College of General Studies Student Government
Nontraditional Student Study Abroad Scholarship
*In collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh’s Study Abroad Department*

The *Nontraditional Student Study Abroad Scholarship* is awarded annually to a College of General Studies CGS student to assist with a nontraditional student to study abroad opportunity during his or her academic career. This scholarship is based primarily on the candidate’s essay, academic performance, and interview.

The recipient receives a one-time $1000 award from the CGS Student Government. The scholarship will be awarded for the Study Abroad experience in the Spring or Summer semesters. The winner will be expected to attend the “Excellence in CGS” reception in April.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Candidates must be currently enrolled full-time or part-time, in the College of General Studies
- Candidates must have obtained at least 30 college credits, of which 15 must be in the College of General Studies;
- Candidates must have a minimum Q.P.A. of 3.00 at the University of Pittsburgh;
- Recipient must participate in a study abroad program for academic credit; and,
- **Recipient must present a short synopsis** at a CGSSG Meet-n-Greet or a CGS Alumni/Student Networking Social about what it’s like to study abroad as a nontraditional student and the study abroad experience.

**Decision Criteria**

Students will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic performance
- Ability to explain how a study abroad experience will compliment the candidate’s academic, personal, and professional goals.
- Ability to explain what the candidate’s plans are to complete their degree following their study abroad experience.
- Ability to explain how the candidate will execute the study abroad experience if awarded the scholarship. (For example, financial, family, work related arrangements, if applicable.)

**Application Requirements**

- Application Form
- Transcript (this can be an unofficial transcript)
- A written statement regarding your major accomplishments relating to the decision criteria above.
- Interview

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

(Last)    (First)    (Middle Initial)

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

(Street)                  (City)    (State)   (Zip)

Phone: (day) __________________ (evening) ______________________  Email:____________________

Current Major in Department: ____________________________________________________________________________

Cumulative QPA: ____________  QPA in Major: _______________

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Study Abroad Program or independent study you are applying for:
________________________________________________________________________________

Name and Sponsoring Institution of your Study Abroad Program:
________________________________________________________________________________

Location of Study Abroad Program:
________________________________________________________________________________

(city)       (country)

Please detail the approximate costs of your program:

Program tuition: $_____________
Room:       $_____________
Airfare:       $_____________

Academic status while studying abroad: _____ sophomore _____ junior _____ senior

Number of credits completed by January 1, 2013: __________

Expected graduation date: _______________

Have you ever studied abroad? _______
If “Yes”, when, where, for how long and for what reason?
________________________________________________________________________________

Complete the above information and attach the following:
  • Transcript (this can be an unofficial transcript)
  • Written statement

Submit to:

Return this application with all required materials in a sealed manila envelope to the McCarl Center reception desk, addressed with your Name and Peoplesoft ID to “CGS Student Gov’t Scholarship”. The receptionist will place the manila envelope in the CGS Student Gov’t Mailbox. Requests of receipt confirmation can be sent to: cgssg@pitt.edu
Applicant: Please use this form to compile a short written statement profiling your academic performance and explaining:
How a study abroad experience will compliment your academic, personal, and professional goals.
- What your plans are to complete your degree following your study abroad experience.
- How you will execute the study abroad experience if awarded the scholarship. (For example, financial, family, work related arrangements, if applicable.)

Applicant's Name:
E-mail:
Phone:

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