

# **Blazers Study Abroad Stipend**

## Valdosta State University

### **Center for International Programs**

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Valdosta State is committed to providing intercultural and international opportunities for its students - we want our Blazers to study abroad and get the global skills needed for their future!

This stipend fund has been created by the English Language Institute as a part of the Center for International Programs' campus Internationalization efforts. All future awards are subject to funding availability.

The Blazers Abroad Stipend is available to all eligible Valdosta State University students in all majors. Special consideration will be given to applicants studying abroad for a semester or a year, or in regions or countries typically less served by USG study abroad programs.

Blazers Abroad Stipends range between \$500 and \$2000 each.

#### **Eligibility:**

#### Academic:

- 1. Applicant must be a regular, full-time student enrolled in a degree program at Valdosta State University.
- 2. Applicant must demonstrate a 2.75 overall GPA at the time of application and at time of receipt of scholarship funds.
- 3. Applicants must be committed to spending at least one semester after their study abroad experience at VSU, so that they could fulfill service requirements.

#### Service:

All stipend recipients are required to do the following in exchange for the Blazers Abroad Stipend for each semester they receive the stipend:

- 1.Offer five hours of assistance to the VSU English Language Institute by participating in the Conversation Partners program PRIOR to the study abroad experience.
- 2.Offer 20 hours of assistance in promoting study abroad at VSU by doing the following AFTER their study abroad experience:
  - a. Attend at least one Visitation Day event or Parents Weekend
  - b. Attend at least three Study Abroad Table events
  - c. Speak to at least 3 student groups/ classes about their study abroad experiences
  - d. Create a Scrap book/ photo album/ digital/ video journal about their study abroad program/ experience.
  - e. Participate in the Annual Study Abroad Round Table Discussion in October.

The service requirement is coordinated through the Center for International Programs, and must be completed within two terms of returning from abroad. If a student fails to perform this requirement without valid (medical) reasons, a repayment of the scholarship will be arranged and a hold will be placed on student's account.

#### Instructions & Checklist:

<ul> <li>Blazers Abroad Stipend Application</li> <li>Officially sealed academic transcripts</li> <li>A copy of the study abroad program description with program contact information (if not a VSU-sponsored program or exchange).</li> <li>An essay of 400-500 words describing the student's reasons for wanting to study abroad</li> <li>If student is receiving financial aid, include a copy of student's Banner account summary showing financial aid for current semester. Financial need will be considered.</li> </ul>	Ма	il or deliver all of the following to the Center for International Programs:
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#### **Application Deadline:**

- Spring 2015: Delivered by December 2, 2014\*
- Summer 2015: Delivered by March 3, 2015
- Fall 2015: Delivered by **May 2, 2015**

No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

\*Funds are limited. Summer students who apply by Dec. 2 will be given first consideration for stipends. Remaining funds will be awarded to students who apply by March 3.



# **Blazers Study Abroad Stipend Application**

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Check the term(s) you intend to study abroad: Spring 2015					
	Summer 2015				
	☐ Academic Year 2015-2016				
Name					
Last (Fa	mily) First/Giv		Middle/Maiden		
VSU ID #					
<b>Preferred Mailing Address</b>					
	Apartment and/or Street Number	City	State Zip Code		
Phone Number	E-mail_				
Area Co	ode + Number				
Classification at time of ap	plication	(Freshman, Sopho	more, Junior, Senior, Graduate)		
Cumulative GPA	Most Recent Semes	ster GPA			
Have you ever traveled out	tside the United States? Yes No				
If yes, where, when, how lo	ong and why?				
Do you receive the HOPE S	Scholarship?  Yes  No				
Do you receive financial aid other than HOPE?⊡Yes ⊡No May we quote from your essay? ⊡Yes ⊡No					
Name of Study Abroad Pro	gram				
Spo	onsoring university or organization of th	e study abroad progra	<u>m</u>		
Departure Date	Retur	rn Date			
Cost of program (including	tuition, housing, & airfare) : \$				
	Study Abroad Program Fee	<u>Deadlines</u>			
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