

Notes from the

CHID Study Abroad Scholarship info session with

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Sara Stubbs is the Global Opportunities Adviser in the Center for Experiential Learning. She joined us to talk about ways to fund your study abroad experience. Sara emphasized that she's available to advise students on any part of the scholarship process, from finding a scholarship to writing the application essay. You can get in touch with her at goglobal@uw.edu. Also, check out the Go Global website at <http://goglobal.washington.edu>, especially their Resources page, for great info on various scholarships! Drop-in advising is available on Mondays from 10am-12pm and Thursdays from 3:30-5pm in Mary Gates 171.

Make sure you like the UW Office of Merit Scholarships and UW Global Opportunities – both frequently post scholarship opportunities!

Please also always feel free to contact us in the CHID International office (chidint@uw.edu) for help with scholarship applications or other funding questions.

Here are a few highlights from our meeting:

There is a searchable database available through the UW Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards that allows you to narrow scholarships down by field, interest, etc.:

<http://expd.washington.edu/user?destination=node%2F144%3F>

Go! and Fritz Scholarships

- There are two UW-based study abroad scholarships: the Go! and the Fritz. The average award amount for each of these is \$2500 per student, based on merit and need.
- Both applications require an 800-word essay, and you can use the same essay for both applications (different committees review them)
- The best application essays strongly demonstrate both the academic and personal relevance of the study abroad experience for you – and Sara is available to help you with these!
- Funding is available for Summer, Early Fall or Fall programs
- Can be applied to any type of study abroad program (direct exchange, exploration seminar, etc.)
- The deadline for both is April 25th, 2013
- Go! Scholarship key facts:
 - o Funded by Washington State
 - o You must be a Washington State resident
 - o You must be Pell Grant and/or Husky Promise eligible
 - o The application requires an extra 300-word essay that talks about your personal financial circumstances and need

- 20-25% of applicants receive funding
- Fritz Scholarship key facts:
 - Privately funded
 - You must be a social science or humanities major (see the Go Global website for a list)
 - You must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
 - 10-15% of applicants receive funding
- Attend info sessions on these scholarships on Friday, 3/29 at 12:30pm, and Tuesday, 4/16 at 3:30pm in Mary Gates 171!

The Gilman Scholarship

- Need-based, funded by the US Department of State
- Deadline is March 5th for Summer & Fall funding, early October for Winter & Spring funding
- Average award is \$4000
- Additional funding is available if you are going abroad to study a “critical language” (see the Go Global website or <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program/About-the-Program> for a list)
- You must be a US Citizen and eligible for a Pell Grant to receive funding
- You must be going abroad for at least 28 consecutive days (this can be an issue with some exploration seminars – if this affects you it’s possible to petition to stay a bit longer in order to be eligible)
- This scholarship is NOT applicable to countries (such as Cuba and Mexico) that are on the US Travel Warning list
- The application includes a personal essay, plus a project proposal for a follow-up service project that you’ll complete when you return to Seattle
- This scholarship tends to favor less frequently-visited destinations and longer trips, though this is not a rule!

Other sources of funding

- DAAD – if you’re going to Germany to study abroad, there are many scholarships available through this organization
- Boren Scholarships: focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to US national security
- FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarships) and Critical Language scholarships

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