



Center for International Programs Study Abroad Travel Award Application

West Chester University’s *Center for International Programs (CIP)* is proud to offer students the opportunity to apply for the Study Abroad Travel Awards each year. Awards ranging in the amount of \$300.00-\$2,000.00 will be given to selected students participating in approved study abroad programs. West Chester University’s Strategic Plan, *Building on Excellence*, has made the objective to increase the international educational opportunities for students a top priority.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be a West Chester University degree-seeking student
- Must be participating in a credit-bearing program (either WCU faculty-led program or pre-approved program provider)
- Preference will be given to students demonstrating high financial need.
- Preference will be given to students who have not previously received the Study Abroad Travel Award.

Important Application Dates

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, however review of applications for each term will begin on the dates below. Students are encouraged to submit their applications prior to these dates for the highest consideration. Applications submitted after the dates below for each term will be considered based on the criteria above and the availability of funds.

Summer Term Abroad – March 1st
 Fall/Academic Year Abroad – July 1st
 Winter/Spring Abroad – November 1st

Student Name	
Last Name	First Name
Middle Name	West Chester ID #
Name You Use	

Current Address/E Mail			
Street			
City	State	Zip Code	Cell Phone
WCU E-mail Address			

Permanent Address			
Street			
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone

Academic/Program Information	
College <i>(Education, Arts & Sciences, etc.)</i>	Acad. Level <i>(Fresh, Soph, etc)</i>
Major	Minor
Cumulative GPA	
Name of Study Abroad Program	
Location of Study Abroad Program <i>(city and country)</i>	
Name of WCU Program Director or Program Provider	
Term/Year of Study Abroad Program <i>(ie- Fall 2018, spring break 2028, summer 2022)</i>	
Total cost of program (including flight, meals, accommodation, and transportation)	
Do you receive a Pell Grant or are you PHEEA Qualified? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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Application Requirements

- **Letter of Application** - Provide a 1 page letter that describes your interest in applying, presents any background knowledge that you feel is relevant, articulates how the study abroad experience that you selected links to your academic and intellectual development, and discuss why you are a deserving candidate for the award.
- **Letter of Recommendation** - One letter from a faculty member or an organizational advisor that knows you well. This letter should speak to your academic ability, communication skills, and readiness for international program participation. The letter must be submitted directly to you by the recommender to include with your application materials.
- **Official or Unofficial Copy of your Transcript** – You can download this directly from your MyWCU portal.
- **This Study Abroad Travel Award application form** – The form must be signed and dated below.

All of the application requirements listed above must be submitted to the Center for International Programs (3rd floor of Mitchell Hall). If you are not on campus, the mailing address is:

***Center for International Programs
320 Mitchell Hall
675 S. Church St.
West Chester, PA 19383***

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all statements made on this Study Abroad Travel Award application are true and accurate. By signing this form, I give the CIP and Study Abroad office as well as the Travel Award selection committee permission to access my financial records from the student Financial Aid office at West Chester University. I recognize that should I receive this travel award, my name, biographical information, and the amount of the award may be included on publicity generated by WCU.

I understand that I must inform the Center for International Programs in writing if I decide to cancel my participation in this program once having submitted this application, and that repayment of the Study Abroad Travel Award in full will be required.

The Center for International Programs is committed to protecting the health and safety of all students who participate in WCU Education Abroad programs. We closely monitor the recommendation of the US Government, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other organizations. There is a possibility that a WCU Education Abroad program may be cancelled if there are inherent health and safety risks in a particular country or region.

Applicant Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____