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IFSA Foundation Scholarship for Study Abroad

The IFSA Foundation scholarship aims to expand the opportunities for Chatham undergraduate students to engage in semester-long or full academic year academic programs abroad and infuse service-learning into the students' study abroad experience.

1. The IFSA Foundation Scholarship for Study Abroad is administered by the Office of International Affairs at Chatham with the support of a grant provided to the university by the IFSA Foundation.
2. Applications for the scholarship are distributed by and submitted to the Office of International Affairs prior to application deadlines (Fall or Academic year: March 15; Spring September 30)
3. All applications will be reviewed by the university study abroad scholarship committee.
4. The scholarships awarded will be **up to \$4000** for a semester-long study abroad program and **up to \$8000** for a full academic year study abroad program based on financial need.

Eligibility criteria

The IFSA Foundation scholarship is open to all Chatham undergraduate students who meet the criteria listed below at the time of application and at the time of travel abroad:

1. Enrolled full time (12 credits or more) in a degree granting program at the undergraduate level at Chatham University.
2. Successful completion of at least 2 semesters or 24 credit hours at Chatham University before beginning the study abroad experience.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Demonstrated financial need with current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid) on file in the Office of Financial Aid.
5. The applicant must be accepted into or applying for a semester-long or full academic year Chatham-approved study abroad program in one of the following regions: Africa, Latin America, Asia, or Eastern Europe. Summer only programs or programs in Western Europe or Australia or New Zealand are not eligible. Coursework for the study abroad program must transfer or be equivalent to Chatham coursework. This is confirmed by completing Chatham's study abroad application.
6. Special consideration will be given to students who have little or no international travel experience.
7. The applicant must be in good academic, financial and judicial standing.
8. No student can received the IFSA scholarship for study abroad more than once.

Selection process

The university study abroad scholarship committee will base its decision and award amounts on the following criteria:

1. Statement of Purpose
2. Letter of Recommendation
3. Chatham community involvement and volunteer work
4. Demonstrated financial need

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please write a statement of purpose that addresses the following questions in 500 words or more:

1. Where and why do you want to study abroad? Please list your program choice and university/program provider and the semester(s) and year in which you intend to study abroad.
2. Describe how the IFSA Foundation Scholarship for Study Abroad would help you to study abroad. How, specifically, would you use the scholarship money?
3. How does study abroad relate to your professional, personal and academic goals?
4. Please discuss your current (within the last year) involvement on Chatham's campus (such as with student organizations, volunteering, etc.).

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include a letter of recommendation from your advisor or a Chatham faculty member that knows you well.

CHATHAM COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Please include a list and description of your involvement in the Chatham community and any dates and description of volunteer activities.

DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED

Please include a budget for your study abroad program and your Student Aid Report (SAR), if applicable.

If applicant is awarded IFSA funding, the applicant agrees to below Academic and Service Requirements:

1. While abroad, students will be required to maintain full-time student status (12 or more credits).
2. All academic coursework must be pre-approved for Chatham credit upon acceptance into the study abroad program,
3. Upon their return to the US, IFSA funding recipients are required to get involved in the promotion of study abroad programming at Chatham. This could be fulfilled in numerous ways: donation of personal study abroad photos for use in publications; linking from the Chatham office of International Affairs web page to a personal blog about the overseas experience, presentations to prospective study abroad students at meetings or events sponsored by the office of International Affairs, or serving as a student profile student on our web page. Students will coordinate this involvement through the Office of International Affairs.
4. All scholarship recipients are required to write a one-page reflection of their overseas experience and submit it to the Office of International Affairs within 3 weeks of return to Chatham University.

I understand and agree to the above Academic and Service requirements if I am awarded IFSA funding:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____