on Location—GSC) and a copy of your passport details (the page where your photograph appears) must accompany your application. Upon formal acceptance, withdrawal for any reason before finalisation of your account will result in $450 plus GST not being refundable. Cancellations after this time will be determined by the general cancellation conditions issued by the travel management company, Holidays on Location—GSC. The balance of the payment must be settled on or before 23 April 2013.

How to apply

The application form is available from the RMIT Business Study Tours website: www.rmit.edu.au/bus/studytours

Eligibility

The study program is open to all RMIT undergraduate/postgraduate business students. Preference will be given to students who have passed both Introductory Accounting and Financial Accounting 1. However, students who have completed Introductory Accounting with a credit or better result are also encouraged to apply. The study program runs in partnership with the University of Melbourne.

Key dates

Information sessions RMIT
Thursday 7 March 12:30pm - 1:30pm Room: 80.07.06
5:30pm - 6:30pm Room: 80.07.06
Thursday 14 March 12:30pm - 1:30pm Room: 80.07.06
5:30pm - 6:30pm Room: 80.07.06
Tuesday 26 March 12:30pm - 1:30pm Room: 80.10.07
5:30pm - 6:30pm Room: 80.03.10

Application close 29 March 2013
GSC presentation 5 April 2013
Settlement date 23 April 2013

Early application is advised as availability is on a first-come first-served basis.

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