

**International Research Experience for Students: US-France Cooperative Research
 Engineering Innovative Software Systems with Applications to Maritime Transportation Logistics**

Duration: 7 weeks (6 weeks in residence at INSA-Rouen)

Visit Date: May – July 2010 (Exact dates: TBD)

Application Deadline: December 4th 2009 **Acceptance Notification:** January 11th 2010

Your answers will be treated in strict confidence and will allow us to assess your application.

Please print or type **all** items.

Applications cannot be processed without a student's T Number.

Required Information:

T#: _____ **Major Department:** _____ **Current level:** Fr So Jr Sr

Highest CPSC (or equivalent) course taken: _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **MI:** ____ **Gender:** F M

Ethnic Information: American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander Other
 Black/African American Hispanic/Latino Puerto Rican
 Caucasian/White

Permanent Address: _____ **Apt.** _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Phone No.:** _____ **Email:** _____

If minor: Parent's or Guardian's Name _____

Parent's or Guardian's Work Phone No.: _____ **Cell Phone No.:** _____

Language Familiarity (Choose all that apply): C++/C Java Scripting (Perl/PhP/Python) Other
System Familiarity: (Choose all that apply): Windows-based Unix-based Other _____

All applications must include the following:

1. This application form with a letter of intent to participate and all the release forms. In addition to submitting a completed application packet, you'll need to purchase an International Student Identity Card (ISIC). This card may be purchased online at www.myisic.com for \$25.00, or in the Office of International Services (in Stabler Hall 105) for \$30.00. If ISIC card is purchased at OIS, you will need to bring a passport photo, and have a photo ID to verify identity.
2. Parent/legal guardian signature (if minor)
3. A short 1 page write up about your professional area of interest
4. Two photocopies of your passport (valid until at least 8 months after return date to the U.S). If you do not have a passport, **APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, as the process can take up to 3 months. Please see the following website for instructions: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html
5. Submit photocopies of your full travel itinerary at least one month prior to departure.

Did you participate in any summer programs last year? Yes No

If yes, details: _____

Travel / Accommodation Plans in France: Will stay in on-campus dorms Other

1. Write the course # and course name of the courses in which you are currently enrolled in.

- a. Mathematics: _____
- b. Computer Science: _____
- c. Science: _____
- d. Other: _____

2. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

3. Area of research interest (Mark all that apply):

- Modeling and Simulation
- Virtual Environments
- Multifactor Authentication
- Information Security Protocols
- Distributed Computing
- Container Entities of Interest

Some Relevant Details:

Cost of Living: It takes about 600 euros a month for comfortable living expenses and to take trips on the weekends.

Dormitory Charges: Student housing is in self-catering apartments next to INSA for about 280 euros/month per person (2 in a room and shared kitchen and bathroom), or otherwise in residence halls at 310 or 380 / month, depending on size of studio (own kitchen and bathroom). Visiting students (part of term / year) are normally housed in Ango, a privately owned dormitory that is a five-minute walk from the INSA-Rouen's campus. Ango houses 150 students from various surrounding universities. The five-story building has compact single rooms, each with bed, dresser, desk, small book shelf, hot plate, small refrigerator, and sink. Bed linens are provided and may be exchanged for clean ones every two weeks. A housekeeper, or *femme de ménage* has access to rooms and puts each day's mail there. Students will share shower and toilet with a suitemate. Ango is a perfect place for establishing contacts with other students, both foreign (students from study abroad programs also tend to be placed at Ango) and French. French students in this dorm for the most part are very friendly and tolerant of foreigners.

Computers: Even though a laptop is not necessary, it is helpful for entertainment purposes (DVDs or music) since there are no TVs or stereos in the dorm. The allowance includes optional support to acquire a wireless Internet connection (about 30 euros a month) in the dorm room. This will also enable the students to use Internet phone systems such as Skype to be in touch with family and friends back home.

Food/Dining/Laundry/Other Charges: Students may purchase lunch at one of the two government-subsidized student restaurants on campus, Restaurant du Panorama or Restaurant du Bois. Lunch costs about 4-5 euros. Restaurant Universitaire du Panorama is located next-door to Ango. Ango residents use the washing machine and dryer in the adjoining building. Other meal options include area dining facilities that cost about 8 euros per meal.

Transportation: The private shuttle service from Paris airport to the INSA residences cost 260 euros one way for 8 people, which makes it almost cheaper than going into Paris and then taking the train (cost: 8.50 + 18.50 + 1.30 = 28.30/person).

Office of International Services Contact at UALR: Heather Binder (501-569-3376) - hxbinder@ualr.edu

Emergency Contact Information:			
Name: _____		Relationship: _____	
(Last)	MI	(First)	
Address: _____		Apt. _____	City: _____
State: _____	Zip Code: _____	Email: _____	
Phone: _____ (Home)		_____ (Work) _____ (Cell)	

I give my permission for the IRES program conducted by the UALR's Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology to obtain information about my academic performance as needed, to give my name and address to college and/or employer representatives, and to use my photograph in the department, college or University's press releases. I also understand that this program will require me to attend all the orientation sessions during the Spring semester, enroll / audit a course in French, and possibly enroll in a 3-hour independent study course at UALR during Summer 2010. I also would obey all the rules for academic integrity and professionalism at UALR. In case I choose to be a participant, I will accept to follow all the rules and regulations of foreign institution's university housing.

Student Signature	Date	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Date
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UALR Office of International Services

RELEASE FORM
Programs Abroad

Release executed by:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

In consideration of being permitted to participate under UALR auspices in a program sponsored by UALR in _____ (fill in country), I, the undersigned, in full recognition of the risks and hazards inherent in living and studying in a foreign country to which I may be exposed during my participation in the program between _____ and _____, 2010, or any independent research or activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto, and further, I do for myself, my heirs, and personal representative(s) hereby defend, hold harmless, indemnify, and release, and forever discharge all of its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, and actions or causes of action, on account of damage to personal property or personal injury or death which may result from my participation and which result from causes beyond the control of and without the fault or negligence of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, its officers, agents or employees, during the period of my participation as aforesaid. In witness whereof, I have caused this release to be executed this _____ day of _____.

Signature

Printed name

Co-signature of parent or guardian if student is under eighteen years of age

Printed name of parent or guardian

The UALR Office of International Services reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or change aspects of any or all programs abroad for reasons deemed necessary by said office (including price) should significant changes in the world situation occur.

Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk



UALR Programs Abroad Program: _____ **Program Dates** _____

I am aware of the unstable world conditions which might require changes in the program schedule or might cause inconvenience or even harm to me as it might to other travelers who go abroad, including but not limited to the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of natures, acts or omissions of foreign governments, terrorism, war and insurrection and illness.

In consideration of permission granted by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to participate in the above program, I hereby assume the risk of inconvenience and harm and release the State of Arkansas, the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, as well as the agents, employees, and members of the aforementioned from all actions, causes of actions, damages, claims or demands which I, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have against any and all of the aforementioned for any and all personal injuries or death known and unknown which I have or may incur by participation in the above stated program and for all damages to my property.

By registering to participate in this program, I certify that I am physically, mentally, and emotionally capable of full participation. I realize that I am responsible for any injuries to persons or property that may be incurred as a result of my participation in this program.

UALR has the authority to establish rules of conduct necessary for the operation of the program during the entire periods of the program, including free time. The use of illegal drugs during the entire period of the programs is strictly prohibited. Should any official representative of UALR decide that a participant must be separated from the program because of a violation of stated rules, for disruptive behavior, or for any conduct that might bring the program to disrepute or its participants into legal jeopardy, that decision will be final pending due process as described by the UALR Student Handbook. **Separation from the program will result in the loss of all academic credit. Persons dismissed from the program will remain responsible for all program costs incurred on their behalf.**

The undersigned acknowledges and understands that in the event he/she becomes detached from the group, fails to meet a departure bus or train, or becomes sick or injured, the undersigned will bear all financial responsibility to seek our contact, and reach the group at its next available destination; and, the undersigned understands that he/she shall bear all costs attendant to contacting and reaching the program site.

I expressly agree that the foregoing Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Arkansas law and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I understand that the University of Arkansas at Little Rock requires that I demonstrate that I have adequate medical insurance for illness or accidental injury valid outside the U.S. in consideration of UALR's approval of my travel.

I, the undersigned, am at least 18 years of age. I have read this Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk as well as the terms and conditions of application and participant as set forth in the UALR Student Handbook, UALR Program Abroad brochure and understand all of its terms and recognize and accept any risk associated with the program and its conditions, including the refund policy as set forth in the UALR Study Abroad Application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written below.

Participant's Signature

Date

Student ID Number

Insurance Company

Policy Number

Participant Contract

Programs Abroad

1. As a UALR program abroad participant, I understand that possession of basic health and accident insurance-valid outside the U.S. is a requirement for participation. I agree to demonstrate proof of such coverage to the UALR Office of International Services. _____ **(initial)**
2. All UALR program abroad participants must conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect and consideration for their host country. Any member of a study abroad program whose behavior is deemed detrimental to the functioning of the program or offensive to the host culture will be subject to dismissal. Disruptive conduct or inappropriate sexual behavior similarly merits dismissal. _____ **(initial)**
3. Students expecting to earn UALR credit must maintain the same standard of academic work as would be required on the home campus. Students are responsible for arriving on time for classes, required meeting, cultural excursions and for following the program schedule set forth by the UALR program abroad coordinator or accompanying instructor. _____ **(initial)**
4. UALR program abroad students agree to show courtesy and respect to their fellow group members, their instructors, and host institution. Students will not disrupt others who are sharing housing accommodations during the program. _____ **(initial)**
5. Students understand that the program itinerary/schedule is subject to change at the final decision of UALR or its partner host institution. Due to insurance regulations, only those students officially enrolled in the UALR study abroad program may participate in organized site visits or cultural excursions. _____ **(initial)**
6. Students who travel independently during free time while participating in a UALR-sponsored program are required to notify the UALR Program Abroad Coordinator and Instructor of their whereabouts, and give the names of persons with whom they are traveling. Students assume responsibility for their personal safety and conduct when engaging in non-UALR organized travel and/or activities, and release UALR and any agent acting in its behalf from any liability. _____ **(initial)**
7. Students should understand that services taken for granted in the U.S. (such as telecommunications) might be more difficult to access when abroad. It is also understood that citizens of other countries are strongly committed to the concept of energy conservation. The cost of electricity abroad is extremely high. Students agree to use electrical appliances with discretion and hot water sparingly. Air conditioning should not be expected. _____ **(initial)**
8. Your in-country program host will try to accommodate special requirements (such as vegetarian meals) however, the ability to meet such requirements or provide special services as at home may not be possible. Students agree to make an effort to adapt to the host culture and customs as much as possible. _____ **(initial)**
9. In other countries, the sale of wines, liquor, and other alcoholic beverages may not be restricted. Students are expected to exercise personal responsibility and limit their use of alcoholic beverages. . _____ **(initial)**
10. The use of, possession, or commerce in illegal drugs of any form is in violation of the rules of the program and a violation of the laws of the host country. Program participants found with any illegal substances will be immediately dismissed from the program and are subject to the laws of the host country, host institution,



the United States Federal Laws, the State of Arkansas and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
_____ (initial)

- 11. UALR study abroad programs involve a full schedule requiring students to maintain an active pace. By signing this agreement, students attest to the fact that they are in good physical/mental health and capable of adapting to the rigors of traveling in a foreign environment. _____ (initial)
- 12. Students understand that they are responsible for any and all costs arising out of withdrawing from the program before its completion, including withdrawing caused by illness or disciplinary action. Early withdraw or dismissal may result in academic penalty. If students withdraw prior to the program's completion, program fees/costs will not be refunded. _____ (initial)

I understand that as a UALR student, I will be viewed as a representative of my country and my university. I agree to abide by the above stated rules of participation and conduct.

Printed Name

Program Abroad Location

Student Signature

Date

Student ID Number

MEDICAL SELF-ASSESSMENT

(To be submitted after acceptance into program)

Confidentiality Statement: *All information provided will be held in confidence and will not be released to any individual who is not associated with the Office of International Services or the EIT Internship.*

This medical self-assessment is optional; however, it is mandatory that participants sign in order to release UALR and any agent acting in its behalf from liability.

1. General State of Health: ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

2. Do you have any specific physical and/or mental condition or general health concerns that might limit your activity? If so, please describe these:

3. Do you require any regulated medications? If so, please explain. Do you have a sufficient supply for the entire trip?

4. Have you been in good health during the past 12 months?

5. In case of an emergency, we need to know how to help you. Are there any other precautions or requirements that the programs abroad coordinator should know about?

6. Person to contact in the event of a medical emergency?

Name _____ (Relationship) _____

Address of Contact _____

Home Phone of Contact _____

Work Phone of Contact _____

By signing this document, participants release UALR and any agent acting on its behalf from liability. Any failure by the participant to disclose any potentially serious medical (physical and/or mental) condition to the Office of International Services hereby releases the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and any agents acting in behalf of the University of Arkansas System.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Program Abroad _____ Dates of Program _____