

# ASIA DEEP DIVE

## Exploring Kazakhstan – the heart of Central Asia

JULY 3-17, 2018

### **DEAR STUDENTS!**

*Come join us this summer at Nazarbayev University in Astana, Kazakhstan to explore history, culture and economy of Kazakhstan and Central Asia: a blend of nomadic heritage, Islamic culture and post-communist society which is transforming into a vibrant, modern economy.*

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Asia Deep Dive is a new major mobility and culture immersion program for students from Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) institutions. The program is organized around two AUA themes: Information Technologies and Public Health. Team projects will be assigned for a more interactive and collaborative learning on contemporary themes.

Overall during two exciting weeks, you will be immersed in the culture of Kazakhstan and Central Asia. You will learn about history, culture and current socio-economic developments of the region, and its relationship with other Asian countries. We will hold lectures, museum tours and field trips to introduce Kazakhstan's picturesque sites in major cities – Astana and Shymkent, as well as the historical city of Turkestan on the ancient Silk Road.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

We welcome your university to nominate two undergraduate students of any major to participate in the Asia Deep Dive Program. The program will be conducted in English, so language skills must be of a sufficient level for learning and communication. To keep gender

parity, gender balanced nomination is preferred. Registration form completed by the nominated students needs to be sent to Nazarbayev University before **June 1, 2018** to the email address [aua@nu.edu.kz](mailto:aua@nu.edu.kz). If any questions please email or call us at +7 7172 705827.







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## Lectures

The program includes interactive lectures by our talented local and international faculty. Distinguished guest speakers will be also invited to illustrate new ideas and big picture changes.



## Team project

To establish dialogue that is more concrete, allow creativity and further promote the AUA themes, the program will include a small-scale team project. Students will work under supervision of a faculty member to design projects and cases. Teams will share their findings in IT and Public Health in a creative way.



## Cultural and language sessions

The major aim of this component of the program is cultural immersion. You will experience special lectures on the history and culture of the region, language sessions, and museum tours. Participants will explore national cuisine, visit National Cultural Complex “Ethno-Aul” and present your own culture during the Cultural Night.



## Sightseeing

Astana is a rapidly growing vivid city with many landmark buildings and cultural events organized during summer. The program schedule includes daily exploration and sightseeing of this vibrant young capital, visiting museums, monuments, parks, as well as attending summer festivities such as ballet, opera and other concerts.



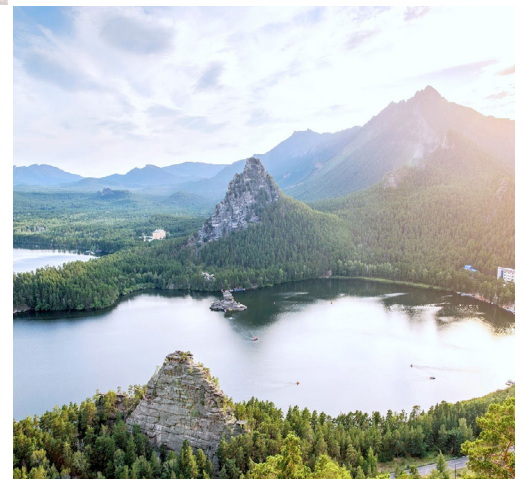
## Field trips

You will travel to explore the southern part of Kazakhstan. The two-day field trip to Shymkent and Turkestan will be a fully immersive experience of local culture showing you the diversity of landscapes and exposing to the history of the ancient Silk Road.



## What will be provided?

- \* housing (on-campus accommodation)
- \* meals (three times a day)
- \* USD 500 reimbursement of international travel fare (to partially cover travel expenses)
- \* admission tickets for events, sights and attractions
- \* domestic travel expenses.







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## Tentative Schedule of the Asia Deep Dive Program

July 3	Arrival to Astana
July 4	Opening of the program, teambuilding activities
July 5	Start of lectures & city tour
July 6-7	Astana day: recreational activities, concerts and other events
July 8-9	Field-trip to Shymkent and the Silk Road historical sites
July 10-14	Lectures and excursions (EXPO pavillion, Ethnoaul complex, Alzhir museum, etc.)
July 12	Cultural Night
July 13	Astana Opera visit
July 15	Trip to the National Nature Park Burabay
July 16	Closing Reception
July 17	Departure

“Brash and grandiose—and wildly attractive” - *The National Geographic* about Astana.

“The futuristic frontier of architecture” - *The Guardian* about Astana.

