



IWU Study Abroad Scholarship

Illinois Wesleyan, through the generosity of Betty Ritchie-Birrer ('47), is able to offer competitive need-based study abroad scholarships to qualified students with participating in an IWU study abroad program, May Term Travel Course, or approved affiliated study abroad program. Awards will range from \$1000 to \$5000. Students awarded scholarships commit to documenting and sharing their study abroad experience during and/or after participation.

Eligibility

Applicants must

- Be a full-time enrolled student at IWU.
- Have applied to an IWU program/exchange, IWU May Term travel course, or approved affiliated program.
- Have demonstrated financial need.
- Not have received an IWU Study Abroad Scholarship before.

Selection Criteria

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by the Study Abroad Advisory Committee. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their essays and scholarship project proposal, the demonstrated value of the program to the students' course of study or post-graduation plans, and financial need.

Application

Complete IWU Study Abroad Scholarship applications must include the following:

- Application Form
- Essays (2)
- Scholarship Project Proposal

Scholarship Project

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Blog addresses/URLs are to be submitted before the end of the semester prior to studying abroad.

Deadlines

- **March 1:** for summer, fall, and full-year abroad programs
- **October 1:** for spring abroad programs
- **November 1:** for May Term travel courses



IWU Study Abroad Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Name (First and last): _____ Student ID: _____

Email (@iwu.edu): _____@iwu.edu Local phone: _____

Local Address (Hall, House, or Off-Campus): _____

Academic Information

- Class year: First-Year
 Sophomore
 Junior
 Senior

Major 1: _____ Major 2: _____

Minor 1: _____ Minor 2: _____

Program Information

- Proposed study abroad semester: Fall Spring Summer Academic Year May Term
- Proposed study abroad year: _____

- Study Abroad Program: Arcadia CIEE Hang Seng Exchange IWU London Lingnan Exchange SACI AU Exchange College Year in Athens IES Abroad IWU Spain May Term Travel Course SIT Central College DIS IFSA-Butler Keio Exchange Pembroke Program Other

If Other/May Term Travel Course, please specify: _____

Location (city, country): _____

Host University or Program Name (if applicable): _____

Have you ever studied abroad before, at IWU or in high school?
 Yes No If yes, please describe your previous experience(s)--the name of program, if applicable; countries; the length of participation (e.g., 4 weeks), and purpose (~200 words).

Proposed Coursework

Please provide the course titles for the classes you propose to take while abroad.

Course 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Program Req. <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Course 2: <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Program Req. <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Course 3: <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Program Req. <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Course 4: <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Program Req. <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Course 5: <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Program Req. <input type="checkbox"/> Elective
Course 6: <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Program Req. <input type="checkbox"/> Elective

Essays

Please respond to the following two essay prompts. Essays should each be ~350-500 words in length. Attach your essays to the application and include your name on each essay.

Required Essay #1: Discuss why you chose this study abroad program and how participation will help you achieve your study abroad goals (academic, personal, cultural).

Required Essay #2: Describe an experience you have had or activity in which you have participated some time in the past 3-4 years and discuss how it has helped prepare you to study abroad.

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Authorization for Release of Academic, Financial, and Personal Information

I certify that all of the information reported in my application packet for the IWU Study Abroad Scholarship is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If there are any changes to my study abroad program after I submit this application, I understand that I must notify the International Office.

I give the Financial Aid Office permission to release information from my financial aid file to the Study Abroad Advisory Committee for the purpose of verification of need.

If I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I authorize the release of my personal information for the purposes of publicity and recognition. I also commit to completing my proposed project within one semester of returning to IWU.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

**Please complete and return to
International Office, CLA 3rd Floor**