

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD OR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION FORM

The SAGE Office has a limited number of scholarship funds for semester study abroad or international internship programs for students in financial need. The award of these funds is competitive and limited to only a few students per year. Scholarship funds are on a first come, first served basis and are awarded based on an application process. In order to qualify, you must be a degree-seeking student currently enrolled at Valencia. You cannot apply for these funds if the program will take place after you have already graduated. You must select a U.S. program provider who will issue the transcript – you cannot do a direct enrollment to an international institution (unless authorized by SAGE). The maximum award given is \$3,500. Scholarships will be awarded after proof of initial payment to the provider. The scholarship cannot be used for the first payment. Please use the *Semester Study Abroad Planner* to navigate this process. **NOTE: Please check with the SAGE Office before beginning the process to ensure that scholarship funds are still available.**

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT SAGE:

- SAGE Scholarship Application Form* (signed and dated) with essay included
- One letter of recommendation from a Valencia faculty or staff member giving supporting reasons why you should receive this award.
- Study Abroad Budget Worksheet* (fill out the entire form)
- Transient Student Form* (signed by the Academic Advisor and Registrar Representative)
- Consortium Agreement Form for Study Abroad* (signed by the Academic Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor)
- A copy of your letter of acceptance from the program provider
- A copy of the invoice for first program payment
- Internships Only:** Confirmation letter from employer

DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF AWARD IS BASED ON:

- GPA (minimum is 2.0)
- The total number of applicants for the semester
- The amount of funds available at the time of applying
- The total program costs
- The quality of the application submitted
- Academic history
- Financial need

IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE APPLICANTS IN A SEMESTER, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS:

- taking at least 6 credits in the summer or 9 credits in fall or spring.
- with Pell Grants and unmet financial need (verified in Banner).
- who are under employed or unemployed.
- who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- with an exceptional letter of recommendation.
- with an exceptional scholarship essay.
- who have never studied abroad before at Valencia.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to verify the visa requirements of the country you are going to. You will need to determine if they require a tourist or student visa. The requirements differ depending on your country of citizenship. Be sure to inquire early in the application process. Check out www.visahq.com and contact the country embassy or consulate for details.

If you are attending Valencia on an F, J, or some other visa, you must check with International Student Services to be sure that you can leave and return to the U.S. without any problems.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name:		Date:	
Address:		VID#:	
E-mail Address:		Phone Number:	
Age:		Race/Ethnicity:	Please Choose
Single Parent?	Please Choose	Gender:	Please Choose
Registered Disability?	Please Choose	Major:	
Armed Forces Veteran?	Please Choose	Current GPA:	
Employer Name & Status (Full/Part-Time):		Annual Salary:	
Are you a U.S. citizen? If not, what country are you from?	Please Choose		
What are the visa requirements for your program destination?			
Have you ever studied or traveled abroad before?	Please Choose		
Are you receiving financial aid? Pell Grant? Please describe.	Please Choose		
Has Valencia ever fully or partially funded a study abroad program for you? If so, how much was received?	Please Choose		

PART 2: PROGRAM INFORMATION

Destination:	
Semester (spring, summer, fall) and Program Dates:	
Program Provider OR Employer Name, Contact Information, and URL:	
Who is issuing you the U.S. transcript?	
How many credits will you be enrolled for the semester?	
What is the total program cost?	
<p>Scholarship Essay:</p> <p>Explain why Valencia should choose you as a scholarship recipient and how you qualify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State your educational and career goals, extracurricular activities, and any community service you have performed. • If you have a financial hardship, please explain. For example, are you a single parent? Are you not receiving financial aid? Are you unemployed and finding difficulty supporting yourself? <p>Preference will be given to students who have not been funded for a study abroad program in the past. Preference will also be given to students who can demonstrate a financial need.</p>	
INTERNSHIPS ONLY: How did you find out about this employment opportunity? How many weeks will you be	

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working? How many hours per week will you be working? What will be your duties?	
How do you plan to fund this program? List all funding sources.	
How will you share your experience with Valencia students when you return? Ideas: upload photos to the SAGE Flickr account, blog about your experience, share your experience on Facebook, talk about your experience at a student information session, write a testimonial, create a video testimonial for the website.	

UPON YOUR RETURN: Please note that your acceptance of this scholarship will require you to provide the following upon completion of your activity. Initial each item below and sign the form.

Initials	Item
	Obtain a C or better in all coursework.
	Complete the online <i>Study Abroad Program Evaluation and Reflection Form</i> .
	Write a <i>Thank You Card</i> addressed to "My Scholarship Donor." Emails are not accepted.
	I will attend a donor recognition event or a media announcement at the request of the donor or the College.
	I will provide the SAGE office with photos and/or videos of my program to upload to the SAGE Flickr account.
	I will provide the SAGE office with a written and/or video testimonial of my experience.

Signature:		Date:	
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You must register with the SAGE Office before your departure. Go to:
<https://forms.valenciacollege.edu/international-study-abroad-travel-registration-students> **and register your trip.**

SAGE Office Contact Information:
Email: studyabroad@valenciacollege.edu
Phone: 407-582-3188
Address: 1800 S. Kirkman Road, Orlando, 32811

FOR SAGE OFFICE USE ONLY: (Attach checklist and score form)

Scholarship Donor:	Award Amount: \$ _____
_____ ECA Grant	
_____ Valencia Foundation	
_____ SAGE	
_____ Student Development	
_____ Other: _____	