

# **STUDY ABROAD GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## **INFORMATION & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Study Abroad Scholarship provides financial support to qualified UNI students wishing to participate in an approved academic program abroad during which the student earns academic credit accepted by UNI toward the student's degree. The scholarship is applied directly toward the U-bill and will likely affect the amount and type of other aid the student may receive. Questions regarding financial aid must be directed to the Office of Student Financial Aid in Gilchrist Hall.



### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

- Participate fully in all portions of the program
- Represent UNI as a student ambassador at the host institution/program location
- Communicate with the Study Abroad Center regularly while abroad (at least once every 3 weeks)
- Submit a 5-page final essay no later than 1 month after returning to UNI
- Complete a program evaluation form no later than 1 month after returning to UNI
- Present at least on 2 occasions upon returning to UNI (coordinate with the Study Abroad Center & pick up necessary form to be signed by your professors)
- Complete a special project in collaboration with the Study Abroad Center. Plan to be involved for about 5 hrs.
- Serve as point of contact and a reference to future program applicants during and/or after the program

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicant must be undergraduate or graduate students seeking a degree at UNI
- Full-time enrollment and good academic standing (2.75 G.P.A. or above) at the time of application
- Planning to participate or have been accepted for up to one academic year of study in an education abroad program administered or approved by the UNI Study Abroad Center. Proof of acceptance is required for final award disbursement
- Applicant must be participating in a study abroad program for academic credit

### **TO APPLY, SUBMIT:**

1. **Study Abroad Scholarship Application Form**
2. **Statement of Purpose.** An essay (up to two pages) describing the reasons why the particular program fits your personal, academic and professional goals and how you will benefit from participating. This is also your opportunity to share personal or background information that shows off your unique qualities and interests. Briefly discuss how you plan to fulfill the service requirement of promoting study abroad.
3. **Copy of academic transcript** (Unofficial copy is acceptable)
4. **One letter of recommendation** from a professor or an advisor
5. A set of copies of all the above, except confidential recommendation. Applicants are strongly advised to keep a set of copies for their files.

If an **interview** is required, you will be contacted by telephone, mail or e-mail.

### **DEADLINES**

For summer, fall semester or the academic year study: last working day in March  
For spring semester study: last working day in October

### **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

The *Study Abroad Scholarship Committee* reviews all applications. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than three (3) weeks after the application deadline. Finalists must either accept or decline the scholarship offer within ten days of receiving the award letter.

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Study Abroad Scholarship Committee, Study Abroad Center, Office of International Programs, University of Northern Iowa, 28 Gilchrist Hall, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0520. For questions: (319) 273-7078.

# STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Please read application instructions on page 1 very carefully. Keep instructions for your file. Complete this application form and submit it with a statement of purpose, a copy of your most recent transcript, and a letter of recommendation.

Type or print legibly.

## Program Information

Name of Program \_\_\_\_\_ City/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Number of credits you will take in the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization:  UNI Office of International Programs  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Program Duration:  semester  summer  academic year  short-term (2-8 weeks during spring/fall)

Will you take foreign language courses during the program?  Yes  No, all classes are taught in English

List any previous international study/travel experience. Include country, purpose, year, and length of stay.

## Participant Information

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ UNI ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Local address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
street city/sta te/zip

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
street city/sta te/zip

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic status: FR /SO /JR /SR /GRAD Major: \_\_\_\_\_ UNI College: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (cum): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (major): \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Predominant Racial/Ethnic Group (optional):

- Native American/Alaskan Native  Black, Non-Hispanic  Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Hispanic  White/Non-Hispanic

## Financial Information

If at the time of application you are receiving financial aid (grants, scholarships, work-study) at UNI or from private sources, please list the type of aid, the source and amount you are receiving. Attach a copy of financial aid award letter if applicable.

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## Recommendation

List the person from whom you requested a letter/form of recommendation in support of your application.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The information in this application is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I understand the terms and conditions of the scholarship.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date