

2027 IIGE STUDY ABROAD AWARD

The VISION of the Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement (IIGE) is a globally engaged campus. Its MISSION is to create the conditions for ethical and creative problem solving through interdisciplinary research, inclusive innovation, and community engagement. As a portal for globally-focused experiential learning and community engagement, the IIGE advances the University of Washington's imperative to be boundless, and adds momentum to UW Tacoma's strategic goal to advance global learning. Among other transformative international and cross-cultural experiences, this includes the promotion of for-credit University of Washington Study Abroad.

Through the generous support of the Bamford Foundation and William W. Philip, the IIGE invites UW Tacoma students to apply for one of up to ten (10) awards of \$1,000 each to help fund their participation in UW Study Abroad occurring in 2027. Awards may be used for study abroad program fees, flights, and incidental expenses while studying abroad.

Applications will be reviewed and winners will be selected by a committee of UW Tacoma faculty and staff, appointed by the IIGE office (see Part E).

Part A. Purpose

- To promote UW Tacoma student participation in UW Study Abroad.
- To enable students who have not previously studied/traveled abroad or who would not otherwise have the opportunity to do so to participate in UW Study Abroad.
- To promote cross-cultural understanding.
- To promote IIGE pillars of interdisciplinary research, inclusive innovation, and community engagement.

Part B. Student Eligibility

IIGE Study Abroad Awards are open to all eligible students regardless of race, sex or other identity.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current University of Washington Tacoma student who has applied or plans to apply to a study abroad program or internship through UW Tacoma, UW Seattle, or UW Bothell Study Abroad.
- The study abroad program or internship must be at least three weeks in length outside of the United States and a minimum of 5 credits.
- Expect to graduate in Spring Quarter 2028 or later.

Note: Priority consideration will be given to students who have not previously studied or traveled abroad, or who plan to participate in programs located outside of highly westernized or developed regions (e.g., Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand).

Part C. Amount of the Award

Up to ten (10) awards of \$1,000 each. Awards are contingent upon funding.

Part D. Application Process

Applications may be submitted online using the following form: [IIGE Study Abroad Award Application](#). Applicants must answer a series of questions and include:

- A brief application statement, explaining their interest in a specific study abroad program (up to 250 words).

- A personal statement, explaining how study abroad fits or complements their academic and career goals, and how the experience will impact their understanding of themselves and others (up to 500 words).

Deadline for Applications: April 4, 2027.

Part E. Review Process and Criteria

Applications will be submitted to a committee consisting of UW Tacoma faculty and staff. Committee members will be invited to serve based upon their experience working in contexts/capacities relating to global, international and cross-cultural education. The committee will receive a rubric to assess application and personal statements, and decisions will be based upon student need and merit.

Part F. Award Process and Student Expectations

i) Award Notification and Disbursement

- Successful recipients will be notified promptly after the final decision is made.
- Awards are disbursed during the quarter in which the student plans to study abroad.
- Typically, winners will receive awards via direct deposit.

ii) Expectations of Awardees

To accept the award, students must agree to the following:

a. Upon Notification of Award:

- Write a letter of acknowledgment addressed to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Global Engagement, Dr. Divya McMillin.
- Email the letter to the IIGE Program Administrator at iige@uw.edu.

b. Upon Completion of the Study Abroad Program:

- Write a letter of thanks describing the study abroad experience, addressed to the Bamford Foundation or William W. Philip, c/o the Associate Vice Chancellor.
- Submit three captioned photos.
- Create and submit both a digital and printed poster for the Spring Quarter 2028 Global Engagement Conference.

c. Participate in Autumn Quarter 2027 Study Abroad Information Session

- Give a brief presentation about your study abroad experience and how the award enhanced your global learning. IIGE staff will contact you to coordinate scheduling and details.

d. Participate in the Spring Quarter 2028 Global Engagement Conference

- Present at a poster session during the Global Engagement Conference (typically the third week of May).

- If award recipients fail to secure a place in their preferred study abroad program, change study abroad program, cancel participation in their study abroad program for any reason, or otherwise alter their plans, this must be communicated in writing to the IIGE Program Administrator immediately.

NOTE: To be eligible for this award students must be in good standing of program requirements. Please note that individual award amounts may vary depending on student Financial Aid packages. Please contact Financial Aid to determine how receiving this award might impact your aid package. All questions concerning the IIGE Study Abroad Award may be directed to the IIGE Program Administrator at iige@uw.edu

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