

## ***Frequently Asked Questions regarding Project Center Acceptances***

***1. I didn't get into my first choice site – why?***

In order to understand why you weren't selected for your first choice, you need to contact the center director for that site. That is the person who made the selection decisions. In most cases this was the person with whom you interviewed.

***2. Can I switch with someone else?***

No. All admission decisions were made with the balance of selected students, projects and locations in mind.

***3. Why was I accepted to a project center that was ranked low on my site specific application?***

All applications were considered in the order in which the applicant indicated on their application. However, if an applicant only ranked very popular sites that filled up with first choice applicants then we reviewed your application at the next site you ranked. It is entirely possible that you could have gone from being considered for your first choice all the way to your 5<sup>th</sup> choice.

***4. Which sites filled up immediately with first choice applicants?***

Cape Town, Costa Rica, Denmark, and Venice all filled immediately. These sites did not consider any applications that ranked them lower than number 1. Sites that filled up very soon after with #2 choices include Australia C and D, Bangkok, Hong Kong, London D and E, and Puerto Rico.

***5. Are students ever accepted to a site that they do not rank?***

No, never. If you were accepted to a site then you ranked it on your site specific application.

***6. I was accepted to a site that I am not very excited about – can I move to a waitlist for my first choice?***

You were accepted to a site that you indicated you were interested in. Some students were not accepted to a site at all. If these students were deemed acceptable but could not be placed, then they were offered a spot on a general waitlist. When openings occur at a site we will go to the general waitlist first to fill that spot. You cannot be moved to a waitlist.

***7. Can I hold a place in the project center I was accepted to until something better comes along?***

No. By accepting your offer of an opportunity to complete a project at a project center you are making a commitment to that project center. You are also taking a place at that center that cannot be offered to someone else as all centers have finite enrollments. Students who hold a place at one center and then try to apply to another will not be considered – either at an established project center or for an Individually Sponsored Residential Project.

***8. What are my options?***

Accept your placement and make a commitment to having an excellent off-campus project experience OR decline the opportunity. After the waitlist is exhausted we will announce any openings to the student body at large and ask for applications. You are welcome to ask that your application be reconsidered at that time.

***9. Historically have students who have committed to a project center that was not their first choice had good experiences?***

Absolutely! In fact, we have had students report back that they were very happy that they went to the center that they did and that they can't imagine having gone anywhere else. Remember, it is the experience of completing a pre-professional project that is so rewarding and valuable, not where that project happened to take place.