How do I enroll in a SIB trip?
Enrollment is managed through the OLR system. The process is separate from bidding and does not utilize your bid points. If there are more than one trip in a process you can sign up for both trips, but you must drop yourself from one on the event that you get into both. Priority is given by class year and then randomized within the class. If there are more signups than seats a waitlist is generated and students are notified as seats become available. Confirmation for the trip involves sending a valid passport and airfare receipt by the deadline and/or 72 hours from notification.

Are the pre- & post-sessions mandatory?
Yes, all pre- and post-sessions are mandatory. If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, please do not continue enrollment in the course. All sessions must be attended in-person. Missing a session will jeopardize your grade.

What costs are covered during the in-country dates?
Your hotel accommodations (double occupancy) and in-country travel (daily bus and city to city transfers) are covered by the program. Daily breakfasts are provided at the hotel. Additionally, a welcome and closing dinner may be included.

What costs are not covered during the in-country dates?
You are responsible for your international tickets to the SIB country. You should also budget for the cost of daily lunches and dinners during your trip including any hotel incidentals. All alcoholic beverages are at your own expense. Any optional excursions are also at your expense. If desired, you can also purchase additional pre- or post-night rooms. Check the travel website once it is released for more information.

What are the hotel accommodations and will I have a roommate?
By default, all students will be assigned a same-gender roommate in a double room. You will be able to select a roommate preference on the travel website when it becomes available. Accommodations will be at U.S. 3 or 4-star comparable hotels and provide basic hotel amenities. If you desire to be in a single room, you can opt to pay a supplemental fee on the travel website (if available).

Can I arrive earlier or stay later?
Yes. Please review the instructional dates carefully to ensure you are in-country at the appropriate time. Our travel partners may also have options to purchase pre and post night rooms at a negotiated rate. You can reserve and pay for these rooms on the travel website when it becomes available.

Will I have time to go out and/or sightsee during the trip?
The daily agenda usually runs from 8AM-5PM with some evening commitments. As an academic trip, you are expected to participate in all activities and excursions. The trip may include stops and trips to various cultural excursions. You are also free to explore and enjoy time with your colleagues on evenings when nothing is planned. Optional excursions may be available for a supplemental cost before or after the days of instruction.

Can I bring my partner, significant other, or family on the trip?
SIB is an academic trip and will include a full week of company visits and cultural excursions. Only enrolled students are allowed in the activities and transportation during the week of instruction, thus bringing non-enrolled individuals to your trip is highly discouraged.

What if there is an emergency during the trip?
All enrolled SIB students are required to register with UC Traveler Insurance prior to departing. Coverage includes medical care, evacuation, and extraction in the event of an emergency. Our travel partners also have additional coverage available should you need supplemental coverage. Faculty and staff will also be on the trip to assist in handling any situations. Consult the SIB Website for more information.