



Where do you see yourself in the world? **LITW Multi-Year Planning Worksheet**

With Learning in the World (LITW), you can engage with cultures, languages, histories, and a multitude of disciplines in places near and far, alongside your Phillips Academy peers and teachers. LITW's rich and diverse programming takes place on nearly every continent of the globe, primarily over March and summer breaks. LITW is an excellent complement to the learning you're doing in the classroom, as it expands on your academic background and gives you real-world, practical, and in-depth experience through full immersion in new and novel environments. With LITW, you will stretch your comfort zone while having fun!

As you look ahead to your time at Phillips Academy, when and how do you see LITW fitting into your plans? Fill out this worksheet with your advisor and in consultation with other mentors in your life (a parent or guardian, teacher, proctor/prefect/DSM, etc.), who will help guide you through the best possible scenarios for you.

If you have any questions about LITW, check out our website at www.andover.edu/learning/litw, and feel free to reach out to Mr. Mark Cutler, LITW Director, at litw@andover.edu.

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Eligibility Any student who is enrolled at PA on a continuing basis may participate. That is, all students up to and until Commencement, but not after having graduated from PA, are eligible.

- If LITW programs take place over March and summer breaks, what opportunities do you have while you are enrolled as a returning student? Check all that apply:

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| ☐ March 2026 | ☐ March 2028 |
| ☐ Summer 2026 | ☐ Summer 2028 |
| ☐ March 2027 | ☐ March 2029 |
| ☐ Summer 2027 | |

Financing LITW: LITW offers financial assistance to qualified students, up to \$9,000 *total* over their PA career. Students may reach out to the Financial Aid office for a better understanding of this policy. Sometimes, when financial assistance is not available, the student billing office can arrange a payment plan to spread out the costs.

- When the time comes, do you understand who is available to help you with financial concerns?

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| ☐ Yes, I understand. |
| ☐ No, but I know I can reach out to Mr. Cutler, LITW Director at litw@andover.edu for clarification. |

The “best” time to participate in LITW: The best time is *anytime*, though most students feel most equipped after their lower year—i.e., the summer before upper year thru senior spring. We invite students of all grades to apply to our programs and to keep trying if, at first, they do not succeed.

- What is/are the best time/s for you? When will LITW fit best into your plans? Consider other priorities you may have, such as camps, internships, employment, family commitments, etc.

Repeat LITW: You may participate in as many LITW programs as you are eligible for during your PA career; however, you are limited to one per year and a different one each time. On rare occasions, we may invite qualified applicants to participate in a second LITW program in a given year, particularly when it will benefit the experience of others.

- Do you see yourself pursuing LITW once, or more times throughout your PA career?

☐ Once	☐ Three times
☐ Twice	☐ At this time, I don't plan on pursuing LITW

PA faculty/staff-led vs. affiliate programs: LITW offers two kinds of programs, those that are designed and executed by PA faculty and staff (faculty/staff-led) and those of our affiliates (external organizations) that are approved complements of our own LITW experiences. In order to participate in either, you must interact with the LITW portal on [EduCompass.net](https://www.andover.edu/learning/litw): for both types of programs, you must submit a Main Application, in which you rank up to three choices. You then will have to submit a program-specific application for any faculty/staff-led program you wish to be considered for and/or an expression of interest for affiliate programs.

- Of the offerings you see on www.andover.edu/learning/litw, what jumps out at you?

School Year Abroad: School Year Abroad ([SYA.org](https://www.schoolyearabroad.org)) is a partner organization through which LITW offers students yearlong and summer opportunities to live and learn in a world language—French in Rennes, France; Italian in Viterbo, Italy; and Spanish in Zaragoza, Spain. Previous language experience is required only for SYA France and Spain, while there is no language requirement for SYA Italy. SYA also offers semesters, but PA's policy currently does not allow for this opportunity, unless the student takes a formal leave of absence from PA. The yearlong SYA program is best suited for 11th-graders, though increasingly we see 10th-graders and 12th-graders spending their school years abroad.

- Are you interested in a year abroad? If so, in which country and during which academic year?

Learn more about LITW and take action: Learn about LITW at www.andover.edu/learning/litw, where you can discover our story, our values and guiding principles, and how to get involved. The current year's programs will be published the week leading up to Family Weekend; applications (for LITW) and expressions of interest for affiliate programs will be due by 5:00pm on Friday, November 14. Information about applying and expressing interest is available on our website under “Take Action.” Remember: you always can direct questions to Mr. Mark Cutler, LITW Director, at litw@andover.edu.