

## **Duncan Family Education Abroad Scholarship**

The Duncan Family Education Abroad Scholarship was established in 2018 by Matthieu "Matt" Duncan, a UCSB alumnus who earned his degree in Business Economics. He later went on to complete his MBA and has built a very successful career in investment and asset management. This special scholarship is awarded to eligible students studying abroad in France through the UCSB Education Abroad Program.

As a founding member of the UCSB UK EAP Scholarship Fund, Matt and a small group of other alumni have funded nearly 40 scholarships for UCSB students to study abroad in the UK. Now living in Paris, Matt and his wife, Marie-Anne hope to catalyze interest from alumni currently living in France to promote UCEAP studies in France – this was the genesis of the Duncan Family Education Abroad Scholarship. Driven by the desire to give something back to the University of California, Matt feels strongly about doing what he can to support the unique educational experience that he was afforded. Also motivated by a deep personal conviction, Matt believes that "understanding the world around us and the diversity of perspectives that make it up are the best ways to preserve peace and prosperity across the world." His hope is that through their family scholarship, UCSB students will have the opportunity to deepen their own understanding of different cultures and ultimately, make a positive impact in the world.