

RC Study Abroad Award Application

I. Purpose

To encourage and support RC students who pursue study abroad experiences, the Residential College, through the Don and June Brown Students in the World Endowment Fund, will provide limited financial assistance to a few students with demonstrated financial need. These Funds are provided to assist with additional living expenses, travel costs, etc. The final amount of the award will be based on anticipated student expenses and duration of the study abroad term. The college welcomes applications from any student in need. After completing their study abroad, awardees will be expected to report on their experiences to the wider RC community. ***Please note: The RC is not able and should not be expected to provide a substantial amount of the cost of Study Abroad. Brown Funding is meant as an encouragement. Students are expected to look elsewhere for sources of funding as well.***

II. Stipulations

1. The study abroad experience must include courses for credit toward your U-M degree. These credits can come from a CGIS (Center for Global and Intercultural Study)-arranged program or transfer credits from an overseas university.
2. Award recipients will be required to provide course credit transfer verification from the study abroad program or from the CGIS office.
3. If the study abroad program is cancelled, or the student decides not to commence the program at all, the RC expects the student to pay back the award in full to the RC.

III. Eligibility Criteria

1. Student must be an RC student when commencing the study abroad program; and the program must be completed in time for the student to return to the RC for at least one semester before graduation.
2. Student must be able to demonstrate a need for RC funding in order to carry out the project.
3. Student must have shown a clear commitment to the RC through involvement in RC-sponsored activities and/or initiatives.
4. Student must be in good academic standing.

IV. Procedures for the submission of proposals

Applications should be submitted by 12pm (noon) on Wednesday March 15, 2017 for travel during the **Spring/Summer 2017, Fall 2017 and Fall 2017 through Winter 2018 semesters**. The application package will include:

- 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 -- *e.g.*, long-distance travel costs, local housing costs, other local living expenses, local travel costs.
 - ii. Indicate what sources of funding for this project you already have, or you have applied for, from sources outside of the RC -- *e.g.*, other UM units, external organizations, foundations.
 - iii. Indicate how much financial support for the project you can expect to receive from your family, and the minimum award from the RC you would need to carry out the project.

VI. Follow-up on the study abroad program

1. Student awardees will submit a written report on the project, which the RC will keep on file for students and faculty to consult, and may be expected to make a presentation about their project to the RC community at a later date.

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.

**RC Study Abroad Award
Application Form**

Please complete this cover sheet, and the two page application form.

Name _____

Local address _____

Local phone _____

E-mail _____

Attach copies of all relevant descriptive information regarding
the study abroad program.

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

Concentration(s): _____

Title/type of study abroad program (include name of UM-sponsored program or overseas university):

Duration of study abroad program (include starting and ending dates, credit hours to be earned):

What do you estimate your weekly living expenses to be? Is food/housing provided as part of the program? (Please be thorough. Please attach extra sheets if necessary.)

When is/was the application deadline for the study abroad program?

When will you be notified as to whether or not you have been offered a place on this study abroad program?

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 this study abroad 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 study abroad 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.