



# Charting a New Course in International Education

The Scholar Ship is a semester-long academic program aboard a dedicated passenger ship that traverses the globe as an oceangoing campus. Students and staff from around the world come together to form a transnational learning community designed to develop their intercultural competence and leadership skills.

## What's New

- **Cardiff University Joins Consortium of Academic Stewards**

The Scholar Ship is proud to announce Cardiff University has filled the seventh and final seat on its Consortium of Academic Stewards. "Our stewardship with Cardiff University reflects the global ambitions of our association, while simultaneously providing a strong regional presence in Europe. Cardiff University's semester-based teaching will contribute significantly to the scope and quality of the classes taught aboard The Scholar Ship," said Dr. Joseph Olander, president of The Scholar Ship. The excitement surrounding this new relationship is felt on both sides of the Atlantic. According to Sandra Elliott, Cardiff University's Director International Development Division, "Cardiff University's partnership with The Scholar Ship offers a great occasion for creative global study for Cardiff students on the ship and to participate in shaping the academic programs and research activities of The Scholar Ship."

[Learn more about our Academic Stewards >>](#)

- **Leo West Appointed Executive Officer for September 2007 Voyage**

The Scholar Ship has announced Leo West will serve as Executive Officer for the September 2007 voyage. West, originally a chemist, earned a PhD in Education in 1975, and became a research professor initially concerning improving teaching and student learning in higher education. His field of research then changed towards research in the administration and management of higher education, both at the university level and at the system and country levels. In 1990, West became part of the Senior Management team at Monash University in Australia as Pro Vice Chancellor with, among other things, responsibility for all international operations and the Halls of Residences. He also spent significant periods as Deputy Vice Chancellor at Central Queensland University, and as a consultant on higher education reforms in Thailand. He also spent significant time as Deputy Vice Chancellor at Central Queensland University, and as a consultant on higher education reforms in Thailand. His other significant interest has been in Quality Assurance/Accreditation. Until recently, he was a Quality Auditor, since its inception, with the Australian Universities' Quality Agency, and has, in recent years, been part of Quality Audit teams in the United States, Russia, Singapore and Hong Kong. Needless to say, West is an inveterate traveler.

[Learn more about our management team >>](#)

- **Applications for Admission Surpass Expectations**

More than 800 students from over 80 countries have submitted their applications for admission to The Scholar Ship. Some 600 students worldwide will be accepted to the program, which launches its maiden voyage in September 2007. If you have already requested an application and you haven't yet applied, we encourage you to do so as

## Featured Learning Circle

### International Communication (Postgraduate)

International communication is the study of how communication channels and strategies are used to shape messages and opinions across national and cultural boundaries. Revolutionary technologies have changed the manner in which we communicate, locally and globally. Effective communication is essential for maintaining relationships in an increasingly interdependent world. International communication is particularly relevant to students pursuing careers in diplomacy, international civil service, development, media, public relations and international business.

If you currently study or are interested in the following fields of study, the International Communication Learning Circle is one you should consider:

- Advertising
- Communications
- Intercultural Studies
- International Studies
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Public Relations

soon as possible. While gaining admittance to our program is competitive, early applicants are given priority, assuming they meet our admission requirements.

**[Interested in applying to The Scholar Ship? >>](#)**

## Port Spotlight: Suva, Fiji



After another exciting and busy mid-semester week at sea, there is nothing like sailing into the warmth, tranquility, and friendliness of Fiji. The Scholar Ship will berth at Suva, a beautiful harbor city and the commercial and political capital of this eclectic island nation. The tall modern buildings, the only ones in all of Fiji that are taller than palm trees, mix with elaborate colonial architecture, tiny frame houses, flowering gardens, and traditional wooden bungalows throughout the city, which is perched on a hilly peninsula between Laucala Bay and Suva Harbor.

Suva is one of the most multi-racial and multi-cultural cities in the South Pacific. Just walking down a single city block, one notices indigenous Fijian, Indian, Chinese, and European restaurants side by side, the cuisine reflecting the exciting mix of culture that permeates Suva and its surroundings. The diversity of both traditional Fijian tribes and influential immigrant populations make Fiji a fascinating lens to explore, and experience, themes of cultural interaction and exchange.

## Academic Field Program: *Worlds of Art and Culture (Undergraduate)*

The Scholar Ship students in the Worlds of Art and Culture learning circle, after being greeted by a traditional music festival, will visit the University of the South Pacific to speak with local academics and representatives of national humanities organizations to understand the artistic and cultural heritage of the country. The students will then have a private tour and lecture at the Fiji Museum, located in the colorful Thurston Gardens, which houses the most extensive collection of Fijian artifacts in the world.

Students will also explore Fiji's oldest cultural centre at nearby Orchid Island, engaging in a workshop at a local NGO which utilizes theater performances to preserve and celebrate Fiji's cultural traditions. Later students will travel back to Suva to meet with local government leaders who will discuss the diverse interests, dilemmas, and policy challenges which impact the island's cultural and artistic development.

With a better understanding of the country's contemporary diversity and cultural legacy, The Scholar Ship students will then travel outside the city for a home-stay within a self-sustaining village tribe of merely 600 people. After a formal welcome through the traditional cava ceremony, students will learn about the customs, food, economy, family life, history, song, and dancing of the village which has sustained its unique traditions over many generations on the island. In this full immersion experience, students will also share their own lives and cultural heritage with their new friends and host families.

After an exhilarating week on the island, students arrive back to the ship to discuss the diverse perspectives they witnessed. Through its exceptional locally-based partnerships, The Scholar Ship offers its World of Arts and Culture students the chance to both celebrate and experience local cultures as well as compare their customs and artistic traditions with other

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## TSS in the News

We continue to garner great media coverage throughout the world. The Scholar Ship program has now been featured in over 100 articles in media across the globe. Some of the media featuring The Scholar Ship are:

- **USAToday** (USA)
- **BBC News** (UK)
- **The Beijing News** (China)

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ports of call around the world.

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A priority application deadline of 1 March 2007 has been set for the inaugural voyage in September 2007. This priority deadline provides students who are seriously considering applying to the program the chance to declare their intentions. The admissions committee will use this deadline to determine the level at which it will send offer letters to wait-listed applicants. Those applying by this deadline will also be considered with priority for any scholarship funding.

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