2015-16 Undergraduate Experience Abroad Scholarship for DHA Majors: Information

PURPOSE
To support undergraduate students in the Department of Design, Housing and Apparel who engage in an international learning experience (a study and/or internship abroad program) as part of their academic degree program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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<td>Winter 2015-2016 and/or Spring 2016</td>
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Applications must be received (not postmarked) no later than 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

Late applications will not be reviewed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
You are eligible to apply for this scholarship if you meet ALL of the following criteria:

- You are an enrolled undergraduate student in one of the following majors: Apparel Design, Graphic Design, Housing Studies, Interior Design, or Retail Merchandising.
- You are/will be registered for academic credit for the duration of the experience abroad.
- You are an undergraduate student in good standing (U of M cumulative GPA at or above 2.00).
- You have not previously received a College of Design Undergraduate Experience Abroad Scholarship (formerly named the College of Design Undergraduate Study/Internship Abroad Scholarship).

AWARD CRITERIA
The following criteria are used to determine student awards:

- academic record
- depth and insightfulness of anticipated impact of the experience abroad
- thoughtful and relevant preparation for the experience abroad
- overall quality of application (i.e., writing style, organization, grammar)

Note: Extenuating circumstances are not considered in the award criteria. If you have experienced a significant change in your financial situation, contact One Stop Student Services to inquire about the Special Circumstances Appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Award amounts vary. Semester awards usually range from $500-1,000. Winter break, May, and summer term awards are usually $250-500.
- Award notification will occur within one month of the application deadline.
- Consider applying for the U of M Learning Abroad Center Scholarships.

RESOURCES FOR PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

- Center for Writing: in-person and on-line consultation for your essay questions
- Personal Statements: While this online workshop is geared toward completing graduate school applications, elements may be applied to the essay questions in Section 3.
SECTION 1: Personal Information

Name ___________________________________________ Student ID ______________________________
First               Last

U of M E-mail ___________________________ @ umn.edu Phone _________________________________

Major ___________________________ Estimated Graduation Term _______________________________

SECTION 2: Program Information

Application round(s) for which you are applying:

☐ Winter 2015-2016          ☐ Summer 2016
☐ Spring 2016             ☐ Fall 2016
☐ May 2016

Program to which you are Applying: __________________________________________________________

Country: ___________________________ Term/Year: _________________________________

Departure Date: ___________________________ Return Date: _______________________________

International Students Only:

Country of Citizenship ___________________________ Visa Type: ☐ F1 ☐ J1 ☐ Other ________________

SECTION 3: Essay Questions

Clearly and creatively illustrate the relevance of your study and/or internship abroad opportunity to your academic interests and professional goals. Please address each question separately; 300-word maximum response per question.

1. How do you anticipate that your study/internship abroad will impact your academic and career goals, your long-term goals, and you personally?

2. How are you preparing personally and academically for your experience abroad?
SECTION 4: Statement of Acknowledgement and Applicant Signature

- I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I hereby give permission for my application information and essays to be released to the donor, potential donors or official representatives of any scholarship or award for which I may be eligible.
- I agree to write a thank you letter to the donor of the scholarship as noted in the award notification.
- I agree to write a report within two months of my return to be displayed publicly.
- I understand all awards are announced publicly.
- I have not previously received a Study/Internship Abroad Scholarship during my current degree program.
- In order to be eligible for this scholarship, I understand that:
  - Regents Policy requires all students to purchase supplemental health insurance for study abroad programs that includes medical evacuation and repatriation coverage.
  - Students are responsible to uphold the Student Conduct Code, financial aid and the credit transfer process procedures.
  - No student may travel to a country on the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning list unless a request for exemption has been made and approval received. See: global.umn.edu/travel/approval/index.html
  - All students are required to read, sign and submit a Release & Waiver document prior to travel.

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**Applicant Signature**

**Date**

Your Completed Application Must Include:

- [ ] Experience Abroad Application
- [ ] University of Minnesota unofficial transcript
- [ ] A copy of your completed and signed Academic Planning for Study Abroad (APSA) Form

Signatures needed:

1. Major Adviser – faculty adviser or program director (consult your academic adviser)
2. Second Major or Minor Adviser (if applicable)
3. Student Signature

Submit Completed Application to:

College of Design
Attn: Experience Abroad Scholarship
12 McNeal Hall
1985 Buford Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

Questions?
Contact Linda Vang Kim: vang0286@umn.edu or 612-624-0755