

UP TO \$4250 FOR SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD

THROUGH THE IFSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, APPLIES TO NICOSIA, MAHIDOL OR VERITAS UNIVERSITIES

The IFSA Foundation scholarship expands opportunities for Chatham undergraduate students to engage in semester-long academic programs abroad and infuses service, internship or research into the students' study abroad experience.

Deadlines

- ❖ The application deadline to submit spring 2020 scholarship applications is **September 30, 2019**. The application deadline to submit fall 2020 scholarship applications is **March 15, 2020**. **Students must apply separately and be accepted to their study abroad program.**

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 and 24 credit hours at Chatham University before beginning the study abroad experience. Transfer students can apply during their first semester at Chatham and study abroad after completing 12 credits at Chatham University.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. The applicant must be accepted into or applying for a semester-long study abroad program at one of the following institutions: **University of Nicosia**, Cyprus; **Mahidol University**, Thailand, or **Veritas University**, Costa Rica. Coursework for the study abroad program must transfer or be equivalent to Chatham coursework (confirmed by completing Chatham's study abroad application). For Spring 2020 scholarship applications, first preference will be given to students applying to the University of Nicosia. For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 applicants, first preference will be for those applying to Mahidol University.
5. Students who have little or no international travel experience and/or with demonstrated financial need are strongly encouraged to apply for this scholarship.
6. The applicant must be in good academic, financial and judicial standing.
7. No student can receive the IFSA scholarship for study abroad more than once.
8. Scholarship amounts will be up to **\$4250** for a semester-long study abroad program (up to 3 scholarships will be awarded per academic year).
9. No student will be awarded IFSA and Benter funding for the same study abroad experience.

Selection process

All applications will be reviewed by the university study abroad scholarship committee, which will award scholarships based on the following:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE - Please write a statement of purpose that addresses the following in 2 pages or less:

1. Please detail how you would engage in the local culture through your proposed research, service, internship or other project.
2. How does this study abroad program relate to your academic, personal and professional goals?
3. Please discuss your current (within the last year) involvement on Chatham's campus (such as with student organizations, volunteering, etc.) or in Pittsburgh community.
4. Upon return, how will you share your experience with the Chatham community?
5. Please list any previous international experiences (country, duration, purpose).

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - Please include one letter of recommendation from your advisor or a Chatham faculty member that knows you well.

RESUME - Please submit your resume. You should include a list and description of prior service, internship and research activities.

If you have demonstrated financial need, please submit a copy of your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** which can be requested from the Office of Financial Aid.

APPLICANTS MUST SIGN, DATE AND SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH APPLICATION.

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 by completing Chatham's study abroad application.
3. All scholarship recipients are required to submit a one-page reflection and three photos from their overseas experience to the Office of International Affairs within 3 weeks of return to Chatham University.
4. Student will return to Chatham for at least one semester following their study abroad program. Upon their return to Chatham, IFSA funding recipients are required to get involved in the promotion of study abroad in the following ways: 1) Student must serve as a Study Abroad Ambassador for one semester (minimum 8 hours); 2) Student will participate in a Study Abroad Returnee Symposium to share their experiences; and 3) Student will hold at least one other event to share their experience abroad. Some examples may include a presentation, workshop or culture sharing project. Students will coordinate this involvement through the Office of International Affairs and the project may be part of Global Focus programming.
5. Scholarship recipients grant permission and consent for Chatham to use submitted reflection and photos for publicity and web content.

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Chatham University
Office of International Affairs**