People with disabilities live and travel everywhere these days. By planning creatively, collaborating with others, and being flexible, there’s no need to limit yourself to places that are more like home. Your decision may be less about the country where you go, and more about the type or length of program that works for you.

Want to Dip Your Toes in the Water?
- Yes, it’s my first time abroad.
  - Western Europe or Australia or Canada
  - Living with Other Americans
  - Program Led by Experienced Staff On-site
  - Short-Term Program (12 weeks or less)

Ready to Splash Through Some Puddles?
- Yes, I want challenge by choice.
  - Take Your Pick of Countries
  - Living with Host Families
  - Study, Intern, or Teach Abroad
  - Medium-Term Program (6-9 months)

Can’t Wait to Feel the Spray of Waterfalls?
- Yes, I’m very adaptable and adventurous.
  - Non-traditional Country
  - Living Immersed with the Locals
  - Volunteer or Field Research
  - Long-Term Program (1-2 years)
Students with Mobility Disabilities Get Moving!

More than anyone else, American college students with mobility disabilities are reaching their senior year having NOT studied abroad. Check out these existing opportunities you may not know about.

Demographic Hurdles & Resource Solutions

Did you know Vocational Rehabilitation and SSI/SSDI can go abroad? We have other tips too on access strategies!

Did you know you can use GI Bill funds toward study abroad?

Ask about reduced course loads abroad, work abroad or short-term programs

Part-time Status

Need role models? Read success stories on our website and Diversity Abroad's website

Multi-Ethnicity

Is funding an issue? Apply for Pell grant and other scholarships we have listed

Parents without College Degree

Disability Accommodations

Military Veteran

What will clear away perceived obstacles to study abroad? Share your ideas on social media using hashtags:

#ChangeExchange or #GenerationStudyAbroad

Source: The National Survey on Student Engagement 2014. All study abroad demographic data is taken from senior college student responses.
Big “Whoops!” Moments Abroad

#1 My power wheelchair DIDN’T CHARGE

#2 THESE MEDICATIONS Are Unavailable OVERSEAS

#3 Our health insurance DOESN’T COVER ME ABROAD

HOW TO PREPARE TO AVOID THESE MISHAPS?
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