

WORLD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Fall 2006 (for travel in 2007-2008)

The World Scholars Program, funded by the College of Arts and Sciences, provides select undergraduate students with up to \$5000 of funding to support participation in a semester or year of study abroad in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English. Students must be near-fluent (or actively committed to achieving fluency) in the language of that country or region. They must also be declared majors in one of the undergraduate disciplines offered at the University of Louisville and endeavor, to the degree possible, to study the material of that discipline while abroad (whether through full-immersion coursework, service learning, or internship placement). For example, a Sociology major might take coursework in Sociology at the Université de Montréal in full immersion with French Canadian students; or an Anthropology major might engage in fieldwork in São Paulo that requires active use of Portuguese. (NOTE: majors in Spanish or French must have a second declared major and gear their application toward study of that second major.)

Upon their return, World Scholars will work with a faculty advisor on a final project (such as an honors thesis, a community service project, or an application for a major international award) that integrates their international experience with their undergraduate studies at U of L. They will also work with the International Center as peer advisors, helping to recruit and prepare other students for study abroad.

REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION:

- must be a full-time undergraduate student who has achieved at least sophomore standing.
- must be a declared major in any undergraduate discipline offered at the University of Louisville. (For French and Spanish majors, this will constitute a *second* major.)
- must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the major field and a 3.0 overall.
- must commit to participating in a full semester or year of study abroad in 2007-2008 in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English.
- must demonstrate near-fluency (or an active commitment to achieving fluency) in the language of that country or region, ideally through ongoing coursework in the language.

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- **five copies of the application form** (including brief essays). APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR IN YOUR MAJOR DEPARTMENT.
- **five copies of your unofficial transcript** (including current coursework).
- **two recommendations** (at least one of which should be from a faculty member in your major department). RECOMMENDERS WILL RETURN THE FORM TO YOU IN A SEALED/SIGNED ENVELOPE.
- **one language evaluation** (filled out by an instructor in the language of the country or region to which you intend to travel). EVALUATOR WILL RETURN THE FORM TO YOU IN A SEALED/SIGNED ENVELOPE.

SUBMIT FULL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

DR. JULIA DIETRICH, ASSOCIATE DEAN
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
GARDINER HALL, SECOND FLOOR

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006, AT 4 P.M.

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APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

Full name of applicant: _____

Telephone number(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing address: _____

Student ID number: _____ Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Year of undergraduate studies: First Second Third Fourth Other _____

Declared major (NOT Spanish or French): _____

Current (or most recent) course(s) in that major (list by course number, e.g. POLS 302):

Current GPA in that major:: _____

If applicable:

Second major: _____

Minor(s): _____

Brief description of intended program of study: _____

Last name: _____

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Financial disclosure

List all financial aid you normally receive and/or you will receive in 2007-2008 to cover university expenses (e.g., Hallmark Scholarship, Wilma Shaw Roseman Scholarship, etc.).

Award	Amount

List all funding for which you have applied or which you have already been awarded specifically for the purpose of study abroad in 2007-2008 (e.g., Lewis Education Award, Modern Languages Fund, etc.).

Award	Amount

If you have already selected a study-abroad program that fits the requirements of the World Scholars Program, please provide a preliminary budget below:

Name of program: _____ semester year

Expense	Amount
Published program cost.....	
Additional expenses 1)	
2)	
3)	

TOTAL: _____

Last name: _____

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On a separate sheet of paper, answer each of the following questions in a complete paragraph (TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED).

- 1) To which country or region do you propose to travel and why?
- 2) What preparation have you had for study in that country or region? (Speak not only about coursework but also about any cross-cultural or foreign travel experiences you might have had.)
- 3) What is your major? In what specific ways will the study-abroad experience you propose enhance your study of your major?
- 4) What project do you propose to carry out when you return to U of L (e.g., honors thesis, community service project, application for a major international award)? In what ways will this project serve your long-term goals (whether post-graduate study, career, or personal)?



I certify that everything contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Advisor's approval

(Submit a full copy of your application, including your essay, to the undergraduate advisor in your major department for final approval.)

Advisor's name: _____

Department: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I certify that the above named applicant is a major in good standing in my department. I further certify that I have read the application and approve the proposed course of study.

Signature

Date

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Applicant's name: _____

Brief description of intended program of study: _____

Name of faculty recommender: _____

I do / do not (circle one) waive my right to see this recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Description of award: The World Scholars Program, funded by the College of Arts and Sciences, provides select undergraduate students with up to \$5000 of funding to support participation in a semester or year of study abroad in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English. Students must be near-fluent (or actively committed to achieving fluency) in the language of that country or region. They must also be declared majors in one of the undergraduate disciplines offered at the University of Louisville and endeavor, to the degree possible, to study the material of that discipline while abroad (whether through full-immersion coursework, service learning, or internship placement).

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TO BE COMPLETED BY FACULTY RECOMMENDER:

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

PLEASE COMMENT BRIEFLY ON THE FOLLOWING:

1) Applicant's academic performance:

(over)

2) Applicant's motivation (and commitment to studies in your field if yours is the applicant's major department):

3) Applicant's stability, maturity, suitability for independent travel and living abroad:

4) Other comments that might help us evaluate the student's application:

Recommendation:

_____ recommend with confidence

_____ recommend with reservations (please explain in #4 above.)

_____ do not recommend

Recommender's name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this recommendation form to the applicant in a sealed/signed envelope.

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LANGUAGE EVALUATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Applicant's name: _____

Brief description of intended program of study: _____

Language to be evaluated: _____

Please answer the following questions regarding the language being evaluated.

1. List the university-level courses that you have taken in the language, including those now in progress. Give the name of the course, semester/year taken, and grade.

2. Bearing in mind that you will be interacting on a daily basis with native speakers of the language of your host country, indicate what you are doing now and what you are planning to do to bring your language facility to the highest possible level by your intended date of departure.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVALUATOR:

Please evaluate the applicant's **present language ability in relation to the program of study proposed above**. Complete the form on the reverse, sign, and return to the applicant in a sealed/signed envelope.

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1. Please comment on the applicant's present language ability in each of the following categories.

Aural comprehension:

- None
- Limited to slow, uncomplicated sentences
- Understands simple conversation
- Understands conversation on simple academic topics
- Understands sophisticated discussion of academic topics

Speaking ability:

- None
- Can only frame structurally simple, short utterances
- Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
- Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy. Adequate to handle conversational subjects
- Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations.

Reading ability:

- None
- Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
- Understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects
- Understands materials whose content contains idioms and specialized terminology
- Understands with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language.

Writing ability:

- None
- Writes simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in spelling and structure
- Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- Writes with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

2. Please indicate your general opinion of this applicant's ability in the language evaluated relative to the language level needed to carry out the proposed study or research project.

- Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be obtained
- Should be able to manage adequately after some additional formal language training
- Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
- Should have no difficulty

3. Is the applicant's present language competence adequate to carry out the proposed program of study? yes no

4. Indicate briefly how the evaluation was determined.

Evaluator's name: _____

Title: _____ Department: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____