

WOMEN'S STUDIES INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Women's Studies International Experiences Scholarship was established in 2007 by an anonymous donor. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide VCU Women's Studies students with demonstrated financial need the opportunity to study abroad for academic credit as part of either a summer or semester study abroad or other international or global activist experience where academic credit is earned. The experience should be related to the study of women or associated issues and have a direct impact on the recipients' career goals. Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per recipient (depending on length and cost of individual programs) will be awarded for a total of \$10,000 per year. Recipients are expected to pay for some portion of their international experience.

Criteria and Applications Guidelines

1. Scholarships are limited to VCU Women's Studies majors (preferred) or minors. Preference will be given to students with 60 completed credit hour including at least 12 completed credit hours in Women's Studies at the time of application.
2. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application.
3. Scholarships are awarded principally on the basis of merit to students who can demonstrate financial need. Proof of financial need can be established by a FAFSA on file but other forms of documentation may be acceptable.
4. Students who have demonstrated leadership either in the University or the community at large are preferred.
5. Preference will be given to Study Abroad experiences related to the study of women or associated issues that will have a direct impact on the recipient's future career goals.
6. All Study Abroad plans must carry academic credit and be approved (prior to application) and coordinated through the VCU Office of International Education www.vcu.edu/oie.
7. Application must include:
 - Completed application form (below) and evidence of financial need (information forthcoming)
 - One page proposal including a description of the Study Abroad program, the location, dates, course of study and budget (including your contribution) signed by the Director of VCU Education Abroad.
 - 500 word clear and thoughtfully prepared essay detailing your reasons for wanting to study abroad in the program you have selected and what you expect to gain from the experience, personally and academically, particularly as it relates to your immediate and long term career goals. Essays must be typed (word processed) and double spaced. Be sure to include your name on each sheet.

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Scholarship Application**

Application Deadline: February 15, 2009

Please Answer All Questions and Type or Print Clearly

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

VCU Student # (not your ID card number) _____

Present Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Local Phone (____) _____ Permanent Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Do you have a FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office: Yes _____ No _____

Educational Status as of February 15, 2008:

Major/minor _____

Total Credit Hours _____

Total Women's Studies Credit Hours _____

Cumulative VCU GPA _____

Extracurricular Activities:

VCU Organizations and Leadership Activities:

Volunteer/Community Activities:

Honors or Awards:

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please send a copy (not electronic) of completed application, one page study abroad proposal, and 500 word essay by February 15, 2009 to:

Dr. Diana Scully
International Experience Scholarships Awards Committee
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