

UM Study Abroad Scholarships Application

DEADLINES:

- **Summer 2008 & Fall 2008 and Full Year 08-09: *February 15, 2008***
- **Winter 2009 & Spring 2009: *September 18, 2008***

The Study Abroad Office, in conjunction with the Office of Financial Aid, offers *partial* scholarships for undergraduate UM students to attend Study Abroad Programs. 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).

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
 - why you chose this program
 - how participating in this program relates to your academic and personal goals.
- A sample budget that includes: the program fee, estimated airfare, additional program costs (meals, visas), and outline your unmet financial need.
- A reference person (address, 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 UMD 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.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name: _____ UID: _____

Current E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current year: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

(please complete next page)

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Anticipated Study Abroad Program: _____

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, but allows us to use funding most appropriate to your circumstances.

_____ I am planning to study on a UM Winter or Summer Term program.

_____ If I do not receive a scholarship, I will be unable to participate in the program.

_____ If I do not receive a scholarship, I will still be able to participate in the program.

_____ 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 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 Baltimore Incentives Program

_____ I am a transfer student.

_____ I have never left 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. 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 receipt of a scholarship does not guarantee that I will be accepted into my chosen Study Abroad Program.
All of the information included in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature

Date