

Announcing the 2015-2016 Clarion University International Scholar Awards

International Scholar Awards of up to \$1,000 are available to full-time Clarion University students (Clarion & Venango campuses) with a minimum of 2.8 QPA



- **International Scholars Program**

The International Scholars Program offers competitive awards to full-time Clarion University undergraduates who plan to study abroad. This scholarship is intended for students whose study abroad experience consists of taking courses, conducting a course-related field experience or research project. The monetary award is intended to support travel, room and board, supplies or tuition for a program that qualifies for academic credit.

Award recipients will be selected by a competitive process administered by the Scholarship Committee of the International Advisory Council. All award recipients must give a presentation on their study abroad experience at the Undergraduate Research Conference held each Spring at Clarion University. If award recipients will be participating in their international experience during the spring semester, they must give their presentation at an alternative venue that must be approved by their faculty sponsor.

Applications also can be obtained in the Office of International Programs, 402 Becht Hall.

Submit application materials to International Scholar Award, Office of International Programs, 402 Becht Hall.

Fall Deadline: Oct. 30, 2015

Spring Deadline: March 25, 2016

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International Scholar Awards

Eligibility: The applicant must have completed their first semester of study, **must have a 2.8 or above QPA**, and must be registered as a full-time student at Clarion University.

The study abroad experience may be conducted in the Fall or Spring semester, or during the summer or winter intersession.

Applications must be received prior to the international experience.

The study abroad experience must be completed prior to the beginning of the applicant's last semester at Clarion University (i.e. the study abroad experience cannot take place any later than during the inter-semester break before the last spring semester of a senior graduating in May, or later than during the summer before the last fall semester of a senior graduating in December.)

The applicant must be applying for, or has been accepted for a study abroad program that will qualify for academic credits.

The applicant's study abroad experience must consist of taking courses, or conducting a course-related field experience or research project.

All award recipients must give a presentation on their study abroad experience at the Undergraduate Research Conference held each Spring at Clarion University. If award recipients will be participating in their international experience during the spring semester, they must give their presentation at an alternative venue that must be approved by their faculty sponsor.

Awards: Clarion University will provide financial support of up to \$1,000 to support travel, room and board, supplies or tuition for an accredited program at the place of study.

An additional \$500 of supplemental funding may be awarded to students with financial need, as documented by the Office of Financial Aid.

Funds will be disbursed to recipients upon presentation of receipts for legitimate expenses associated with the study abroad experience.

To Apply: Submit Application Form and Proposal, written in conjunction with a faculty sponsor, to Attn: International Scholar Award, International Programs, 402 Becht Hall.

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Application Requirements and Deadline

- Applicants must file an application form (use the downloadable application or obtain a form from the Departmental and Dean Offices) Application information may be used for a press release.
- Applicants must submit a typed, single-sided, double-spaced, not to exceed a 5-page proposal to be formatted with the following sections:
 - A. Objective of the study abroad experience.
 - B. Project Plan – How will you accomplish the objective stated above? What countries will you visit? What is the length of time you will be studying abroad? Explain the nature of your study abroad program.
 - C. Project Significance – Why is this particular experience important to your program of study?
 - D. Future Plans – What are your career plans? How will this experience enhance them?
 - E. Budget – What is your proposed budget? Please use the budget sheet provided.
 - F. Other funding sources - do you have outside funding sources?
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from your academic advisor, and the other from a faculty/staff sponsor who can validate the legitimacy of the intended study abroad experience
- Award recipients will also be required to consult with the Office of International Programs (OIP) for all pre-departure arrangements, and to report to OIP to fill out a re-entry student survey upon completion of the study abroad experience. A “Hold” will be placed on the academic records of award recipients who do not fulfill this requirement.

Application Deadlines:

Fall semester:	Oct. 30, 2015
Spring semester:	March 25, 2016

- All application materials to be reviewed during the Fall 2015 semester must be received by October 30, 2015 at Office of International Programs, 402 Becht Hall , Attn: International Scholar Award.
All application materials to be reviewed during the Spring 2016 semester must be received by March 25, 2016 at Office of International Programs, 402 Becht Hall, Attn: International Scholar Award.

Submit completed application in a manila envelope. Do Not Staple or Bind any part of this application.

Selection

A committee will select recipients of the awards. Selection will be based on:

- Merit, feasibility and organization of the proposed project.
- Applicant’s training, credentials, and expertise to carry out the proposed activity.
- Dedication of the student to the project.
- Commitment to present/write about your study abroad experience to Clarion University fellows on your return.
- Demonstrated financial need will be required for the applicant to be considered for being awarded funds not exceeding \$500 beyond the basic International Scholar Award of \$1,000.

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International Scholar Application Form

Last Name First and Middle Initial Clarion Venango

Email Address Student ID#

Local Address Local Address Line 2

City State Zip Phone

Home Address Line 1 Home Address Line 2

City State Zip Phone

Parent(s) Names High School Attended

Purpose of International Experience

Dates of International Experience Program

Will you be receiving academic credit for this experience? Yes No

Are you applying for the supplemental \$500, beyond the
Basic International Scholar Award? (if yes, please enclose
all relevant documentation of your financial need, obtained
from the Office of Financial Aid) Yes No

Have you studied abroad previously while studying
at Clarion University? Yes No

If yes, describe the programs in which you participated below, and indicate if any of those programs
had been funded by an International Scholar Award:

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I plan to present on my study abroad experience at the next Clarion University Undergraduate Conference.

Yes No

If no, please indicate what on-campus venue, approved by your faculty sponsor, you will use to present on your study abroad experience. _____

Major 1

Minor 1

Major 2

Minor 1

QPA (cumulative)

Expected Graduation Date

Faculty sponsor name

Department

Other University awards or honors

Please sign below to authorize use of this information in a press release:

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

As noted above, be sure to attach:

1. Two letters of recommendation, one of which from your faculty sponsor, who will validate the legitimacy of the intended study abroad experience.
2. Proposal for your international project – not to exceed 5 pages (see guidelines above)
3. The attached budget sheet, outlining clearly what your expenses will be (tuition, room and board, classroom materials, transportation, etc.)

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International Scholar Budget **Note: Must be submitted with the proposal**

PROPOSED BUDGET			
Item	Estimated Cost	Justification*	
<i>Total Budget</i>			
<i>Total Requested from International Scholar Award: (Max. \$1,000 or \$1,500 with proof of financial need)</i>			
<i>*Provide a brief justification for each item.</i>			