STOCS Program Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Programs must provide education-related travel:** study abroad, exchange, or internship related to a specific course of study.

2. **The program must be available and accessible to all CUNY students** without restriction to campus. All CUNY students who meet the individual program’s eligibility requirements must be given the opportunity to apply for the program.

3. **All programs must offer credit-bearing courses** for undergraduate students.

4. **Programs must be directed and staffed** (taught and supervised) **by CUNY administrators/faculty** or be offered pursuant to an agreement between a CUNY institution and an overseas institution.

5. **Courses cannot begin before the start of the summer session or winter intersession.**

6. **Summer session** programs must be held **overseas** for 4 or more weeks. **Winter intersession** programs must be held **overseas** for 3 or more weeks.*

7. To be considered STOCS-eligible, **programs must demonstrate readiness to operate.** Evidence of this includes approval of the campus’s chief academic officer, an itinerary, course syllabus, and designation of faculty.

8. **Programs must address the issues of safety, health and medical needs/insurance** for the students. All student participants must sign a **“Waiver Release Agreement.”**

9. **Programs must require students to submit statements of goals and expectations** before traveling, as well as post-travel evaluations to the study abroad program director.

10. **Programs must provide a pre-departure orientation** in which the students are prepared for their stay overseas.

11. **Programs must involve returning students in follow-up activities**, such as re-entry workshops, program promotion, student recruitment, etc.

12. **Study abroad directors must complete post-program evaluations** and return them to the STOCS Program Administrator on time, failure to do so may result in the loss of future eligibility and funding.

13. **Programs must have a Study Abroad Account or College Association Fund** based at the sponsoring college through which scholarship funds will be dispersed.
*Programs may seek a waiver from the STOCS Steering Committee if there are compelling reasons why the program cannot be abroad for the specified amount of time. It may be possible to compensate for a shortened study abroad experience by additional study on the home campus and careful programming overseas.

Note: Study Abroad Program Directors are responsible for immediately notifying the STOCS Program Administrator in the event of a program cancellation or any changes (including changes in the itinerary or in the number of participants). STOCS recipients who were to participate in a canceled program will be allowed to make an appeal and resubmit an application for another study abroad program if they choose to do so and if time allows.