

# WORLD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

### Fall 2011 competition (for travel in spring 2012)

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

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#### **REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION:**

- must be a full-time undergraduate student who has achieved at least sophomore standing at the time of application.
- must have a declared major or minor in any of the non-language disciplines offered at the University of Louisville.
- must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and be in good academic standing.
- must commit to participating in a full semester of study abroad in spring 2012 in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English. (To explore study abroad options that meet the requirements of the World Scholars Program, make an appointment with a study abroad advisor at [edabroad@louisville.edu](mailto:edabroad@louisville.edu).)
- must be actively committed to achieving fluency in the language of that country or region, ideally through ongoing study of the language. (Preference will be given to applicants who can already demonstrate at least intermediate-level proficiency.)
- must commit to completing a post-travel integrative project while still in residence at the University of Louisville. (Students who intend to travel in their final semester of undergraduate studies are not eligible for funding.)

**NOTE: preference will be given to applicants who are not native speakers of the country to which they intend to travel.**

## **MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:**

1) **original copy of the complete application and six photocopies.** Application includes:

- the **application form** signed by both you and the undergraduate advisor in your major department;
- **five brief essays** (instructions on page two of the application form);
- **published information on the study abroad program you've selected** (e.g., a program brochure, printout of a website, etc.);
- a **detailed program budget** (form available at the International Center) and a **program budget and financial aid disclosure form** (page three of the application form) prepared in collaboration with Virginia Hosono, assistant director of study abroad; and
- **your unofficial transcripts** (including current coursework).

2) **two recommendations**, at least one of which should be from a faculty member in your non-language field of study. RECOMMENDERS WILL RETURN THE FORM TO YOU IN A SEALED/SIGNED ENVELOPE.

3) **the language evaluation form**, filled out by an instructor in the language of the country or region to which you intend to travel. EVALUATOR WILL RETURN THE FORM TO YOU IN A SEALED/SIGNED ENVELOPE.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not use staples in your application; instead, use paper clips to separate each application set. **You will submit seven application sets total, plus three sealed/signed envelopes.**

## **APPLICATION SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Application and all supporting materials must be submitted to:

**Dr. Greg Hutcheson, Chair, World Scholars Committee  
Dept. of Classical and Modern Languages  
Humanities Bldg. 332**

**Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Interviews with finalists will be scheduled.

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Final results will be announced.

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## **For full application materials**

Go to <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/student/world-scholars>.

## **Questions?**

See Dr. Hutcheson during his office hours (M 4:30-6 p.m. or Th 3-5 p.m. in HM 323) or email him at [gshutch@louisville.edu](mailto:gshutch@louisville.edu) to schedule an appointment.

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**APPLICATION**

PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

Full name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended graduation date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Non-language major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current (or most recent) course(s) in that major/minor (list by course number, e.g. POLS 302):

\_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable:*

Major (or second major): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of intended program of study abroad. (NOTE: should incorporate in a significant way your non-language field of study):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **World Scholar Application (page two)**

On a separate sheet of paper, answer each of the following questions in a complete paragraph. **Be sure to develop your answers as fully as possible.** (TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED.)

- 1) To which country or region of the world do you propose to travel and why?
- 2) What preparation have you had or will you have had for study in that country or region? (Speak not only about coursework but also about any cross-cultural or foreign travel experiences you have had or will have had prior to departure.)
- 3) What concrete strategies will you use (e.g., full-immersion study, internship, volunteer work) to insure the highest level of interaction with your host community?
- 4) What is your non-language major or minor field of study? In what specific ways will the study-abroad experience you propose enhance your study of this field?
- 5) What project do you propose to carry out when you return to U of L (e.g., honors thesis, community service project, application for a major international award)? In what ways will this project serve your long-term goals (whether post-graduate study, career, or personal)?



I certify that everything contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Advisor's approval**

(Submit a full copy of your application, including your essays, to the undergraduate advisor in your major department for final approval.)

Advisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above named applicant is a major in good standing in my department. I further certify that I have read the application and approve the proposed course of study.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

**World Scholar application (page three)**

**Program budget and financial aid disclosure**

You MUST have preselected a program and met with study abroad advisor Virginia Hosono in order to be eligible for World Scholars funding in the current round. In collaboration with Ms. Hosono, prepare a detailed program budget and fill in the tables below. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FULL PROGRAM BUDGET WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Name of program: \_\_\_\_\_  semester  year

Expense	Amount
Published program cost.....	
Major additional expenses 1)	
2)	
3)	

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

List all financial aid you are currently receiving to cover university expenses (e.g., Hallmark Scholarship, Porter Scholarship, Cardinal Covenant Scholarship, Brown Fellows Scholarship, Wilma Shaw Roseman Scholarship, Pell Grant, etc.).

Award	Amount

List all funding for which you have applied for the purpose of study abroad in 2011-2012 (e.g., Modern Languages Fund, Lewis Education Award, International Center Scholarship, federal scholarships such as the Boren, etc.). List funding source even if the funding was not awarded.

Funding source	Amount (if awarded)

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**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of intended program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of faculty recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

I do / do not (circle one) waive my right to see this recommendation.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Description of award:** The World Scholars Program provides select undergraduate students with up to \$5000 of funding to support a significant study experience in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English. Applicants must be near fluent (or actively committed to achieving fluency) in the language of that country or region. They must also be declared majors or minors in one of the non-language undergraduate disciplines offered at the University of Louisville and endeavor, to the degree possible, to study the material of that discipline while abroad (whether through full-immersion coursework, service learning, internship placement, directed study, etc.).

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY FACULTY RECOMMENDER:**

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

**PLEASE COMMENT BRIEFLY ON THE FOLLOWING:**

1) Applicant's academic performance:

2) Applicant's motivation (and commitment to studies in your field if yours is the applicant's non-language major/minor department):

3) Applicant's stability, maturity, suitability for independent travel and living abroad:

4) Other comments that might help us to evaluate the student's application:

Recommendation:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommend with confidence

\_\_\_\_\_ recommend with reservations (please explain in #4 above.)

\_\_\_\_\_ do not recommend

Recommender's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this recommendation form to the applicant in a sealed/signed envelope.

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**LANGUAGE EVALUATION FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of intended program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Language to be evaluated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions regarding the language being evaluated.**

1. List courses you have taken at the 200 level or above in the language, including those now in progress. Give the course number, semester/year taken, and grade. If you learned the language through some other means (e.g., native/heritage speaker, previous travel), detail here.

2. Bearing in mind that you will be interacting on a daily basis with native speakers of the language of your host country, indicate what you are doing now and what you plan to do to bring your language competency to the highest possible level by your intended date of departure.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVALUATOR:** Please complete the second page of this form, sign, and return to the applicant in a sealed/signed envelope.

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**EVALUATOR Please comment on the applicant's present language ability.**

**Aural comprehension**

- None
- Limited to slow, uncomplicated sentences
- Understands simple conversation
- Understands conversation on simple academic topics
- Understands sophisticated discussion of academic topics

**Speaking ability**

- None
- Can only frame structurally simple, short utterances
- Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
- Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy. Adequate to handle conversational subjects
- Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations.

**Reading ability**

- None
- Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
- Understands simple topics and non-technical subjects
- Understands somewhat complicated materials including idioms and somewhat specialized terminology
- Understands scholarly materials, with appreciation of idiom and feeling for the style of the language.

**Writing ability**

- None
- Writes simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in spelling and structure
- Writes compound and complex sentences on conventional topics with some errors in spelling and structure
- Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- Writes with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

**2. Please indicate your general opinion of this applicant's ability in the language evaluated relative to the language level needed to carry out the proposed study or research project.**

- Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be obtained
- Should be able to manage adequately after some additional formal language training
- Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
- Should have no difficulty

**3. Do you believe the applicant's language competency will be adequate to carry out the proposed program of study by time of departure?**

- yes       no

**4. Indicate briefly how the evaluation was determined.**

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Evaluator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_