UM Study Abroad Scholarship Application

DEADLINES:

London, Nice, Berlin, Haifa, Shanghai, Rome & USAC Programs – Fall/Full Year Enrollment*: March 25*
Summer, Exchanges, and Other Fall/Full Year Programs: *February 18*
Winter Programs, Exchanges, and Other Spring Programs: *September 23*
London, Nice, Berlin, Haifa, Shanghai, Rome & USAC Programs – Spring Enrollment: *October 15*

NOTE: If deadline falls on a weekend, applications are due the following Monday.

The Study Abroad Office, in conjunction with the Office of Financial Aid, offers *partial* scholarships to selected undergraduate UM students to attend Study Abroad Programs. Please note that winter and summer term scholarship awards normally range from $500-$1,000, and fall, spring, and full year scholarship awards range from $500-$2000. These scholarships will be awarded based upon academic achievement and financial need. Applicants with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and who have filed a FAFSA form for the current academic year will be given preference. All applications must be received by the specified deadlines (above). Applying for this scholarship has no bearing on the consideration of your Study Abroad Program Application.

To apply, please submit the following items to the Study Abroad Office. Please read this section carefully. We will not accept incomplete applications.

This application form.
A 300-500 word statement explaining why you need a scholarship to study abroad. The essay should include:
which program you plan to study with, and in what country/countries
why you chose this particular program
how participating in this program relates to your academic and personal goals
which prior activities or experiences demonstrate your suitability for the program
A sample budget that includes: the program fee, estimated airfare, additional program costs (meals, visas, housing) and outlines your unmet financial need.
A reference person (title, phone number, and e-mail address). If you feel that a letter of recommendation from this reference will make your application for a scholarship stronger, then you may include the letter with your application.
An official UM transcript. If you have transferred into UM and do not yet have a G.P.A., please submit a transcript from your previous institution. If you are a first semester freshman without a UM G.P.A. or transcript, we will accept a copy of your high school transcript.
To demonstrate financial need, you must have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current academic year. ***You do not need to turn in your FAFSA or SAR to us, but make sure to have one on file with the Office of Financial Aid.***
If you believe that a FAFSA does not fully account for your financial situation, you may submit a paragraph explaining your situation. This could include an additional reference from a faculty advisor who is familiar with your financial circumstances.

Please submit all materials to **The Study Abroad Office, 1101 Holzapfel Hall, College Park, MD, 20742.**
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
You must inform the Study Abroad Office in writing as soon as possible if you no longer plan to study abroad.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name:_____UID:_____Primary E-mail:
_____ Phone Number:_____
Local Address:_____
City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____
Permanent Address: _____
City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____
Current year: _____Freshman _____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior
Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date:_____
PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Anticipated Study Abroad Program (full title):_____
Program Fee of Anticipated Study Abroad Program: $ _____
Anticipated Study Abroad Term, Year: _____

REFERENCE PERSON:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Please mark the following that apply to you. This information is kept confidential and will allow us to consider you for funding most appropriate to your circumstances.

_____ I am currently enrolled as a College Park Scholar and authorize the Study Abroad Office to share my scholarship application with the Scholars Central Office, as I wish to be considered for any funding available through the College Park Scholars **Co-Curricular Scholarship**.

_____ I graduated from a Prince George's county public high school. Print HS name: _____

_____ I grew up in an urban area.
_____ I grew up in a rural area.
_____ I am the first in my immediate family to attend college.
_____ I receive a Pell grant.
_____ I am in the Incentives Awards Program
_____ I am a transfer student.
_____ I am a transfer student from a Maryland Community College (elaborate in required essay if necessary)
_____ I have never been outside the United States.
_____ I am considered an independent student on my FAFSA.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

____Please check here if you have submitted any information about special financial circumstances not evident in your FAFSA information.

____Please check here if you did not complete a 2008-2009 FAFSA. In this application, you must include an explanation of why you did not file a FAFSA.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

____ Personal Statement
____ Sample Budget
____ Official Transcript
____ FAFSA for 2008-2009 is filed with Financial Aid (you do not need to submit anything to us)
____ Reference Name and Contact information

I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. I understand that receipt of a scholarship does not guarantee that I will be accepted into my chosen Study Abroad program. I understand that I may be asked to write a thank you letter to the scholarship donor or to submit a Scholarship Acceptance Project (i.e. travel blog, writing piece, photo essay) of reasonable length in exchange for my scholarship money. I promise to notify the Study Abroad Office if I no longer wish to study abroad. All of the information included in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature **Date**