Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Students who plan to use scholarships awarded by Pitt upon their acceptance to the University should fill out the **University Scholarship Applicability Form** which will be available to students once they begin the application process on the Study Abroad website. Students must also check with the provider of their scholarship (i.e. Honors College, Chancellor's Scholarship) to make sure that it will be applicable to study abroad. If it is deemed applicable, students should be aware of exactly what the scholarship covers (i.e. if can it be applied to the cost of housing and meals or is it solely designed to cover the cost of tuition, etc).

Beginning in the fall 2008 term, incoming students who are recipients of University sponsored tuition or tuition, room and board scholarships will have their scholarship adjusted. The tuition scholarship amount will be: for Pennsylvania residents, an amount equivalent to the undergraduate School of Arts and Sciences, Pittsburgh campus tuition charge; for non-Pennsylvania residents, an amount 50% greater than that charged to Pennsylvania residents, adjusted annually.

Students may apply to a range of scholarship possibilities to help defray the cost of a study abroad program. Some such scholarships include:

Nationality Rooms Scholarships:

- Approximately 25-30 scholarships are awarded annually for summer study abroad. Students must have a minimum QPA of 3.0; be a full-time student on the Oakland campus (graduate-level or undergraduate with 60-90 credits); be an American citizen or permanent resident; be on campus for two semesters prior to the study abroad and return to the Oakland campus as a full-time student for two semesters immediately following the summer experience. Proposals must include a minimum five-week stay and earn University of Pittsburgh credit. Applications available the Monday after Thanksgiving break. Application deadline is near the end of January. Contact the Nationality Rooms Office in 1209 Cathedral for exact deadlines and more information.

Jack Wilson Fund:

To provide financial assistance for innovative, international opportunities that fosters an appreciation of and better understanding among different cultures. Priority will be given to ideas that promote peace and community development.

Eligibility:

- Pursue a degree or studies in: *international affairs, political science, world cultures, inter-cultural communications, social work, education, art, music*
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Institution at which to use scholarship: Carlow University, Chatham University, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, St. Vincent College, University of Akron and the University of Pittsburgh.
- Complete an application and include a one and a half page essay explaining how this project will promote peace and community development or is of some other use to the country being visited.
- Have completed at least three years of undergraduate work or be enrolled in a graduate program.
- Have a plan to visit another country for the purpose of increasing understanding of other cultures. This plan should include a specific service-oriented project.
- Provide an interim report acknowledging receipt of funds and arrival at the destination and a detailed follow-up report of their project within two months of its completion.
- Maintain a GPA of: 2.00
- Write and submit an essay: *a one and a half page essay explaining how this project will promote peace and community development or is of some other use to the country being visited*

How to apply:

- Provide a high school transcript.
- Provide a college transcript.
- Provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Provide one letter of reference.
- Write and submit an essay: *a one and a half page essay explaining how this project will promote peace and community development or is of some other use to the country being visited*

Contact for more information:

- The Pittsburgh Foundation: Deborah Turner - turnerd@pghfdn.org

Scholarships Managed by Academic Departments:

Center for Global Health Student Travel Grants

Student Global Travel Grants are intended to partially support international travel expenses for masters or doctoral students enrolled in one of the six health science schools, the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, or the School of Law at the University of Pittsburgh who wish to conduct research in an international setting. The research project must address a global health issue, and preference will be given to projects conducted in a developing country or resource-poor setting. Refer to the guidelines and application instructions for additional details.

College of General Studies Non-traditional Part-time Student Study Abroad Scholarship

The College of General Studies Student Government in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh's Study Abroad Department has established a scholarship to assist a nontraditional student to study abroad during his or her academic career. The scholarship is for $1,000, and the award will be presented at the Excellence in CGS Reception.

Criteria for the Award:

- Currently enrolled, **part-time**, as a College of General Studies Student;
- Be 25 years of age or older;
- Must have obtained at least 60 college credits, of which 30 must be in the College of General Studies;
- Must have a minimum Q.P.A. of 3.0 at the University of Pittsburgh;
- Must register as at least a part-time student for two (2) terms immediately after this study abroad experience (i.e. not intending to transfer to another institution to complete undergraduate degree);
- Must participate in a study abroad program for academic credit; and,
- **Must present a short synopsis** at a CGSSG Meet-n-Greet or a CGS Alumni/Student Networking Social about what it's like to study abroad as a nontraditional student and the study abroad experience.

Awards are based on the Following Criteria:

- Quality of the essay and study proposal
- Academic performance
- Interview with the Study Abroad Scholarship Selection Committee (note: not all applicants are granted an interview and candidates for interview will be notified).
- Timeline for Application is the following:

  November 1st-Applications made available - Download the Application
  January 25th- Applications and all supporting materials are due in office
  Interviews in mid February
  Award notification end February

- *Dorot Foundation Study in Israel*
  Grants up to $1000 are available for full-time undergraduates (and a limited number for graduates and professional school students) for summer study in Israel. Please contact the Jewish Studies Program in 2606 Cathedral of Learning for more information.

- *Italian Department Scholarships for Pitt in Italy*
  These grants are for participation in the Pitt in Italy program. Please contact the Department of French and Italian in 1328 CL, or the Study Abroad Office. You may also visit the website for more information: http://www.frenchanditalian.pitt.edu/

- **Generously sponsored by:**
  The Herbert Constant Fund
  The Eleni Contis Fund
  The Department of French and Italian
  The Dante Alighieri Society Student Resource Fund

  If a student's department is not listed above, s/he should check to see if there are any scholarships or financial assistance for available for participation on a study abroad program.

University Center for International Studies Scholarships

- *International Studies Fund*

  Application Form

  The International Studies Fund (ISF) is intended to help students at the University of Pittsburgh to conduct research on international issues or in international settings. “International” is defined as relating to another country or culture, comparative analysis covering more than one country or culture, studies of international relations or of transnational activities, or studies which examine topics related to global issues.

  Important: ISF grants may not be used for tuition, language study, internships and other non-research related expenses. Conference, workshop or symposium travel is not eligible for funding under the ISF program.

  The application deadline is March 15.

Eligibility

Full-time graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Pittsburgh from all Schools and Campuses are eligible to submit a proposal, including international degree-seeking students. Visiting and non-degree students are not eligible to apply. Awardees must be enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh when applying and when using the award. Only one International Studies Fund award per student and fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) is allowed.

Evaluation Criteria

The ISF selection committee uses the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

- Is this an original and important project?
- Does the proposal include sufficient information about the project?
- Is the information clearly presented and understandable to non-specialists?
- Are the activities proposed appropriate to the overall project?
- Will the project lead to or conclude a larger overall agenda?
- Is the proposed budget reasonable for the activities proposed?

Amount of Grant

The maximum grant amount is $1,000. Because of the limited availability of funds, smaller requests may be more likely to be funded. Grants awarded must be used by June 30 of the next calendar year.

Allowable Expenses

- Ground and air transportation to and from research site.
- Lodging and meal expenses while conducting research.
- Copy and other duplication costs.
- Books and subscriptions, if justifiably necessary for the research project.
- Foreign language tutoring or translation if justifiably necessary for research.
- Visa and immunization expenses.

Non-allowable Expenses

- Travel expenses for individuals other than the applicant.
- Equipment.
- Membership fees.
- Tuition or course fees.
- Travel and living expenses for non-research related activities

Application Procedure

An International Studies Fund application form, along with a short proposal, must be submitted to initiate the review process. Applications will be reviewed by committee. Awardees will be notified approximately three weeks after the deadline.

Grantee Obligations

- All research involving interventions or interactions with individuals or the collection of identifiable private information concerning living individuals requires prospective Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Grantees are responsible for obtaining IRB approval when required, and must provide documentation of IRB approval before a grant can be awarded. For further information, check the IRB web site at www.irb.pitt.edu. If IRB approval cannot be obtained prior to the ISF deadline due to circumstances outside the applicant's control, a written explanation with expected approval date must be attached to the application.
- Grantees are required to submit a final report explaining the use of the funds and the outcomes of the supported activity no later than one month after the activity is completed. Failure to submit a final report will disqualify the ISF recipient from future ISF competitions.

Deadline

March 15, annually.

Contact

For questions, e-mail ucis@pitt.edu.

- *Go Abroad.com*
  - http://www.go-study-abroad.com/
  - GO! Overseas is proud to support international education through scholarships available to students participating in study abroad programs. Scholarships are awarded each year. The scholarship is awarded based on the creativity and analytical thinking displayed through writing samples and/or video submissions
- *Newman Award for International Intergenerational Project Initiatives (Graduate Level and Rising Undergraduate Seniors)*

Application Form

The Newman Award for International Intergenerational Project Initiatives is intended to partially support the expenses of international travel incurred by University of Pittsburgh graduate and rising undergraduate senior students involved in an academic project with an international intergenerational component. Intergenerational projects involve the

participation of a community's older and younger persons in planned, ongoing interactions designed to address a social issue confronting the community. These projects directly impact the health, education or overall quality of life of the community's young and old.

Eligibility

Full time graduate students at the University of Pittsburgh enrolled in a UCIS graduate certificate program during the grant award period, as well as, rising undergraduate seniors are eligible to apply. A student must have a faculty supervisor for their trip abroad and the experience should enable the student to receive academic credit for the work completed.

The geographic location of the project must reflect the regional focus of the student's UCIS certificate program. Applicants may propose participation in a new intergenerational initiative (supervised by a Pitt faculty member), or join an existing Pitt program or project with an intergenerational component. An applicant may propose continuing in a project in which the student participated the previous year. Field research projects and internships may be eligible for support.

Amount of Grant

This award is $1,000. The award is competitive, and only one award will be available in any academic year.

Allowable Expenses

The award may be used to support the applicant's ground and air transportation to and from the project site, and lodging and meal expenses while during the project.

Funding Priorities

Beyond the basic criteria described above, preference will be given to projects that have a potential for continuing beyond the student's participation, and of having a future impact on the local community through a linkage with a local or regional initiative.

Grantee Obligations

- Those projects including research involving interventions or interactions with individuals or the collection of identifiable private information concerning living individuals require prospective Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Grantees are responsible for obtaining IRB approval when required, and must provide documentation of IRB approval before a grant can be awarded. For further information, check the IRB web site at www.irb.pitt.edu . In the case of observing an intergenerational project, the proposed project may be exempt but it is the responsibility of the student to contact the IRB for guidance.
- Grantees must provide evidence of other sources of available or expected funding to meet remaining project costs.
- Grantees are required to submit a final report explaining the use of the funds and the outcomes of the supported activity no later than two months after the activity is completed. There is an opportunity for students to revise their report and create an article suitable for publication consideration in the Journal of Intergenerational Relationships.

Application Procedure and Deadline

An application form, along with a short proposal and relevant letters of recommendation must be submitted to initiate the review process. Applications for the Newman Award, to be applied in the summer term of 2010, must be submitted no later than March 26, 2010. Application forms are available online at www.ucis.pitt.edu, or by e-mailing esm17@pitt.edu.

- **Graduate Fellowship Database**- http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/?p=132

International Research Opportunities for Undergraduates

One of the greatest benefits a major research university such as Pitt can provide to its undergraduate students is the exposure to world-class research. This can be accomplished in a number of ways: faculty share results from their ongoing work in the classroom, involve students as research assistants, or serve as mentors on students' own research projects.

The University of Pittsburgh prides itself on encouraging undergraduate involvement in original research. This section is intended to summarize undergraduate research opportunities in international studies – both abroad and at home, for credit and non-credit.

Kessler Scholarship

The award is offered every year in the amount of $2,000 for study or research in Germany by a student enrolled in the certificate program for West European or EU studies.

F For more information about this research opportunity, go to http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce/content/undergraduate-student-scholarships-and-fellowships or contact Steve Lund at slund@pitt.edu or 412-648-7422.

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Europe East and West: Undergraduate Research Symposium

The Symposium is an annual event sponsored by REES and CWES. It is intended to provide advanced research experiences to undergraduate students. The format of the event is patterned after conferences traditionally held at the graduate level. Students present papers on any topic pertaining to Central, Eastern, or Western Europe, Russia, or the European Union. Papers can also be on a regional comparative theme (e.g. EU to US). Within the announced application period, the students submit abstracts and preliminary visions on their papers. A faculty selection committee determines those who qualify to present their papers at the symposium. The selected students are assisted by appointed graduate students to work on revising their papers and to improve their presentation skills. At the event, the selected students will make 10-15 minute presentations based on their research papers to a panel of faculty and graduate students. The winners on each panel receive cash prizes, and the winning papers are published.

For more information about this research opportunity, go to www.ucis.pitt.edu/ursymposium or contact Kathleen Puccia at kpuccia@ucis.pitt.edu or 412-383-7694.

Global Studies Student Research Symposium

- This event provides recognition and cash prizes for excellent student scholarship on global issues and trends relating to the program's global concentrations. All Pitt majors/schools are eligible.
- For more information about this research opportunity, go to www.ucis.pitt.edu/global or contact Lisa S. Alfredson at lsa@ucis.pitt.edu or 412-624-2918.

Islam: Historical and Contemporary Influences on Society and Culture: 2006 CERIS Undergraduate Research Symposium

Every year the Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS), a 26 member consortium in the tri-state area, hosts an undergraduate research symposium each spring. Within an announced application period, students submit abstracts and, if accepted by a faculty screening committee, are invited to present their research at the symposium to a panel of faculty and community judges. In addition to the presentations, the event includes a luncheon, keynote address, and special reception where cash prizes totaling $500 are awarded to the most noteworthy participants. Winning papers are also published on the CERIS Web site.

For more information about this research opportunity, go to www.cerisnet.org or contact Elaine Linn at EEL58@ucis.pitt.edu or 412-624-4780.

OTHER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

International and Area Studies Bachelor of Philosophy degree (Global Studies Track)

This BPhil is an interdisciplinary research-based degree offered by the University Honors College in collaboration with the Global Studies Program in the University Center for International Studies. Students complete a plan of studies involving coursework, foreign language, and study abroad, as well as publicly defend a research thesis, which is completed under the supervision of a faculty member.

For more information about this research opportunity, go to www.ucis.pitt.edu/global or contact Elaine Linn at eel58@pitt.edu or 412-628-2113.

Latin American Seminar and Field Trip

Each year, the Center for Latin American Studies sponsors a seminar followed by a six-week field trip to Latin America. The program is open to undergraduates with a QPA of at least 2.75 who are enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh and its branch campuses as well as undergraduate students enrolled in Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, Carlow College, Chatham College, CCAC, Point Park University, La Roche College and Robert Morris University. The 12 to 15 students selected for the program participate in both a spring term seminar and a summer session field trip to Latin America.

The interdisciplinary Spring Term Seminar, ARTSC 1501 (3 credits), is designed to prepare students for the field trip. During the seminar, students examine the history, culture, demography and geography, politics, and social structure of the country to be visited. Materials dealing with cross-cultural communication and the challenges and rewards of the international living experience are also introduced. Additionally, students are guided through the design of individual research projects that they carry out during the field trip.

During the Summer Session Field Trip, ARTSC 1502 (6 credits), students spend six weeks in Latin America, residing with their Spanish-speaking host families and carrying out their research projects. The nine credits earned for successful completion of the seminar and field trip is applied toward the Undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies. These are upper level course credits and meet the foreign culture curriculum requirement.

Students are required to have developed, or to develop during the Spring Term, sufficient proficiency in Spanish (or Portuguese for Brazil) to conduct research and to communicate with the host families. (Language courses, offered in the Spring Term, may be required to develop the needed proficiency.)

The cost of the program is 6 credits' tuition (at the in-state rate), fees, plus $1000 for the field expenses. The balance of all costs for round-trip air fare, in-country excursions, as well as room and board with a host family is paid by the Center.

Application forms for the seminar/field trip and further details about the program are available at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 4200 Posvar Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. The application deadline is in early October.

For more information about this research opportunity, go to www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas or contact Shirley Kregar at kregar@ucis.pitt.edu or 412-648-7392.

Advanced Mastery Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Language Summer (contingent upon receipt of grant funding)

This intensive summer language study abroad course is taking place from June 21 to July 30 of 2010. The students will spend preparatory time in Pittsburgh followed by travel in Zagreb, Sarajevo, and Belgrade. The course is designed for very advanced heritage and non-heritage speakers of Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS) and will focus on achieving professional language competence in journalistic, legalistic, scholarly, and literary styles of BCS. Lecturers and scholars from Serbia, Croatia, and Bosnia will deliver lectures before the Pitt students. Libraries, media, and archives in each city visited will be used for developing research topics. A research paper completed in BCS by the students will be required in this course.

For more information about this research opportunity, go to www.ucis.pitt.edu/crees or contact Vera Sebulsky at ved5@pitt.edu or 412-648-7418.

National Scholarship Competitions, such as Fulbright, Gilman, Boren, among others.

Rotary Foundation International Scholarships
Contact your local Rotary Club for more information: www.rotary.org

Bridging Scholarships
Sponsored by the Association of Teachers of Japanese, scholarships are available for students who study in Japan for one semester or a full year. Scholarship winners will receive a stipend of $2,500 for a semester or $4,000 for a one year program. Eligible applicants are undergraduate students majoring in any field of study. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Visit www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html for more information.

AIEJ (Association for International Education in Japan) Scholarships
Scholarships are available to Pitt students studying for one year at Kansai Gaidai, Ritsumeikan, or Konan universities. The scholarships can provide round-trip airfare, monthly stipend, and settling-in stipend. For more information, please contact the Asian Studies Center.

Freeman Asian Scholarships
Generous grants for at least 8 weeks of study in Asia provided by the Freeman Foundation. Visit www.iie.org/pgms/freeman-asia/ for more information.

Boren Awards for International Study
These awards are for mature students who focus on countries and languages outside of Western

Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Offers scholarships for undergraduates for full year programs in Germany.

Masa Israel Grants
Students or students studying for a semester or full year in Israel may be awarded up to $200.00 for their program.

Some **Pitt-Recognized programs** offer scholarship opportunities specifically to students who apply to them.

- There are scholarships designed for underrepresented students such as African Americans, students with disabilities, and Latin American students. While the scholarships listed below provide a variety of opportunities for students, they are not an exhaustive list of possibilities.
    - **Access International Education**
        - This site is intended for students who are members of underrepresented groups. It guides and prepares them for internationalizing their education and what to expect from the experience. This page shares testimonial from actual students, provides scholarship information, directs to further readings for personal research, and contains additional links to review.
    - **Institute for International Public Policy**
    - **Black Excel**
    - **African American Scholarships**
    - **NAACP: Scholarship Programs**
    - **National Society of Black Engineers: Scholarships**
    - **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**
    - **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) and Laureate**

Additional Resources

For more scholarship opportunities, students may begin their search by clicking on the websites listed below. This is not an exhaustive list and students are encouraged to pursue all available avenues in their funding search:

- **IIE Passport: Study Abroad Funding Page (www.studyabroadfunding.org)**
  Provides comprehensive search engine for students going abroad; identifies various scholarships, grants, and fellowships based on the following search criteria (self-selected): country; subject; and factors such as students' ethnicity, gender, and other personally identifying factors.

- **International Education Financial Aid**
- **www.fastweb.com**
- **www.finaid.org/otheraid/exchange.phtml**
- **www.istc.umn.edu/study/scholarships.html**
- **International Scholarships**
  Scholarship database that allows students to search for and browse awards based on award type, location, and field of study (all 3 websites give access to the same database).
- **International Student Exchange & Study Abroad Resource Center**
- **Study Abroad Links**
  Provides links to a listing of both scholarships designed for specific purposes (language learning, area-focused, etc.) and also general scholarship providers.
- **British Council – U.S.A.**
  Scholarship database with funding opportunities redeemable through various universities in the United Kingdom ; available for undergraduate and graduate students studying abroad in the U.K.