

## Study Abroad UC San Diego Scholarships Application, Fall 2017

### For participants departing in Winter 2018 or Spring 2018

UC San Diego students studying abroad received approximately \$650,000 in study abroad scholarships last year for their programs. If you are wondering “Should I apply for a scholarship?” The answer is always YES! If you don’t apply you will definitely not receive a scholarship award.

The scholarships managed through our office for this cycle include:

- Friends of the International Center Scholarships (3.3 minimum)
- Study Abroad, UC San Diego General Scholarships (3.0 minimum)
- OAP Scholarships for the following programs: FIE, IFSA-Butler, ISA, and SIT

You can pick up a scholarship flyer from our office for more detailed information about these scholarships.

### Checklist

- Put your name and PID at the top of EVERY page of the entire application
- Scholarship Application (this form, first 5 pages—page 6 goes to your Recommender)
- Personal Statement (see instructions on page 2)
- Statement of Financial Need (see instructions on page 2)
- TritonLink Academic History (please show grades through Summer and classes through current quarter)
- Letter of Recommendation (see instructions on page 2)
- A copy of the Budget Worksheet for the program for which you have been accepted or to which you are applying. (This is in addition to the financial information required on page 4.)
- A copy of your 2017/18 Financial Aid Award notice, if applicable
- Disclosures (read and sign page 5)

**Please turn in all documents in hard copy on the checklist above to the Study Abroad office front desk by 4:00pm on October 16, 2017.**

Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2017, 4:00pm, Study Abroad office

## Prompts for Statements (Two statements needed for application—Put your name and PID on each page)

### 1) Personal Statement (please submit typed and double-spaced)

Write a Personal Statement in 500 words or less (between 1-2 pages) addressing **all** of the following:

- How does your program abroad relate to your academic, career, and/or personal objectives?
- Describe your participation in extracurricular and community service activities.
- What are your favorite hobbies and personal interests?

To address the above, you may want to consider:

- Your ability to adapt to different cultures
- How studying abroad may impact you
- Your personal characteristics and experiences that will help you while abroad

### 2) Statement of Financial Need (please submit typed and double-spaced)

Write a Statement of Financial Need of 500 words or less addressing all of the following:

- Estimated need
- Current funding ability (include any work, fundraising, other scholarship awards)

To write a statement:

- Do not restate information from your Personal Statement
- Address unusual circumstances that affect your eligibility for financial aid or ability to pay the cost of your study abroad program
- Examples may include no parent support, first-generation college student, re-entry student, single parent, parental unemployment, bankruptcy, unforeseen medical expenses, siblings in college, property loss due to fire, flood, or earthquake

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need to be a financial aid recipient to have financial need.

## Letter of Recommendation Instructions (One Letter of Rec needed for scholarship application)

You will need a letter of recommendation for this scholarship. Please follow these guidelines:

You will need to print the last page of this application, fill out the top section, and give it to the recommender to complete. If you fail to sign and mark the waiver, Study Abroad, UC San Diego, will automatically waive your access to this letter. It is important to make sure this form is seen by your recommender and be sure to let them know the date of the scholarship deadline (October 16, 2017). Also, please provide the recommender information about the scholarship(s) you are applying to, including eligibility and special requirements.

- Try to obtain a letter from a UCSD faculty member or other academic
- Best not to submit a letter of recommendation from a supervisor, counselor, lab manager, or extracurricular supervisor unless this person's knowledge truly relates directly to your intended study abroad
- Do not submit a letter of recommendation from someone at your high school

PLEASE NOTE: If your study abroad program required a letter of recommendation you may use this same letter for your scholarship application(s) but you must let us know so we can look for your letter of recommendation in TritonsAbroad and attach it to your scholarship. Please email us at [abroad@ucsd.edu](mailto:abroad@ucsd.edu) with the following information:

- Subject Line: "Letter of Recommendation in TritonsAbroad"
- Your full name
- The name of the program for which you should already have a letter of recommendation in TritonsAbroad
- All of the scholarships to which you are applying

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By filling out this form you will be considered for all of the scholarships listed on the first page for which you meet minimum eligibility.

### Personal Data

Name		Student PID	Date
Primary Phone	E-mail		
Citizenship	Ethnicity (optional)		Gender
Present Address			
Permanent Address			

### Eligibility and Academic Information

- GPA as of 9/15/2017 \_\_\_\_\_ (3.3 required for Friends of the IC; all others require 3.0)
- Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Program Type (please select one):
  - EAP
  - OAP
  - GS
- Program Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- Program length abroad (please select one):
  - Year
  - Semester
  - Quarter
- Term(s) away from UCSD (check all that apply): \_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_ Fall
- Major: \_\_\_\_\_
- College at UC San Diego: \_\_\_\_\_
- Projected graduation term and year: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Year
- Academic Standing (please select one):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - 5<sup>th+</sup> year
- I am a transfer student (please select one):
  - Yes
  - No
- I plan to be enrolled at UC San Diego after I return from my study abroad experience (please select one):
  - Yes
  - No

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## Financial Information

Please indicate the following amounts in U.S. dollars for the duration of your study abroad program. Take the time to fill this out in as much detail as you can. Estimates are fine.

### Projected Expenses for Study Abroad

\*Indicate amounts from your EAP Expense Worksheet, OAP budget estimate, or Global Seminar cost estimate

Regular Fees/Tuition	
Room and Board	
Local Transportation	
Books and Personal Expenses	
Health Insurance	
Round-trip Airfare	
Pre-departure Expenses (passport, visa)	
<b>Total</b>	

### Projected Support for Study Abroad

\*Indicate amounts for all expected sources you have to fund your study abroad program, not including these scholarships

Family Contribution	
Student Contribution	
UCSD Financial Aid (use current amounts)	
Scholarships/Grants	
Loans	
Work Study	
Other grants/awards from sources outside of UCSD	
<b>Total</b>	

Are you currently receiving UCSD financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_

How much is your total student loan debt, including this academic year? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you apply for UCSD financial aid for next year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for any other scholarships for your period of study abroad? (e.g. Boren, UCSD College, UCSD scholarships, Gilman, Rotary, other outside agencies, etc.) If yes, please give the name(s) of the scholarship(s).

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Disclosures

### Authorization for Release of Information

- I certify that all of the information reported on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I authorize the Financial Aid Office to provide my information about my financial aid application and award package (if applicable) to Study Abroad, UC San Diego so that I may be considered for scholarship assistance.
- I authorize the release of my academic, financial, and personal information by Study Abroad, UC San Diego to scholarship sponsors for the purpose of being considered for scholarships. If I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I authorize the release of my information for the purpose of publicity and recognition.

- I acknowledge to have read the Authorization to Disclose of Education Records and consent to its terms.

### FERPA Disclosure Agreement

I know that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended (FERPA) protects the privacy of my student educational records and limits access to the information contained in those records. As part of my participation in a study abroad scholarship, which is sponsored in whole or in part by the University of California, San Diego, I grant authorization to the staff of Study Abroad, UC San Diego, the Friends of the International Center, and/or their designees, to discuss scholarship related matters with the individuals listed before. Such discussions will be limited to matters of my personal and academic welfare in connections with the scholarship.

- I acknowledge to have read the FERPA Disclosure Agreement and consent to its terms.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date



## Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Guidelines & Waiver

Applicant's waiver of access to Letter of Recommendation: Under the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the California Information Practices Act of 1977, students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation.

*(check one option)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I expressly waive my access to this letter of recommendation. I understand that this means I cannot see the letter.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT waive my access to this letter of recommendation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Student Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Information:

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

### ***FOR THE APPLICANT:***

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### ***FOR THE RECOMMENDER:***

Thank you for agreeing to write a recommendation for this applicant for the Study Abroad UC San Diego Scholarship(s). Your letter of recommendation constitutes an essential part of our selection process.

Please type your letter of recommendation and print it out on departmental/UCSD letterhead. Letters of recommendation will ONLY be accepted on official letterhead. In your letter, please address the questions listed below along with any other information you want to share about the applicant.

Please send your letter of recommendation to: Study Abroad UC San Diego, mailcode 0095 or email [abroad@ucsd.edu](mailto:abroad@ucsd.edu).

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Please comment on the applicant's specific academic skills and knowledge: cumulative background in your discipline, self-motivation to learn, study habits, intellectual potential, etc.
3. If you have taught the applicant in the language of the proposed country of study (other than English), how would you rate this student's abilities with that language?
4. Please comment on the applicant's personal attributes: overall maturity, seriousness of purpose, and ability to adapt to an intensive course of study in a foreign country.
5. If you have some knowledge of the country and/or institution, please indicate.
6. If you were directing a program abroad would you be reluctant, pleased, or enthusiastic to have this student on your program? Please comment.

**Deadline to be received by Study Abroad UC San Diego:  
Friday, October 16, 2017 by 4:00pm**