BLI Global Scholarship

Purpose
The Barger Leadership Institute Global Scholarship is designed to support students who are pursuing rich educational and developmental experiences through a formal study abroad program. Special priority is given to programs in non-English speaking or developing countries. This award will provide limited financial assistance for tuition, airfare, or additional living expenses for studying abroad.

Amount of Award and Award Criteria
The Global Scholars Program has the capacity to award multiple scholarships each depending on the length and intensity of the program. The maximum award amount is $10,000 for the Winter round and $5,000 for the Summer round. Criteria to be considered are:

- Connection of the program to the student’s educational and career interests
- Articulation of plans to actively engage the practice of leadership either through coursework, observation, or experience.
- The extent of planned opportunities for meaningful interaction with the regional culture
- Opportunities for language development
- Previous academic performance
- The overall presentation of the application

*Although financial need is not the primary consideration in making this award, financial need may be considered and should be specified in the application.

Student Eligibility
All BLI Fellows who have been accepted to an accredited overseas academic program and are returning as undergraduate students at the University of Michigan the following fall term are eligible to apply for an award. First-year Fellows may apply to the Summer round only after they have successfully completed their leadership lab.

Reflection Event Participation and Final Report Requirement
Award recipients will be required to provide verification of acceptance to the academic study abroad program before the scholarship funds will be disbursed. Furthermore, award recipients are expected to participate in a Barger Leadership Institute reflection event upon return and to share their reflections on their overseas experience through a final report. The final report will include (1) a public statement describing the study abroad experience and leadership lessons learned, (2) a confidential statement candidly summarizing personal development and experience with the study abroad program, and (3) a confidential accounting of expenses and the use of awarded funds.

Application Materials
Submit one copy of each of the following items to the BLI Scholarship Committee:

- BLI Global Scholarship Application Form
- Proposal (500 words) addressing the following questions:
  - How does this program and its courses/activities relate to your education and career interests?
  - What leadership skills do you hope to develop through this experience? How do you plan to integrate leadership development into your experiences while abroad?

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How will you meaningfully engage with the regional culture? (Language courses, extra-curricular activities, community service, housing choices, etc.)

- Course descriptions or syllabi
- Budget (with justification and personal contribution)
  - See “BLI Global Scholarship Sample Budget” for further information
  - BLI funds can be used for non-classroom activities sponsored by your study abroad program but all such uses must be described and justified as a part of your educational/leadership development experience in your statement and must be explicitly included in your budget.

- Resume
- University of Michigan Transcript (unofficial acceptable)
- Letter of Reference from a UM instructor, professor, or graduate student instructor (emailed directly to bargerleadershipinstitute@umich.edu).
- Letter of acceptance from the institution administering the study abroad program. Applications will be accepted without this letter, but the letter will need to be provided before award funds will be disbursed.

Please submit all application materials electronically by Friday, February 5, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. to bargerleadershipinstitute@umich.edu. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Institute at bargerleadershipinstitute@umich.edu.

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This is an example of a budget. The budget items included below are suggested guidelines and may or may not be applicable to your abroad experience. Feel free to create your own budget with budget items that may not be included below but that pertain to your specific program or remove items that don’t apply to your experience. Be sure to create a detailed narrative, or justification, for each line that explains why this expense line is essential to the experience. Below, we’ve added some tips on what to include in the justification sections. Also provide information detailing where you have received your estimated amount. Finally, provide the amount that each budget item will cost and a total of all anticipated expenses.

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<tr>
<th>Budget Item</th>
<th>Justification</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tuition</td>
<td>Include any breakdown available from your program.</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
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<td>Additional Program Fees</td>
<td>Include additional program fees if applicable to your experience.</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>Please include any specifics you may have including the type of housing</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td>Textbooks</td>
<td>If exact amount isn’t known, provide a close estimate.</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Additional Excursions</td>
<td>Add only if applicable. If you are seeking funding for additional excursions that are not a required part of the program but are sponsored by your program, make sure to describe and justify the excursions as a part of your educational/leadership development experience in your statement and include the estimated cost in your budget.</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>If your program requires you purchase their health insurance, then include the cost in your budget. Please be aware that if you receive funding from the BLÍ, you will be required to purchase UM’s HTH health insurance as well. This cost should be included in your budget as well.</td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td>Airfare</td>
<td>If exact amount isn’t known, provide a close estimate.</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
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<td>Other Travel/Transportation Costs</td>
<td>This can include any in-city transportation costs you will incur while abroad such as bus passes, taxis, etc.</td>
<td>$400</td>
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<td>Visa Fees/Passport Fees</td>
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<td>$0</td>
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<td>Food/Meals</td>
<td>If your program tuition includes meals, this should be listed under the &quot;Tuition&quot; budget line. If not, please provide details about your meals here.</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses</td>
<td>Personal expenses can include items like toiletries, cell phone plans, etc.</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Other Expenses</td>
<td>Other expenses not covered by the other budget lines above should be included here.</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>Make sure to include a total of all costs associated with your abroad program.</td>
<td>$12,200</td>
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<td>Personal Contributions</td>
<td>Please make sure you include any personal contributions you are able to make towards the cost of your abroad experience, including other awards.</td>
<td>$3,500</td>
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<td>Amount Requesting from the Barger Leadership Institute</td>
<td>This should be the total cost of your study abroad program minus your personal contribution (if applicable). Please keep in mind that maximum amount for each award is $10,000 for the Winter round and $5,000 for the Summer round.</td>
<td>$8,700</td>
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BLI GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP  
SUMMER 2016 APPLICATION FORM

Attach copies of all relevant descriptive information provided by the host institution regarding the study abroad program and please print or type when completing the form below.

Deadline: Friday, February 5, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

Name _______________________________________    UMID __________________

Local Address ______________________________________________________________________

Local Phone ___________________    UM Email __________________________

Academic Year (e.g., junior) ___________    Expected Graduation Date ____________

Major(s) __________________________________________________________________________

Overseas Program/Institution _________________________________________________________

Overseas Location _________________________________________________________________

Overseas Program Website ___________________________________________________________

I hereby agree that any funds awarded to me by the BLI Scholarship Committee will be used exclusively for study at the overseas institution listed above. I also agree to complete the overseas study in its entirety, return to the University of Michigan during the 2016-17 academic year, and present and share my study abroad experiences in a final report to the Barger Leadership Institute community.

Signature ______________________________

Date _________________________________