



LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EXPOSURE TRAVEL AWARDS

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization is pleased to provide several travel awards of up to \$4,000 each, depending on budgetary needs of the project, each academic year (including Summer). This award cycle is for the academic year 2008–2009. The Language and Cultural Exposure Travel Awards have been made available by way of a partnership with the UW Institute for National Security Education and Research in the Information School (INSER). INSER is an Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence designated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Awards will be given on a competitive basis to both undergraduate and graduate students who are U.S. citizens, and who wish to immerse themselves in the cultures of the Middle East or Central Asia. Students must be currently enrolled full-time at the UW. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a deep appreciation for the culture they wish to study, who show a high level of interest in issues relevant to national security and intelligence, and who hold a 3.5 GPA or higher in his/her major and a 3.26 overall GPA. Students can represent any of the academic disciplines in the Arts & Sciences.

Selected award recipients will be expected to do the following:

1. Select, and be accepted to, a reputable language program overseas in a country approved for travel by the U.S. Department of State. Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult State Department warnings concerning the country or countries to which they plan to travel and to avoid traveling to countries restricted by such warnings.
2. Enroll in **FSTDY 300** (12) through the UW Office of International Programs & Exchanges (IP&E) for the quarter student is abroad.

*Please follow the instructions on the following **two** sets of forms to ensure “concurrent enrollment” while overseas:*

- <http://ipe.washington.edu/forms/UFOpacket.pdf>
- <http://ipe.washington.edu/forms/CE.pdf>

*Any questions regarding this process can be directed to Cameron Frisch, Interim Executive Director, IP&E:
cfrisch@u.washington.edu*

3. Within one (1) month of returning to the US, the student will write a 15 to 20 page research essay and submit it by e-mail to his/her faculty advisor and INSER. Before leaving, the student must choose an advisor from among the permanent faculty at UW, who will be responsible for grading the paper, and the advisor should e-mail INSER to confirm his/her agreement to do so. The research topic also should be agreed upon in writing by advisor and student before leaving. Students

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5. Also:

- Students will attend the UW-sponsored orientation program informing them of the details of travel in the region.
- Students will complete an exit interview at INSER within one month of their return.
- Before and after the date of travel, students will participate in one or more events/activities sponsored by INSER. (INSER will provide information about the activities.)
- Students must fulfill all the requirements; failure to meet all the requirements will result in the retraction of the travel award or repayment of the award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES Undergraduate and Graduate students wanting to apply should gather the following materials:

- *Application Form*
- *Current Curriculum Vitae*
- *Personal Statement that clarifies the reason for your interest in traveling to the Middle East or Central Asia and explains how the travel will result in the student's better understanding of issues relevant to national security and intelligence. This statement must include the specific region or country to which you wish to travel, dates of travel, and should provide a sense of what you intend to study while you are there.*
- *Evidence of Prior Research*
- *Learning Objectives Statement*
- *Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (which state clearly what qualifications you possess that make you an appropriate candidate for travel abroad)*
- *Unofficial Transcript (UW and previous institutions if this is your first quarter at UW)*

The deadline for travel applications is December 15th for ALL travel during Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.

Send application packages to:

Chair, NELC Travel Abroad Awards Committee
Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilization
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