Global Engagement
Scholarships
USI Study Abroad Programs

2015-2016
International Programs and Services –
www.usi.edu/international
Global Engagement Scholarship Program

Scholarship award:
- Up to $3,000, depending on costs and length of program

Eligibility:
- Open to all USI students who have been accepted in a USI study abroad program and will receive USI credit during the program;
- Ability to engage in a Global Engagement project during the term abroad; projects will be judged on feasibility and relevance, as well as other factors;
- Recipients must enroll in USI during the fall or spring semester following their study abroad program and complete the requirements for the Global Engagement project within 6 months.

Program Requirements:
Global Engagement Scholarship recipients will carry out a project during the term abroad, which focuses on a global issue/challenge in one of the following areas: Public Health; Education; Poverty Reduction; Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Change; or Peace and Human Rights. Global Engagement scholars are required to create a weekly blog during their study abroad program, and to present their findings to the USI community during the semester following completion of their study abroad term. Therefore, Global Engagement scholars must enroll in USI during the semester following completion of their program.

Global Engagement scholarships are limited to USI approved study abroad programs; preference will be given to applicants who have not received previous study abroad scholarships through USI.

Application consists of:
- Signed application form
- Statement of Purpose Essay (1-2 pages) and Project Description (1-2 pages)
- Unofficial USI transcript
- Recommendation from USI faculty “sponsor”, who is willing to assist/monitor project completion

Deadlines and Timeline:

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1 For ideas, go to Clinton Global Initiative University Commitment Ideas at www.cgiu.org; the United Nations Millennium Development Goals at www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pverty.shtml; etc.
Global Engagement Scholarship Application: Part I

Name: ___________________________________________________

USI ID #: _______/_____/______ Email: ________________________ Cell phone: ________________

Major: ____________________ Cumulative GPA: ___________

Study Abroad Program (e.g., ISEP) Study Abroad Location/Host Institution

Faculty mentor for your Global Engagement Project: ________________________________

Term:  □ Fall  □ Spring    □ Academic Year
□ Summer    □ Other: ________________

How many USI credits will you earn from the study abroad program: ______

Optional:   Do you currently receive a Pell Grant? _______

Please list your ethnicity/racial category:
• African American ______
• Hispanic ______
• American Indian / Alaskan ______
• Asian Pacific Islander ______
• White ______
• International ______

List your expenses during your Study Abroad program:
   A. Estimated costs (please complete as appropriate):
      Program fee: $________
      International transportation (roundtrip) $________
      Travel documents, immunizations, etc. $________
      Student Health Insurance $________
      Pre-exchange language courses $________
      Other (specify): ____________________________ $________
      TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS: $________

Calculate your resources for this time period:
   A. Personal Savings/Family Funds $________
   B. Financial Aid – scholarships, grants & loans $________
   TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE: $________

□ I plan to enroll at USI to continue my studies upon completion of my study abroad program.  □ I understand the responsibilities of the Global Engagement Scholarship and I will be available to complete these responsibilities within 6 months of completion of my study abroad program. □ I acknowledge that all information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my ability.

Printed name ___________________________ Student signature ___________________________ Date ____________
Global Engagement Scholarship Application: Part II

- **Statement of Purpose Essay: Impact of program on your academic, professional and personal goals**
  - What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Global Engagement Scholarship have on my academic goals? How will this study abroad program impact any future academic goals that I may have, such as obtaining a graduate degree?
  - What impact will my choice of country have on my experience abroad? What initially inspired me to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn this language? What factors led to my choice of country of study?
  - What impact will my choice of program have on my experience abroad? Are there unique components, such as home-stays, that will impact my experience abroad?
  - What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Global Engagement Scholarship have on my professional goals? How does my study abroad program relate to my future professional goals? Will I 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?
  - What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Global Engagement Scholarship have on me personally? On a personal level, what initially inspired me to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn this language?
  - What challenges, if any, have I faced in my decision to study abroad? What impact would receiving the Global Engagement Scholarship have on these challenges? For example do I face familial obligations or concerns that hinder my 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.

- **Global Engagement: Local Awareness Project Description**
  - What global issue will your project examine:
    a. Public Health;
    b. Education
    c. Poverty Reduction
    d. Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Change
    e. Peace and Human Rights
  - Describe your Global Engagement project. What are your objectives; why did you choose this topic?
  - How will you carry out your project? Will you be enrolled in related coursework or will you conduct an independent research project or service learning project? Will your project require a certain level of fluency in the language of your host country?
  - What unique opportunity does your host institution or the region provides that will assist with your project?
  - What challenges do you anticipate in carrying out your project?
  - Why is it important for the USI community to be aware of this and other global issues that impact people around the world? What are ways that you can bring local awareness of this issue to your community at home?
  - All recipients will present a summary of their project at the study abroad forum during the semester following the term abroad. Successful applicants will be able to envision a Global Engagement project which is both relevant and feasible within the term abroad.