

STUDY ABROAD DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Summer/Fall 2019, AY 2019-20

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 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 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.

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4. Unofficial UWM Transcript. Request for free on PAWS in the drop-down menu under the “Academics” section.

Application Deadline

- February 22, 2019
 - Complete and return the required application materials by 4PM on February 22, 2019 to the CIE office (Garland138).
- The CIE Study Abroad Office will make scholarship award announcements approximately four 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 two-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.

Post-Trip Requirements

Scholarship recipients will be asked to provide visual documentation (photos or video clips) of their activities during the study abroad experience.

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Return with other application materials to: **CIE Office, Garland Hall 138**

Due date: **February 22, 2019 (for the Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship application)**

Name: _____ UWM ID#: _____

Ethnicity (check as appropriate):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American or Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican, Mexican American or Chicano/a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic or Latino/a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian | <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native
(specify tribal affiliation): _____ |

I am a (check as appropriate):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-generation college student | <input type="checkbox"/> Student with disabilities |
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Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale): _____ Major: _____

Year in School: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Master/Doctoral

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: _____

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Verification of eligibility by the CIE Study Abroad Office:

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| Letter of recommendation received? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Essay received? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Unofficial transcript received? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2.75 GPA or better? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Full-time student? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Applied to a UWM study abroad program? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Diversity requirement met? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| U.S. citizen or permanent resident? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____