STUDY AROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 5, 2014

Student Checklist - Retain this sheet for your records.

The Office of International Programs (OIP) invites full-time Salve Regina University students planning to study abroad for the first time through a Salve Regina recognized program, who hold a minimum GPA of 3.0, to apply for a Study Abroad Scholarship. This scholarship aims to diversify students who can participate in a semester abroad and the countries/ regions where they choose to study. Furthermore, this scholarship aims to support undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints. Most applicants are eligible for the Study Abroad Endowment Scholarship, but may also be eligible for others as well (API Study Abroad Scholarship, Jane Campbell Scholarship in Modern Languages and Donaldson Trust Scholarship). Funds will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need and students' demonstrated maturity as responsible members of the Salve Regina community.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Minimum 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.
2. First Time Studying Abroad
3. Studying Abroad during the **Fall 2015 Semester** or the **2015 – 2016 Academic Year**

INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these instructions to apply for the Study Abroad Scholarship.

Return the following required application materials to the Office of International Programs by **March 5, 2015**.

☐ Application for the Study Abroad Scholarship (attached)

☐ Copy of your Resume (Reviewed by a career adviser in Career Development before submission)

☐ Statement of Purpose Essay

The Statement of Purpose Essay is your chance to personalize your application. When composing the 750-1000 word essay, clearly address the impact that your study abroad program will have on your academic, professional, and personal goals. Also, address the impact that receiving the Study Abroad Scholarship would have on your achievement of these goals.

Answer question #1 in your essay, and at least two others.

1. What challenges, if any, have you faced in your decision to study abroad? What impact would receiving the Study Abroad Scholarship have on these challenges? For example, do family obligations or financial concerns hinder your ability to study abroad? Other examples include, but are not limited to, being a non-traditional student, having a learning or physical disability, being in a field of study for which it is difficult to incorporate study abroad, etc.

2. What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Study Abroad Scholarship have on your academic goals? Will this experience enable your to take coursework or pursue further language training not available at Salve Regina? How will this study abroad program impact any future academic goals, such as obtaining a graduate degree?

3. What impact will the choice of country have on your experience abroad? What initially inspired you to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn this language? What factors led to your choice of country of study?

4. What impact will your choice of program have on your experience abroad? Are there unique components, such as home-stays, language immersion, etc. that will impact your experience abroad?

5. What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Study Abroad Scholarship have on your professional goals? How does my study abroad program relate to your future professional goals? Will you be able to pursue internship or volunteer opportunities that support my overall career goals? Will I be able to learn skills or conduct research that will be necessary to me in my future career?

6. What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Study Abroad Scholarship have on you personally? On a personal level, what initially inspired you to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn your host country's language?

☐ Faculty Reference (form attached)

Faculty can choose to submit the reference to you or directly to our office. Your application will not be complete and we will not consider your application until your faculty reference is received.

THE NEXT STEPS

1. The Study Abroad Scholarship Committee will review all applications after the March 5th deadline has passed.
2. Students may be asked to participate in an interview prior to the awarding of the scholarship(s).
3. All applicants will receive notification by May 1st informing them if they have been chosen as an award recipient. An email will also be sent to recipients notifying them of any next step information, requirements and guidelines.
4. Award recipients must write a blog for the Office of International Programs at least once a month while abroad during the fall 2015. This blog will be posted to the Salve Regina University website.
5. Award recipients must participate in fall 2016 Pre-Departure Workshops (during spring 2015) for study abroad students.
6. Award recipients must make a formal presentation about their study abroad program during International Education Week, November 2016.
7. Award amounts are distributed directly to the recipients' Salve Regina account and will be used toward Salve tuition.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Complete the following application and submit it to the Office of International Programs by **March 5, 2014**.

PART I: STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM INFORMATION

Country: _____ City: _____

Program: _____

University Abroad: _____

PART II: PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Family Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Salve ID#: _____

Ethnicity/Race (optional):

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian/Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ Black or African American

☐ Hispanic or Latino/a ☐ White/Caucasian ☐ Multi-Racial (please specify) _____ ☐ Do Not Know

PART III: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

***PLEASE NOTE**: You must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA to be considered for this scholarship.*

Anticipated Graduation (month/year): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA over 3.0? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Major 1: _____ Major 2: _____

Minor 1: _____ Minor 2: _____

Which degree requirement(s) would you like to fulfill with this study abroad program?

☐ Major Requirement(s) ☐ Minor Requirement(s) ☐ Core Complement(s) ☐ Free Elective(s)

Have you already studied abroad through Salve Regina University? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PART IV: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ESSAY

Please attach a 750 - 1000 word statement of purpose essay addressing the questions on the attached instructions page.

PART V: FACULTY REFERENCE

Please ask one faculty member to complete the attached faculty reference form and submit the completed form to the Office of International Programs. Indicate below whom you have asked to provide your reference in case we need to follow up with the faculty member.

Reference Name: _____ Department: _____

PART VI: STUDENT SIGNATURE

By submitting this application, I certify that the information on this application is correct. I acknowledge that award distribution is subject to certain eligibility requirements and is at the discretion of Salve Regina University. I understand that students receiving this scholarship must comply with the stated expectations of the Office of International Programs prior to, during and after the abroad experience. I acknowledge and agree that Salve Regina may revoke my scholarship application at any time if:

- I am no longer a matriculating student at Salve Regina,
- I no longer meet eligibility requirements of the scholarship I am awarded,
- I fail to pay the required Study Abroad Program fees for both Salve Regina and the program abroad,
- I have been found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct or any other law, rule, or regulation and/or I have engaged in unprofessional and/or inappropriate behavior that would affect my ability to preserve the high standards of the University as a student studying abroad.

I also authorize Salve Regina to publish for public relations purposes my photograph or photographs in which I appear.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

FACULTY REFERENCE FORM

Salve Regina Study Abroad Scholarships

Salve Regina University offers the following Study Abroad Scholarship opportunities through the Office of International Programs:

1. The SRU Study Abroad Endowment Scholarship – General scholarship open to eligible semester study abroad students
2. The API Study Abroad Scholarship – Open to students who study abroad with the API Study Abroad Program
3. The Jane Campbell Scholarship in Modern Languages – Open to eligible students who are declared language majors or minors
4. The Donaldson Trust Scholarship – Open to eligible students who elect to study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries

Student Directions

Complete the section below and deliver this form to your chosen faculty member.

Student Info & Acknowledgment

Applicant Name: Salve ID#: Date:

I am applying for the following semester study abroad program:

Country: City:

Name of Program or University:

Select only one of the below options:

☐ I hereby waive my right of access to the information on this reference.

☐ I do not waive my right of access to the information on this reference.

Student Signature / date

Instructions for Faculty

Please complete the reference form below as candidly as possible. You may submit the completed form to the Office of International Programs via campus mail, fax or email.

Alternatively, you can email your answers to the following questions to studyabroad@salve.edu.

Please be aware that this student's scholarship application will not be reviewed until your faculty reference is received.

1. Do you feel this student is a good candidate for a semester or year of study abroad? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. For how long and in what capacity have you known this student? Please provide an overall assessment of the applicant's academic abilities and potential for academic success during their semester abroad.

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3. Please share your thoughts on the scholarship applicant's strengths, extra-curricular involvement, and any other areas of distinction that make this student stand out.

4. Please share your thoughts regarding this applicant's suitability for the Study Abroad Scholarships in relation to the applicant's chosen study abroad program (listed above).

5. Do you have any additional comments about this student?

Reference Name: _____ Department: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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