CONTINUING IN 2014-15: SAVE BY STUDYING ABROAD IN THE FALL!

Mount Holyoke will continue to offer incentives to encourage more students to study abroad in the fall rather than the spring. For students who study abroad for one semester only and who do so in the fall, the College will:

- Waive the administrative fee for study abroad (currently $850 per semester, will be $900 beginning in fall 2014)
- Replace the campus earnings portion of their aid package with grant instead of loan (for students awarded Laurel Fellowships)

Students who participate in MHC’s own programs abroad in 2013-14 or 2014-15 that are offered only in the spring semester (Monteverde and Shanghai) will also receive the fee waiver and, if applicable, grant replacement of campus earnings.

WHY IS MOUNT HOLYOKE DOING THIS?
A better balance of enrollments between fall and spring semesters provides a more consistent and comfortable housing situation for students, and saves the time and other resources otherwise spent managing a housing crunch every fall. These incentives made a difference in 2012-13, so the College will offer them again next year.

WHY ARE MHC’S OWN SPRING SEMESTER PROGRAMS INCLUDED?
We do not want students who are interested in MHC’s own spring semester programs to feel compelled to choose other programs in the fall in order to benefit from these financial incentives.

WILL THESE INCENTIVES BE OFFERED BEYOND 2014-15?
Not necessarily. MHC will evaluate the results before deciding whether to extend these policies.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I APPLY FOR FALL AND THEN WANT TO DEFER TO SPRING?
In order to help the College predict and manage enrollment, students who are approved for study abroad in the fall semester only ordinarily will not be able to defer to spring semester, should their preference change. If they are unable to study abroad in the fall as originally planned, they may reapply for study abroad in the following fall, provided that they will not have graduated by then or would not then be studying abroad in their final semester.