



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

Looking Forward

Are you finding yourself at the crossroads of 2021 and 2022? You are not alone!

At the International and Study Abroad Offices of Fresno State, we have been in the front line and recognize how the global pandemic has posed world wide challenges on student mobility.

Many young dreams of studying abroad, both outbound and inbound, have been put to the test time and again. Closures of embassies for visa purposes, limited airport openings, frequent and untimely flight cancellations, evolving in-person or virtual mode of instructions, vaccinations, fear of getting sick...

Despite the challenges, students did cross the borders by flights or via virtual platforms, to boldly go where they have never been before. Some believe there is no better time to realize their dreams than NOW, as uncertainties about the future are as certain as any time in life or human history.

Looking forward to 2022, let us learn from those who have crossed the borders that what always remains can be used to face what may change:

- Your sense of calling for a destination that belongs to you;
- Your willingness to be flexible, as the process can be your destination;
- Your commitment to working hard for what you pursue even when success is not guaranteed; and
- Your belief that without taking those decisive steps, you may miss the success just around the corner.

Fresno State will emerge in 2022 stronger and better prepared to open our space for domestic and international students to see the world while it changes and bring positives out of what may unfold.

As for us, who serve at Fresno State, what remains is always: Students First!