Exploring a Country and a Career

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André Garcia de Oliveira TD ’21 spent the summer after his sophomore year studying at the London School of Economics (LSE). On the banks of the Thames, he expanded his academic horizons and learned his way around England’s capital. He also discovered a world of opportunity. “I wanted to get to know the city and gain a new perspective in economics, which is my major,” André says. “But my time in London also opened many other doors.”

Yale’s International Summer Award (ISA) helped make André’s summer abroad possible. The ISA enables Yale College students on financial aid to have an international experience. During his six weeks in London, André took intensive classes in finance and behavioral economics. His fellow students came from across the globe.

“My program had people from China, Australia, and throughout Latin America,” André says. “Some of us were in college or graduate school, and others were professionals from different industries. I also met a lot of people working throughout London. Everyone was so generous with their time and advice. It made me really start to think about my career.”

In addition to growing his network, André explored England. “After class I used every day to get to know a different part of the city. Sometimes we did group trips, like going to a play in the West End, or leaving London for places like Stonehenge and Bath.”

André’s time abroad opened his eyes to more international possibilities. “After my summer in London, I want to study abroad for a whole semester,” he says. “I’ve been thinking about Spain. I’m thankful for the ISA and the chance to meet so many smart, inspiring people from all over the world. I know I’ll be in touch with them for years.”

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