**2021 IIGE STUDY ABROAD AWARD**

The Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement (IIGE) promotes a globally engaged university through collaborations and partnerships that connect the classroom to the world. As a portal for globally-focused experiential learning and community engagement, it 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, the IIGE invites UW Tacoma students to apply for one of up to fifteen (15) awards of $1,000 each to help fund their participation in UW Study Abroad occurring in 2021. 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 global engagement, citizenship, and leadership.

**Part B. Student Eligibility**
Current University of Washington Tacoma students who have applied or plan to apply to a study abroad program or internship through UW Tacoma Study Abroad, UW Seattle Study Abroad, or UW Bothell Study Abroad. Programs should typically be at least three weeks in length.* Students who have not previously studied/traveled abroad or who plan to travel outside of highly westernized/developed areas (i.e. Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand) are especially encouraged to apply.

*Students applying to study abroad programs lasting fewer than three weeks, or programs offered by non-UW organizations (e.g. specialized/private study abroad companies) may be eligible if the program in question may nonetheless be applied to UW academic credit. In these or similar circumstances, please contact the IIGE office directly to determine eligibility. Applicants who are also Global Honors students, and who intend to apply their study abroad to a Global Honors capstone, must complete a program of at least three weeks in length.

**Part C. Amount of the Award**
Up to fifteen (15) awards of $1,000 each.

**Part D. Application Process**
Applications may be submitted online at [https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/wheela/398999](https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/wheela/398999). Applicants must answer a series of questions and include:

- An up-to-date resume/CV.
- A brief application statement, explaining their interest in a specific study abroad program (up to 500 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 1,000 words). This statement must also directly address/acknowledge the expectations explained in Part F(iii) below.

**Deadline for Applications:** Friday, March 12, 2021

**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**

Successful award recipients will be informed as soon as possible after a final decision is made. Typically, winners will receive awards via direct deposit during spring quarter 2021. Upon receipt of the award, each winner will write and submit a letter of acknowledgment addressed to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Global Engagement (Dr. Divya McMillin). This may be directly emailed to the IIGE Assistant Director (Sally Murphy, sam8543@uw.edu).

i) Upon completion of study abroad, each winner will also write a letter of thanks to the Bamford Foundation, C/O the IIGE Assistant Director.

ii) Winners will also be expected to:
   - Share their study abroad experience in the IIGE quarterly newsletter (typically in the Autumn edition).
   - Share their experience at the Autumn 2021 Global Honors Study Abroad Workshop (typically the third week of November). This will be in an individual presentation format.
   - Share their experience at the Spring 2022 Global Engagement Conference (typically the second or third week of May). This may be in a poster presentation or panel presentation format.
   - NOTE: Inability to participate in the above two events (for example, because award recipients graduate from UW Tacoma before they are held) must be explained in the applicant’s personal statement (see Part D). If so, applicants must clearly indicate how they will share their study abroad experience with other UW Tacoma students in a different capacity.

iii) 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 to the IIGE Assistant Director immediately. Any changes (or inability to return unused award funding) must be clearly explained and justified. Failure to do follow these provisions may result in the forfeiture of the award.

All questions concerning the IIGE Study Abroad Award may be directed to the IIGE Assistant Director (Sally Murphy, sam8543@uw.edu).

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