

Application Instructions
Diversity Ambassador Scholarships
Fall / Spring / Academic Year / Summer / Winter

Instructions

- ☐ Submit each of the following documents via email (teresa-kout@uiowa.edu) or in-person to the Study Abroad office (1111 University Capitol Centre, Iowa City, IA 52242-5500) by the application deadline:

- ❶ Application (one page)
- ❷ Personal Statement Essay

Eligibility

University of Iowa students who are planning to study abroad and who identify with groups traditionally underrepresented in study abroad programs are encouraged to apply for a Diversity Ambassador Scholarship. Recipients of the Diversity Ambassador Scholarship who apply for other awards may receive need-based grants or merit-based scholarships concurrently.

Special Considerations

If there are any special considerations, concerns or barriers to your participation in study abroad that you would like us to be aware of or help you address, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your study abroad advisor. You may also contact our office regarding diversity-related issues via e-mail: study-abroad@uiowa.edu

Expectations

Part of being a Diversity Ambassador includes being a face for the life-changing experience one gains through study abroad. Recipients are asked to write an open letter to prospective students and provide 2-5 photos for the website upon their return.

Study Abroad hosts student panels and information sessions throughout the year and anticipates that you will share your experiences by participating in one of our events. Additionally, Diversity Ambassadors are strongly encouraged to share their experiences with Study Abroad and prospective students by engaging with our social media pages, blogging from abroad, and/or submitting photos/video to use in promotional materials.

Deadlines

The Diversity Ambassador Scholarship application deadlines are listed on the Study Abroad website (<http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding/>).

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee and processed through Study Abroad in UI International Programs. All applicants will be notified of results via email at the conclusion of the process, several weeks after the application deadline.

Confidentiality Statement

The UI requests this information for the purpose of making a recommendation concerning your application for a scholarship. This information will be shared with administrators of the scholarship program. In addition, notices about recipients of UI-administered scholarship programs may be sent to hometown newspapers for publication. No other persons outside the University are routinely provided this information.

❶ *Application*

Diversity Ambassador Scholarship for Study Abroad

University of Iowa

Study Abroad in International Programs

I will be studying abroad next:

- ☐ Fall Semester
☐ Spring Semester
☐ Academic Year

- ☐ Summer session (dates)
☐ Winter session (dates)

Which of the following student groups do you identify with? Check all that apply:

- ☐ Students from racial and ethnic backgrounds that are under-represented on the UI campus
☐ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students
☐ Students with disabilities
☐ First-generation college students
☐ Students with a history of overcoming adversity based on some other group identification or affiliation (please specify): _____

Name: _____

☐ 1st Year ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Student ID: _____

Major(s): _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Minor/certificate: _____

Semester hours earned: _____ GPA: _____

Home phone #: _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Anticipated destination: _____

Program (if known): _____

Sponsoring Institution: _____

Please describe your proposed course of study and why you have chosen this destination and program.

② *Personal Statement*

Name _____

Please write a 350 – 600 word essay incorporating your responses to the following questions.

- Does your identification with a group that has a history of overcoming adversity relate to your academic and/or personal goals? If so, how?
- How might your time abroad help you understand your unique place in the world?
- Please describe a challenge you have faced based on your identity or group affiliation and how you have handled the challenge. What challenges and/or opportunities do you think might arise based on your identity during your study abroad program?