EDUCATION ABROAD NETWORK
SPRING 2016 MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

LEARNING ABROAD CENTER
University of Minnesota
Today’s Focus

- Announcements
- Learning Abroad Center Scholarship Updates
- Office of Undergraduate Research
- International Undergraduate Research
- International Undergraduate Research Opportunities Scholarship (I-UROP Scholarship)
Updates to Current Scholarships

Study Abroad Scholarship

- Aimed towards students who are not eligible for the financial need or diversity scholarship
  - Cannot be combined with Diversity or Financial Need scholarships
- Now includes Freshman Seminar programs
- Award amounts for select terms are increasing

Financial Need Scholarship

- No longer giving preference to first generation college students
- Award amounts for select terms are increasing
Updates to Current Scholarships

Diversity Scholarship

• Definition of diversity more closely aligns with the UMN and preference is no longer give to students with disabilities, students of color, and GLBT students.

“For the purpose of this scholarship, diversity may include (but is not limited to) cultural, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, first generation college students, military, ethnic, or racial identities that contribute to the diversity of the student body.”

• Award amounts for select terms are increasing
Cost Effective Semester Programs

- Identified semester programs within 10% more or within 20% more than the cost of attendance on campus
- [http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/choosingprogram/comparingcosts/costeffectiveprograms](http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/choosingprogram/comparingcosts/costeffectiveprograms)
- Based on resident tuition and living on campus compared to total cost of participation for the study abroad program (minus airfare)
- Potential “Fund the Gap” scholarship
Scholarship Reviewers

• Thank you!

• Contact Angela (ford0174@umn.edu) if interested in reviewing scholarships in the future or visit www.umabroad.umn.edu/professionals/faculty/scholarship
LAC Research Programs Abroad

- Enhance the undergraduate learning experience
- Projects can encompass a wide variety of academic fields
- Deepen student learning
- Develop investigative skills
- Observe unique aspects of the host culture, especially in relation to research approaches
- Undertake research not available in Minnesota
International UROP Scholarship History

Partnership between the Office of Undergraduate Education, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) and the Learning Abroad Center
I-UROP Overview

• Close to 40 scholarships awarded, $75,000 total
• Beginning Spring 2016 awards increased to $2,500
• Deadlines: early May for academic year and fall semester programs, late October for spring semester programs
LAC Research Programs Abroad

• Projects can be:
  – Qualitative- case study, survey, ethnography, historical
  – Quantitative- descriptive, correlational, experimental

• Faculty mentor guides student through research process in credit-bearing course
  – Advise on question, design, data collection, analysis, communication of results
  – LAC and on-site staff collaborate in monitoring human and animal subjects research
Research Resources

- “Program Features” on program search page

- Undergraduate Research Abroad- new page
I-UROP Scholarship Eligibility

- Fall, Spring semester and Academic Year programs
- 100 hours of dedicated research onsite
- Students must enroll in a course while abroad in which a faculty member oversees the student's project, provides guidance on content and methodology, issues a grade for the student's completed research paper, and ensures that at least 100 hours are dedicated to research (not coursework)
Examples of I-UROP Eligible Programs

- **LAC Programs**
  - Arabic Language & Culture in Morocco
  - MSID Ecuador, India, Kenya, Senegal, Thailand
  - Study Abroad in Montpellier
  - Study Abroad in Denmark

- **Exchanges and University Study**
  - Nagoya Exchange
  - University of Sydney, Uni of Limerick, Hebrew Uni, Lancaster Uni

- **Affiliate Programs**
  - Select sites for: Arcadia, CET, CIEE, HECUA, IES, IFSA, SFS, SIT
Sample International UROP Titles

Similarities and differences between prominent Western views of health in the U.S. and the views of health in India

Tiritiri Matangi Wildlife Sanctuary tourism and preservation

Auckland’s food system in an urban setting

Industrializing in relation to art in Montpellier, France

Discrepancies in the distribution of free primary education funds in Kenya: lessons from Nairobi, Kilifi, Kitui and Kisumu Counties

Teenage health in rural Ecuador
Don’t Know Where to Begin?

• Encourage students to attend a Program Selection Meeting (PSA) to start with

• I-UROP First Contact: Jackie Kujawa, LAC

• 624.3627 or kujaw036@umn.edu
Student indicates they are interested in the I-UROP Scholarship. This can happen before or after program confirmation.

Student must identify a topic or general idea that they are interested in research and must meet with program team to determine feasibility of project.

Student submits I-UROP Scholarship application with a general idea of what they hope to research.
I-UROP Application Process

• Application reviewed in partnership with Vicky Munro, UROP office.

• If approved, student receives notification from the LAC and scholarship posted for upcoming term.

• Vicky emails the student asking for a detailed research proposal due after the program begins.
Any research students conduct while abroad must be done with the appropriate permission (whether it is funded by I-UROP or not).

On-site staff and LAC staff work closely with students and research advisors to ensure that research is permissible both in-country and according to US standards.

In particular, research with human subjects, which is subject to IRB review is closely managed.
Upon Completion of Study Abroad Program

The student is required to:
• Submit a UROP final report
• Submit a UROP evaluation
• Make a presentation on their research at their study abroad site or in the US or provide information to the University's Digital Conservancy (UDC)

Failure to comply with the submission requirements will result in the rescinding of the I-UROP Scholarship.
Thank you!