

STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT GUIDELINES

Purpose

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial assistance to students in need of additional resources in order to participate in a semester or academic year study abroad program. Priority will be given to students studying abroad for an academic year and participating in non-traditional study abroad locations.

Amount

Grant awards will vary based on a student's need and the cost of the academic program. The average grant award is \$500 per semester. The maximum amount that will be awarded is \$1750 per semester.

Application Process

There is no application for this grant program. Students will automatically be considered for grant funding if they meet all of the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must be a full-time, degree-seeking student at GVSU (both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible)
- Must have a completed Study Abroad Application submitted by the priority consideration deadline (see PIC for details)
- Must be studying abroad for a minimum of 1 semester: Fall or winter semesters only. No summer study abroad programs will be considered.
- Must have a completed FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office, and have demonstrated need. Students who are not eligible to apply for FAFSA should contact the Padnos International Center.
- **Students must attend the required pre-departure orientation sponsored by the Padnos International Center.**

Conditions

- Students must be accepted by the Padnos International Center and the study abroad provider in order to be funded.
- Students receiving the Barbara H. Padnos Scholarship, Murray Scholarship, or the Partnership Grant are not eligible for this grant.

Selection Process

The PIC Grant Review Committee will consider all study abroad applicants that meet the eligibility criteria and conditions. Not all eligible students will be awarded a grant. Students with a high Expected Family Contribution (EFC) determined by FAFSA may not receive a grant due to the limited funding available.

Grants will be awarded taking into consideration the cost of a study abroad program, and the financial need of the applicant.