

Application Instructions
Bedell World Citizenship Experience Asia Scholarship
available through the Study Abroad office for students studying abroad for a semester or an academic year

Accessing the application

The application is a fillable PDF form. You must print the completed document and submit it to the Study Abroad office. You can open and fill out the form using any free program, such as Acrobat Reader, that opens PDF forms.

Eligibility requirements

- Undergraduate, full-time, degree-seeking UI students in good academic standing
- Native Iowa resident (defined as an individual who was born in Iowa and has spent the majority of his/her/ze life in Iowa)
- Minimum 3.33 overall cumulative GPA with at least 12 semester hours earned by application deadline
- Demonstrated financial need (attach a copy of your financial aid award notification)
- Application to an approved, academic-credit-granting study abroad program where Japanese, Chinese, or Korean is the primary language

Completing the application

Submit each of the following documents to the Study Abroad office by the application deadline:

- **Application form.**
- **Statement of proposed study:** On a separate sheet of paper, in 750 words or less, describe the study abroad program in which you intend to participate and/or the independent study project you are planning to undertake. Include details about how the time abroad along with the language aspect of the program will impact your future academic and personal goals. *Be sure to include your name and UID in the upper-right corner of the page.*
- **Personal profile:** On a separate sheet of paper, in 750 words or less, write a narrative description of yourself, explaining why you believe you are a strong candidate for a *merit*-based study abroad scholarship. This statement should deal with your personal history, family background, intellectual interests, educational achievements, cultural opportunities to which you have been exposed, demonstrated interest in acquisition of a foreign language, commitment to pursuing lifetime language learning, and the ways in which these experiences have affected you. Include information about awards or recognition you have received, participation in extracurricular activities, and special interests and abilities. *Be sure to include your name and UID in the upper-right corner of the page.*
- **Unofficial Grade Report:** This is available on ISIS (look for the Completed Grades link under Student Records). *Be sure to write your name and UID in the upper-right corner of the page if it is not printed on the grade report.*
- **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Referees should know you well and be Professors and/or Teaching Assistants at the University of Iowa. There are two forms labeled “Request for Recommendation Letter” on Page 3 of this application. Be sure to ask your referees early to give them plenty of time to complete the recommendation and return it to you for inclusion with your scholarship application. The instructions state the letter should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the recommender’s signature over the flap. Both Letters of Recommendation must be submitted with the rest of your application packet before the deadline.

Submit the complete application packet to the Study Abroad office (1111 University Capitol Centre) by the application deadline. ***Incomplete application packets will NOT be accepted.***

Deadlines

Check the deadlines posted on the Study Abroad web site (<http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding>). Late applications will not be accepted. Please inform your referees of the deadline. **NOTE: Only complete application packets will be accepted (including Letters of Recommendation)!**

Selection process

After the deadline, all applications will be reviewed by the Study Abroad Scholarship Committee. At least three members will review each application independently. You will be notified of the outcome at the conclusion of the process. Note: It may take several weeks. Please be patient!

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 faculty committees at the University of Iowa and with administrators of the scholarship program. In addition, notices about recipients of UI-administered scholarship programs are often sent to hometown newspapers for publication. No other persons outside the University are routinely provided this information.

Request for Letter of Recommendation

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To be completed by the applicant: Name of applicant: _____

_____ Name of referee: _____

Application Deadline

Referee's department: _____

I have not waived my right to review the letter of recommendation you write on my behalf.

To the student:

Please give this form to your referee with your Application Deadline included. (The deadlines are on the Study Abroad website.)

To the referee:

Please explain why you believe this student should be awarded a scholarship for study abroad. In addition, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. The Study Abroad Scholarship Committee will appreciate your candid appraisal of the applicant's academic and personal suitability for his/her proposed program of study abroad, and of the suitability of the program abroad to the applicant's academic program.

Please return your recommendation to the student in an envelope bearing your signature over the sealed flap. The student is required to submit the Letter of Recommendation with the rest of their application by the deadline for consideration.

Thank you.

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