

RC Assistance with Semester in Detroit

I. Purpose

The Residential College, through the Don and June Brown Students in the World Endowment Fund, will provide limited financial assistance for Semester in Detroit Tuition and related expense to several students with demonstrated financial need. The final amount of any award will be based on anticipated student expenses. The college welcomes applications from any student in need. ***Please note: The RC is not able and should not be expected to provide a substantial amount of the cost of Semester in Detroit. This is meant as an encouragement. Students are expected to look elsewhere for sources of funding as well.***

II. Eligibility Criteria

1. Student must be an RC student – or have declared an RC major - when commencing the Semester in Detroit program.
2. Student must be able to demonstrate a need for RC funding.
3. Student must be in good academic standing.

III. Procedures for the submission of proposals

Applications should be submitted by 12pm (noon) on Wednesday March 15, 2017 for the 2017 Spring semester. Please submit all applications in an email attachment to caburton@umich.edu:

- a. An application form (below) and essay as specified in the application form
- b. A statement of financial need which should respond to the following:
 - i. Provide a realistic budget for the whole project, broken down into categories – tuition, housing costs, other local living expenses, local travel costs.

- ii. Indicate what sources of funding you already have, or you have applied for, from sources outside of the RC -- e.g., family, other UM units, external organizations, foundations.
- iii. **Please clearly indicate the minimum award from the RC you would need to participate in Semester in Detroit.**

Please attach a brief essay addressing the following questions:

- (1) Why did you choose to apply for this program?
- (2) How is this program related to your concentration and/or career interests?
- (3) What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- (4) Why do you need supplemental funds to participate in the program?

Please note that the success of your application is largely dependent on the quality of your essay. Please do not send a “last minute” composition, but take some time to write a thoughtful and serious essay. We strongly urge you to seek assistance and/or feedback from an advisor or from a faculty member.

Completed applications should be submitted to Cynthia Burton via email at caburton@umich.edu by 12pm (noon) on Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Please submit your application as an email attachment, not in hard copy.

Semester in Detroit Financial Assistance Application (two pages)

Please attach any additional documentation as required

Name _____

Local address _____

Local phone _____

E-mail _____

Academic year (e.g., sophomore): _____

Concentration(s): _____

What do you estimate your weekly living expenses to be? (Please be thorough. Please attach extra sheets if necessary.)

Have you applied for financial support through a course, other UM units, foundations, etc.? If so, when will you find out about other aid? How much will you receive if you are awarded support?

Please attach a brief essay addressing the following questions:

- (1) Why did you choose to apply for the Semester in Detroit program?
- (2) How is this program related to your concentration and/or career interests?
- (3) What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- (4) Why do you need supplemental funds to participate in this program?

Please remember that the RC is not able to award funding to every applicant, and that the success of your application will depend on the quality of your essay, in addition to financial need. Please take the time to compose a thoughtful and serious essay. We strongly urge that you seek assistance and/or feedback from an advisor or faculty member.