Dear Temple in France Students and Emergency Contacts,

I am writing to you with some unfortunate news regarding Temple’s French Language Program in Paris, France.

As you may know, France’s borders remain closed to U.S. citizens, including foreign students participating in short-term study programs. France continues to implement serious restrictions, which include a nightly curfew, the closure of restaurants and museums, and all institutions of higher learning to operate remotely. In light of these developments, we worry that the essence of the program and the immersive language and cultural aspects of the program could be lost if the restrictions remain in place.

Furthermore, Education Abroad has been informed by IES Abroad, our on-site partner in France that they have reluctantly made the decision to cancel their summer 2021 in-person programming in France. Additionally, our academic partner, the Sorbonne, has informed us they are planning for hybrid learning this summer as fully in-person learning still does not seem feasible. Given the uncertainty of when travel restrictions and requirements will be lifted, we are unable to offer your program in France this summer and must sadly cancel the program for summer 2021.

We know this news is disappointing and we share your sadness and frustration about the loss of this learning opportunity. We have provided you with guidance on moving forward below.

Program Deposits

If you have already submitted a program deposit, as per our cancellation policy, **Temple students** will have the deposit refunded to their Temple account and will appear as a $200 credit to be applied to a future summer or fall semester balance. **Non-Temple students** will not have a future balance at Temple, and will therefore receive a refund directly, and are strongly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit (instructions in your online account, after acceptance) in order to avoid delays with processing any refunds. Otherwise, refunds for non-Temple students will be distributed via physical check in the mail. More information related to [Refund Policies and Procedures](#) can be referenced on our website.

Study Abroad Summer 2021

**Temple Rome Summer Session I**

We can, however, share that students are currently studying in Rome this semester, and borders remain open, which is promising in terms of the likelihood of summer programs proceeding in Rome.

If you are interested in applying to Temple Rome Summer Session I, you may want to review the [Temple Rome Summer 2021 Program Updates](#) page to read a message that recently went out to Rome summer applicants so that you are as informed as possible on such a decision. Similar messaging is forthcoming for all other Temple Summer programs.

If you would like us to copy over your application to Rome summer I, please let me know by **Friday, March 12th at 5PM EST**. If you choose to switch to Rome Summer I, you will need to submit a program deposit by **Monday, March 15th** if you have not already done so.
We hope, if you choose to, you will have the opportunity to study abroad through another Temple program, however, the uncertainty of the pandemic makes it difficult to predict at this time which programs will be offered this summer.

**Study Abroad in Future Terms**
Alternatively, if you would like to defer your study abroad experience to a future term for which we are currently accepting applications, please let us know and we can open that application for you and have a number of your application materials copied over for your new program application. Applications for all Temple, External and Exchange programs are currently open through spring 2022, and we anticipate opening applications for summer 2022 programs before the end of the fall 2021 semester. Once we open applications for next summer, we will reach out to you to complete a brief survey indicating your interest to have a number of your application materials copied over for summer 2022.

Again, we are so sorry to relay this news, which we also would like to note is being sent at the same time to whomever you indicated as emergency contacts in your application. We look forward to working with many of you on plans to study abroad on another summer program or in a future term, and we wish you and yours continued health and safety.

As always, please contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Melinda