



UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program

International Study Scholarship

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Plans to study abroad in Florence, Italy

Studying abroad in Italy is more than just a dream fulfilled for me; it's a strategic step towards my aspirations and a testament to my determination. As a first-generation Hispanic college student, financing my education through relentless work and scholarships, I cherish this opportunity to expand my horizons. Italy has garnered my attention since my childhood with its rich culture, tantalizing cuisine, and captivating history. My foremost goal is to immerse myself in Italian culture, language, and history, enriching my understanding of the world and enhancing my future career prospects. Pursuing a career as an aspiring detective and aspiring FBI Special Agent, this experience will hone my ability to interact with diverse individuals and appreciate cultural nuances—a crucial skill set in law enforcement.

Through academic courses focused on language, culture, and history, I aim to gain fluency in Italian and deepen my sociological understanding of the interplay between food, culture, and society. These insights will not only enrich my personal growth but also lay a solid foundation for my future investigative endeavors, where understanding cultural contexts is paramount. Moreover, I look forward to embracing the vibrant art scene of Italy, and tracing its influence on communities and behaviors. Interacting with locals in their language and exploring Italy's artistic heritage will not only broaden my perspectives but also foster lasting connections and friendships. I believe these bonds will transcend borders and endure beyond my time in the study abroad program. Despite facing financial challenges and being a trailblazer in my family's academic journey, I remain resolute in my pursuit of excellence. Drawing from my experiences of adapting to new and challenging environments, whether solo hiking or navigating through unfamiliar territories, I have prepared myself to seize every opportunity and overcome any obstacle in my path.

In essence, my study abroad journey in Italy is not merely about sightseeing or academic pursuits; it's about seizing the chance to grow personally, academically, and professionally. It's about embracing discomfort, forging meaningful connections, and embracing the richness of global diversity. Italy isn't just a destination—it's a catalyst for my aspirations and a beacon of opportunity on my academic journey.