

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.

Important Note for Winter2017 – The Winter 2017 funding round will be the only Global Scholarship funding round for the 2016-2017 academic year. The Global Scholarship will be discontinued after the Winter 2017 funding round.

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 \$5,000. Criteria to be considered are:

- Articulation of plans to actively engage the practice of leadership either through coursework, observation, or experience.
- Connection of the program to the student's educational and career interests
- The extent of planned opportunities for meaningful interaction with the regional culture
- 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 meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for the BLI Global Scholarship:

- Successfully completed a BLI Leadership Lab
- Accepted to an accredited overseas academic program
- Returning as undergraduate students at the University of Michigan the following fall term

Leadership for Peace Option

Applicants to the BLI Global Scholarship have the opportunity to apply for additional funding beyond the \$5,000 maximum through the Leadership for Peace Initiative. The BLI Leadership for Peace Initiative aims to cultivate active citizens of the world who can utilize research and critical thinking skills to engage with different cultural perspectives and make a positive impact in the global community. We support experiences that allow students to engage in local and global challenges in order to contribute to ongoing solutions in these areas. Preferences will be given to opportunities that allow students to meaningfully engage in situations defined by conflicting interests. Applicants can apply for up to \$500 of additional funding through this option by completing the Leadership for Peace essay in addition to their Global Scholarship essay.

Reflection Event Participation and Final Report Requirement

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 blog post describing the study abroad experience and leadership lessons learned on the new BLI Student Voices Blog, (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:
 - What BLI Leadership Habits do you hope to develop through this experience (please name the specific habits and describe how you expect to improve them)? How do you plan to integrate leadership development into your experiences while abroad?
 - How does this program and its courses/activities relate to your education and career interests?
 - How will you meaningfully engage with the regional culture? (Language courses, extra-curricular activities, community service, housing choices, etc.)
- Leadership for Peace Essay (optional) addressing the following question:
 - How do you expect this experience to help you discover new insights about the practice of leadership in a context of competing interests, inequality and conflict?
- 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
- 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 **as one PDF document** by **Friday, November 4, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.** via the [BLI Online Application Site](#). For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Institute at bargerleadershipinstitute@umich.edu.

BLI Global Scholarships are supported by the Blattman-Borg Award, Blattman-Borg BLI Leadership Education for Peace Fund, and the James H.M. Sprayregen Scholarship Fund.

BLI GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP SAMPLE BUDGET TEMPLATE

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.

Budget Item	Justification	Amount
Tuition	Include any breakdown available from your program.	\$2,000
Additional Program Fees	Include additional program fees if applicable to your experience.	\$150
Housing	Please add any specifics you may have including the type of housing (homestay, dorm, apartment, etc.).	\$700
Textbooks	If exact amount isn't known, provide a close estimate.	\$500
Additional Excursions	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.	\$0
Health Insurance	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 BLI, you will be required to purchase UM's HTH health insurance as well. This cost should be included in your budget also.	\$300
Airfare	If exact amount isn't known, provide a close estimate.	\$1,500
Other Travel/Transportation Costs	This can include any in-city transportation costs you will incur while abroad such as bus passes, taxis, etc.	\$400
Visa Fees/Passport Fees		\$0
Food/Meals	If your program tuition includes meals, this should be listed under the "Tuition" budget line. If not, please provide details about your meals here.	\$500
Personal Expenses	Personal expenses can include items like toiletries, cell phone plans, etc.	\$500
Other Expenses	Other expenses not covered by the other budget lines above should be included here.	\$0
Total	Make sure to include a total of all costs associated with your abroad program.	\$6,550
Personal Contributions	Please make sure you include any personal contributions you are able to make towards the cost of your abroad experience, including other awards/scholarships.	\$1,550
Amount Requesting from the Barger Leadership Institute	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 \$5,000.	\$5,000