

# Manchester The Miller Study Abroad Scholarship Award **Application Process**

## WHAT IS IT?

Because of their interest in international cultures, Ed and Martha Miller established this scholarship to aid students who desire to study and learn abroad. These awards normally range from \$500-1000 and are in addition to and beyond the usual student aid and normal finances of the student. Any Manchester University undergraduate student enrolled full-time who plans to study abroad for a year, semester, or January Session is eligible, with preference given to students majoring in the natural and health sciences.

#### **APPLICATION**

- **QUESTIONS**. Please answer the following questions:
  - o What is the study abroad program in which you will be participating, including dates?
  - o Will credits earned from the study abroad program count toward your major or minor?
  - o Have you previously received the Miller Study Abroad Scholarship Award?
- ☐ **ESSAYS**. Please respond to the following prompts:
  - Describe why you chose this study abroad program.
  - o Describe how this study abroad program fits into your personal, educational, and career goals.
  - Describe how you prepared for this program? (language and cultural preparation, coursework taken, relevant extracurricular or volunteer activities, consideration of your own cultural identities)
- ☐ BUDGET. Include a budget for the full, study abroad experience that provides financial context for this Miller Study Abroad Scholarship Award. Provide a complete breakdown of all the costs related to the program (travel, passport/visa, program fees, etc.). Also, include a description of your sources of money already available to pay for this experience and an explanation of what you have done, or will do, to earn money for it.
- ☐ **RESUME.** Include a current resume, showing GPA, year in school, major, graduation date, and academic advisor.
- ☐ FACULTY ENDORSEMENT FORM. Have an MU faculty member complete the faculty endorsement form and submit it directly to Pam Karkosky by the application due date.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 1. Recipients will be selected on the basis of merit, motivation, and need. Merit is indicated by the applicant's application quality and faculty recommendation. Motivation may be demonstrated through preparation and curiosity about the applicant's chosen program topic(s) and location(s). Need is shown through the submitted budget and sources of financial support. Note that applicants may be asked to have an interview with the selection committee if clarification is needed.
- 2. Award recipients must arrange and participate in the study abroad experience of a year, semester, or January Session between May 2020 - April 2021, prior to graduation. Failure to participate in the study abroad experience for which the award was given will result in the loss of funds. Students who withdraw from or are dismissed from the study abroad experience may need to return all or part of the award. Study abroad experiences for which an award may be used are subject to approval.
- 3. Preference will be given to students who have not received other study abroad scholarships administered by MU.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS DATES**

March 24, 2020: Application due date for May 2020 – April 2021 cycle.

March 30, 2020: Notification of award recipients

April 5, 2020: Deadline for acceptance

Please submit all materials by Tuesday, 24 March 2020 via email to:

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