



College of Arts & Sciences International Opportunity Fund Call for Student Travel

Undergraduates in the College of Arts & Sciences are eligible to apply for international travel assistance to study abroad. Students may go as part of an independent study-abroad experience or as part of a faculty-led program. Awards usually range from \$1000 - \$3500. Applications are evaluated on the basis of financial need, academic record, short essay, and benefit to USD.

To be eligible, students must have completed 30 credit hours by the time they apply and must have a declared major in the College of Arts and Sciences. Applications will be accepted in the dean's office at any time but decisions will come after application deadline dates have passed.

The application deadline for *independent study-abroad experiences* is **October 15** for spring semester and **March 15** for summer, fall semester, or the entire next year.

The application deadline for *faculty-led programs* (FLPs) is **September 16** for winter break trips, **October 15** for spring semester & spring-break trips, and **January 15** for FLPs that take place over the summer or during the following fall semester.

Students must select an approved USD Global Learning program and are required to complete the Global Learning application with the Gallagher Center for Experiential Learning & Education Abroad (www.usd.edu/studyabroad) prior to traveling. Students must be enrolled in at least one credit related to their international experience in order to receive this award.

Student Information:

Name _____ Student ID Number _____

Major _____ Local Phone Number _____

USD Address _____ Email Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Year of study: sophomore junior senior

Please check if you

- have been eligible for the Pell grant in your undergraduate career (and consent to the College confirming this status with USD's Financial Aid Office)
- are a first generation student (i.e. neither of your parents have completed a four year college degree)

Study abroad/Faculty led program to which you are applying:

Location _____ Academic year _____

Term fall semester winter break spring semester spring break summer academic year

Approximate total cost of the program: (to include tuition, travel, and living expenses.) _____

Brief description of the program _____

Please attach the following with your application:

- **A brief essay of two pages that addresses these points:**
 - Your need for financial assistance. Please include information about scholarships, grants and loans.
 - Your goals in studying abroad at the location you've chosen, and how you plan to achieve them.
 - How your experience might benefit the larger USD community after you return to USD.
- **Support materials:**
 - Attach a brief resume that lists honors, awards, leadership positions, or other pertinent information.
 - Attach an estimated budget to include travel expenses, living expenses, tuition, and fees.
 - Attach an unofficial transcript.

Additional Information:

- Please submit your completed application to the Dean's Office, College of Arts & Sciences, Room 110.
- Recipients are chosen by a faculty committee in consultation with the Dean.
- Recipients chosen are required to write a note of appreciation to the benefactors of the award, to be submitted to the dean's office.

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