

IUPUI Undergraduate International Experience Scholarship: Description and How to Apply

Purpose

To support and encourage international educational experiences for IUPUI undergraduate students through participation in an approved study abroad program.

Eligibility Criteria

Any IUPUI undergraduate student, full or part-time, who will be participating in an approved, credit-bearing, study abroad program (including approved independent study and direct enrollment overseas), is eligible. Applicants must be in good standing and should have a minimum GPA of 2.75. The credits earned on the program must count towards the student's degree (requirements or electives). Students must have at least one semester remaining at IUPUI upon returning from the program. Students not participating in a program administered by IUPUI or Indiana University Overseas Study need to complete a Credit Transfer Agreement through the IUPUI Study Abroad Office in order to be eligible.

Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected on the basis of need, merit and motivation. Need may be documented by a filed FAFSA form or by being a recipient of a Pell grant. Applicants may also submit a personal statement of their financial situation. Merit is indicated by the applicant's cumulative GPA and a letter of recommendation. Motivation may be demonstrated through prior coursework, relevant volunteer or other extracurricular experiences, language preparation (where applicable), and the applicant's essay. Preference will be given to students who have never had an opportunity to study overseas and those working on their first undergraduate degree. In addition, programs administered by IUPUI or Indiana University Overseas Study as well as programs with a service learning or community involvement component will receive priority consideration.

Awards are contingent upon acceptance into and participation in the proposed study abroad program. Students who withdraw or are dismissed from the program may need to return all or part of the award to the University.

Expectations

Award recipients will write a 2-3 page reflective paper about their international experience upon completion of their program, to be submitted to the Study Abroad Office. In addition, award recipients must participate in one volunteer function to promote the internationalization of the campus, i.e. study abroad fair, presentation to peers, or a similar activity approved by the Study Abroad Office.

Application

Complete the online scholarship application available from the Study Abroad website - <http://go.iu.edu/3Jb>. This application requires:

- Details about: your study abroad program, your enrollment information, your work history, your outside interests, awards you have received and your future goals
- Permission to view student records
- A statement of purpose (see guidelines below)
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member (you will supply the email address of the IUPUI faculty member who is writing your recommendation)
- A detailed program budget (see guidelines below)
- A personal financial statement (see guidelines below)
- If you will be conducting an independent project, you will supply the email address of the IUPUI faculty member who is supervising your overseas coursework.

Amount

- \$ 750 - 1,500 for short-term programs (1- 8 weeks)
- \$ 1,500- 3,000 for long-term programs (semester, academic year)

(Funds will be applied to the student's Bursar account. Students need to be enrolled at IUPUI for the semester they seek funding.)

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Deadlines

- **February 15** for Summer, Fall and academic year programs
- **October 1** for Spring programs

Guidelines

Guidelines for Essay (Statement of Purpose)

In a 400-500 word essay, please describe your study abroad program or independent research project and explain how it supports your educational and career goals. Give information on the following:

- Any previous international experience you have had
- Location and dates of program
- Information on courses or independent study or research project: number of credit hours, course number(s) and course title(s)
- Degree requirements met through this program, i.e. do the credits apply to the major, minor, distribution requirements or electives?
- Preparation for the program, i.e. related coursework taken, relevant extracurricular or volunteer activities, language preparation where applicable

Guidelines for Budget

Please itemize the anticipated costs of your program, to include the following:

- Program fee
- Tuition and instructional fees
- Travel cost, i.e. round trip airfare
- Cost of books and other materials
- Room and board
- Onsite travel expenses, i.e. required excursions, local transportation
- Insurance
- Personal expenses
- Other expenses

Guidelines for Personal Financial Statement (optional)

Please explain your general financial situation:

- Explain how you plan to pay for the program. Would you be able to participate in this program without any scholarship funding? Please explain your financial need.
- Personal or family contributions towards the program
- Other outside sources of funding
- Loans
- Other scholarships for which you have applied

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