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TO: Deans, Chairs, and Directors of Academic Departments/Programs at UW-Madison

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RE: Faculty in Residence Position for UW Global Launch London Program Fall 2025

International Academic Programs (IAP), a unit of the International Division, is accepting applications for the UW Global Launch in London study abroad program during the fall semester 2025. Please circulate this announcement among your colleagues and encourage those interested to apply.

Applications are due March 27, 2024

Located in the heart of London, in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, the UW Global Launch in London program is an academic and experiential opportunity designed specifically for first-year UW students to prepare them for success as global citizens in today’s interconnected world. Capitalizing on the rich artistic and cultural resources of the city of London, this academic program is dedicated to offering students high-quality education in the humanities, social sciences, business, and arts.

The program is administered in cooperation with Foundation for International Education (FIE), a London-based non-profit educational organization that has been designing and administering innovative educational programs abroad since 1998. FIE staff will handle the on-site administrative oversight of the program (including activities, excursions, student health and safety, and housing matters) and will provide instruction for most program courses. This organization can also assist faculty with finding suitable housing within London for the duration of the program. The Faculty in Residence works collaboratively with FIE staff on activities and issues pertaining to UW Madison students and serves as the primary liaison between FIE and IAP by providing regular updates on the students’ experiences and program happenings.

The UW-Madison Faculty in Residence will teach two courses specifically geared toward, and providing relevant credit to, first-year students, alongside courses offered by the program provider, FIE. Courses are designed to take full advantage of the local environment, while also providing an educational grounding in the Arts and Humanities that will launch students’ academic careers. Students enroll in British Life and Cultures and College Writing-Britain as a Text to provide a foundation on British society, history, and culture (taught by local faculty). All students will take both courses taught by the UW-Madison Faculty in Residence. Fall students also enroll in one additional elective course taught by local faculty: Music in 20th Century Britain; Sustainable Cities: London in the Era of Climate Change; Media in Britain; or Harry Potter: Magic, Myth and Meaning. These courses combine classroom instruction with on-site learning through fieldtrips and program excursions to historically and culturally significant sites in London and other parts of England. Approximately 20 UW-Madison students are selected for the program.

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Each fall semester, one faculty member from UW-Madison is selected as a Faculty in Residence for the program. In addition to teaching two courses in the program, the Faculty in Residence assists FIE with academic and non-academic issues that may come up during the semester. The Faculty in Residence will work with FIE to plan several out-of-class activities and excursions for the participants that complement their coursework and will also interact with students outside of the classroom to maximize their experience. The Faculty in Residence is expected to be available to UW-Madison participants for advising and regular check-ins, participate in all program events and activities, and actively engage in student support, including liaising with IAP staff to share resources, throughout the program.

The Faculty in Residence is also responsible for assisting IAP with marketing and recruitment efforts for the program, participating in the application review process, participating in the multi-day pre-departure orientation in Madison the summer prior to the program start and on-site orientation sessions for participants upon arrival in London. The Faculty in Residence will submit two written reports, one at the program midpoint and one at the semester end to update the incoming UW in London spring Faculty in Residence of the status of the fall program participants. After program completion, the Faculty in Residence will assist IAP with program planning and development efforts for future years of the program.

The Faculty in Residence is expected to reside in London during program dates (tentatively scheduled from late-August through mid-December) and will participate in all program events and activities. An important requirement for this position includes the ability to work effectively with first year undergraduate students in the study abroad context. Applications are welcome from all disciplines and academic departments at UW-Madison. Preference will be given to tenured faculty and faculty with direct academic experience in the program location and region. Applications from faculty who have not previously led study abroad/away programs are encouraged.

Individuals will remain on their departmental budgets while teaching, receiving regular academic salary and fringe benefits for the semester. Replacement costs are not provided; the department must concur in granting leave to the Faculty in Residence.

For the Faculty in Residence, IAP will provide the following:

1. One round-trip, economy-class airfare (traveling with the students who opt for the suggested group flight to London) and associated ground transportation costs between your home and airports at the program sites;
2. A housing allowance up to $13,500 to partially defray housing costs during the program;
3. A shipping allowance of $500 which can include forwarding of business mail and/or excess baggage charges; and
4. International health insurance coverage for the duration of the program.

Interested faculty should submit electronically a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two course proposals (one or two paragraphs for each will suffice). Please also submit a letter (electronically) from your department chair stating acknowledgement of your application and the terms of the appointment listed in the position description. Submit all application materials to Emma Wasserstrom (ewasserstrom@wisc.edu), IAP Resource Center Coordinator, who can also respond to any questions about the position.