



UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program

Dr. Ruth Covell International Study Award Award Recipient - 2017



Brenda Ngo
2014 Cohort
Warren College
Biochemistry/Chemistry

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Semester at Sea

The first ever recipient of the International Study Award, Brenda Ngo was “extremely humbled by the opportunity that had presented itself” and felt “very relieved to know that [she] would have extra funds to spend during [her] time abroad”. She participated in a Semester at Sea program, and credits the International Study Award as helping her be “almost entirely financially self-reliant” during her study abroad experience.

With the money from the scholarship, she was able to pursue greater adventures in addition to her voyage. This included visiting the Cape Coast Castle in Ghana, going on a safari in South Africa, and traveling through the Cu Chi Tunnels in Vietnam, as well as participating in homestays in India and China. The aforementioned experiences have allowed her to gain different perspectives of the culture and lifestyle of the different areas, for which she is extremely grateful.

“My semester abroad was a truly informative experience. I learned so much more about Americans and how different the country is outside of my Southern Californian bubble. For better or worse, I saw different faces of America from what I am accustomed to. I absolutely loved many aspects of traveling abroad, and I would not trade this experience for the world. I also began to have really important conversations regarding gender, race, and a variety of social issues in the US and the world. I look forward to continuing these conversations. I just want to end by saying how grateful I am to have been a Chancellor's Scholar. I was given so many resources and opportunities under this scholarship program, and I cannot imagine how different my college career would have been without them.” – Brenda Ngo



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