STUDY ABROAD DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Winterim 2016 | Spring 2016

The purpose of this funding is to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad. Individuals from one or more groups may apply: (1) first-generation college students; (2) students with diverse ethnic backgrounds (including but not limited to: American Indian or Alaskan Native, African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino/a, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander); and (3) students with disabilities. This scholarship reflects UWM’s commitment to expanding the diversity of students who participate in education abroad programs.

Scholarships of up to $5,000 will be awarded to students participating in the semester, academic-year, summer, or UWinteriM study abroad programs.

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Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Be from a traditionally under-represented study abroad group (see above).
- Be a full-time, degree seeking UWM student in good standing.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Receive post-application acceptance into a UWM approved study abroad program during the specified terms listed above.
- Attend and participate in the program indicated in the application. Should a selected recipient withdraw from the program before departure, he or she will not receive the scholarship funds.
- Students with disabilities may be asked to provide medical documentation of their disability, which will be reviewed by the Accessibility Resource Center, formerly Student Accessibility Center, to determine scholarship eligibility.

Required Application Materials
1. Scholarship Application (see Page 3).
2. Essay: Submit an essay that discusses “How studying abroad relates to my personal, academic, and career goals.” The essay should mention: (1) the under-represented group/s to which you belong; (2) the name of the program for which you are applying; and (3) how will this study abroad experience be useful to your academic studies. Please limit your essay to no more than three pages in length, double-spaced with 12-point font. Be sure to include your full name on each page of the essay.
3. One Letter of Recommendation. You should request this letter as soon as possible. It must be received before the deadline in order for application to be complete. Your referee may submit the letter in hard copy to the CIE office in Garland 138 or email it to overseas@uwm.edu (if emailed, it must be sent from the account of the person writing the letter). The letter should address your suitability for studying abroad and its anticipated impact on your life. It may not be from the same person who serves as the reference for your study abroad application.
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4. **Unofficial UWM Transcript.** Request online for free at:
   - [http://www4.uwm.edu/current_students/records_grades/transcripts.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/current_students/records_grades/transcripts.cfm)

**Application Deadline**
- **October 1, 2015**
  - Complete and return the required application materials by 4:30 PM on **October 1, 2015** to the CIE office (Garland138).
- The CIE Study Abroad Office will make scholarship award announcements approximately six weeks after the application deadline. Scholarship funds will be posted directly to awardees’ PAWS accounts.

**Selection Criteria**
A faculty/staff committee will review applications in a three-step process:
- **Step One:** Scholarship applicants will be screened for meeting the eligibility requirements and submission of completed application materials.
- **Step Two:** Applicants who meet the requirements in Step One will be reviewed and ranked by the faculty/staff review committee.
- **Step Three:** A select group of applicants will be invited to interview with the review committee.

Scholarships will be awarded based on evaluation of the applicants’ responses to the essay, interview questions, and need.

**Post-Trip Requirements**
There are two post-trip requirements for the Diversity Scholarship recipients:
1) Scholarship recipients will be asked to provide visual documentation (photos or video clips) of their activities during the study abroad experience.
2) Scholarship recipients will make a minimum of two presentations upon his/her return to campus. You will contact Linda Huang (lhuang@uwm.edu) to schedule opportunities to share with other students the value of the study abroad experience.
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Return with other application materials to: CIE Office, Garland Hall 138
Due date: October 1, 2015 (for the Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship application)

Name: ________________________________ UWM ID#: _______

Ethnicity (check as appropriate):

- African American or Black
- Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Cambodian
- Hmong
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian
- Mexican, Mexican American or Chicano/a
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Other Hispanic or Latino/a
- White or Caucasian
- Other: _____ (please specify)
- American Indian or Alaska Native
  (specify tribal affiliation): _____

I am a (check as appropriate):

- First-generation college student
- Student with disabilities

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale): _____ Major: ____________

Year in School: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior

□ Graduate Student (MA/MS) □ Doctoral Candidate (PhD)

UWM Study Abroad Program Name: ________________________________

UWM Study Abroad Program Location: ________________________________

UWM Study Abroad Semester/Term: ____________

UWM Email Address: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

I have followed the application guidelines and have read and understand the application process.

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________
# Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship

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Staff Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________