



SIS Summer Abroad 2012 Scholarship

Application Guidelines and Instructions

The School of International Service is pleased to announce the fourth annual competition for study abroad scholarships funded by the School. Approximately ten (10) awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 will be given to SIS graduate students who can demonstrate scholastic achievement, a commitment to global service, strong motivation for studying abroad, and financial need, and who will be participating in a SIS Summer Abroad 2012 Program in South Africa, Malaysia/Indonesia, Vietnam, Israel, Palestine, Brussels, the Galapagos Islands, Mexico, Ecuador, or Georgia. Each award will be used to offset the cost of attendance at one of these programs. Applications will be judged on a number of criteria as detailed below.

Application deadline: Friday, March 9, 2012.

Eligibility:

- Be a SIS graduate student in good standing with a GPA of at least a 3.30
- Be accepted into a SIS Summer Abroad 2012 Program

Award Criteria:

1. Scholastic achievement

High academic achievement. Students receiving the award must have at minimum a cumulative "B+" average (3.30 GPA).

2. Demonstrated commitment to advancing global service and/or improving international relations

Active involvement in internships, professional positions, clubs, committees, community service, and other activities that embody the SIS commitment to promoting human peace and improving international relations. Preference will be given to students who intend to implement a service or professional project based on their SIS Summer Abroad experience.

3. Strong motivation for participation in SIS Summer Abroad Program

Academic or professional interest in the region of the selected program and ability to demonstrate how the program will contribute to personal, professional, and academic development. Preference will be given to students who have not been or studied abroad before.

4. AU faculty recommendation

Positive recommendation from an instructor at AU.

5. Financial need

Evidence of financial need. Students are required to disclose any financial aid (loans, scholarships, fellowships, etc...) that they are applying to their degree at AU.

Application Materials:

1. Student information form – Via e-mail
2. Statement of motivation addressing the award selection criteria (at least 500 words) – Via e-mail
3. Statement of finances indicating how the student pays for classes (limited to 100 words) – Via E-mail
4. Résumé – Via E-mail
5. AU transcript (unofficial or official) – Via E-mail
6. AU faculty recommendation – In hardcopy or Via E-mail from the faculty member

Application Process and Deadlines:

1. Apply to a SIS Summer Abroad 2012 Program AND submit a separate application for the scholarship. Some items will be accepted ONLY via e-mail; the AU faculty recommendation form may be submitted in hard copy or electronically from the faculty member.
2. Submit completed application VIA E-MAIL to:
Rebecca Bellinger
Director of International Programs
rbellinger@american.edu
3. Submit completed AU faculty recommendation in hardcopy to:
Rebecca Bellinger
Director of International Programs
Mailbox, SIS 116
American University
4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20016
4. Application deadline: **Friday, March 9.**



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**SIS Summer Abroad 2012 Scholarship
 Student Information Form**

Student Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ AU ID #: _____

Gender: Female Male Date of Birth: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Academic Information

SIS Field: _____

Current cumulative GPA: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Note: Only students with a 3.30 GPA and above are eligible to apply.

SIS Summer Abroad Program Information

Program applied for: _____

Components of program: Seminar Internship Independent Study

Awards and Scholarships

Please indicate what type(s) of financial aid, if any, you are using toward your AU student bill.

Federal aid Private loan SIS Merit award Other scholarship/fellowship: _____

Personal funds Other: _____

Note: Please provide additional information as necessary in the statement of finances.

AU Faculty Recommender

Name of recommender: _____

AU Department: _____ AU Phone: _____

Recommendation: included in application mailed/delivered by faculty member

Student Signature

I confirm that all information included in this application is true and complete.

 Signature of applicant

 Date



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SIS Summer Abroad 2012 Scholarship
AU Faculty Recommendation

Student Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ AU ID #: _____

Program applied for: _____

Dear AU Faculty Member: The above-named student is applying for a scholarship to help fund his/her participation in a SIS Summer Abroad Program. Your answers on this form will be evaluated along with the student's own application materials to determine his/her suitability for this scholarship. To protect the confidentiality of your comments, please return this form to the student in a sealed and signed envelope or return it in hardcopy or via e-mail to Rebecca Bellinger, Director of International Programs, SIS 115 (rbellinger@american.edu).

Please evaluate the student's characteristics in the table below.

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unable to Judge |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Academic performance | | | | | |
| Motivation for participating in proposed program | | | | | |
| Ability to work as part of a team | | | | | |
| Flexibility/adaptability | | | | | |
| Ability to work independently | | | | | |
| Cross-cultural awareness and communication | | | | | |

How long/in what capacity have you worked with this student? _____

Please comment on the students' academic performance and potential for success on this study abroad program. _____

I (check one) **highly recommend** **have reservations about recommending**
 recommend **do not recommend**

this student for participation in a SIS Summer Abroad Program.

 Signature of recommender

 Date