GEC DIVERSITY ABROAD AWARD APPLICATION

Spring 2018 Competition for Summer 2018, Fall 2018 and Academic Year 2018-19

The Diversity Abroad Award aims to provide financial support for under-represented students to study abroad and to expand the number of students studying abroad in non-traditional locations. GEC will award up to three $2,500 scholarships to under-represented students and/or students studying in non-traditional locations. Preference will be given to those students studying abroad for the first time.

Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, background, and ability, education abroad is for all UNH students, including those in under-represented majors, such as science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health. UNH also wants to diversify the countries and regions in which our students choose to have an international experience, encouraging travel to countries beyond Western Europe and Australia.

Eligibility:

- Be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate or associate degree candidate at UNH.
- Have at least 32 semester hours of earned credit.
- Have declared a major.
- Meet the financial aid office’s definition of financial need as determined by FAFSA and the Estimated Family Contribution.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Must have applied to a UNH Managed, Approved or Exchange study abroad program taking place in Summer or Fall 2018 or 2018-19 Academic Year.
- Identify as an under-represented student, within a study abroad context, in at least one of the following categories:
  - Diversity
    - Ethnicity, race, first generation, economic background, age, abilities, LGBTQ, veteran status, male gender*, student athlete (*The UNH study abroad population is over 70% female.)
  - Discipline
    - STEM — Science (physical, life/agriculture, health,) Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (statistics.)
  - Destination
    - Studying in a non-traditional destination outside of Western Europe and Australia.

Deadlines:

- Application Deadline: Friday March 2 at noon.
- Notification of awards will take place by the end of April.

Requirements:

- Completed applications should be turned into the Global Education Center, G25 Nesmith.
- No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.
- Recipients who do not participate on their declared study abroad program will forfeit their award.
- Recipients must commit to each of the following; parameters will be set in the acceptance letter:
  - Chronicle your international experience; some examples may include: blogging or other social media posts/takeovers, short video, UNH presentation.
  - End of program survey.
**Award Guidelines:**

Awards will be granted based on a variety of factors that include: under-represented identity, non-traditional study abroad destination, under-represented discipline, financial need, academic performance, personal statement that articulates each of the three components explained in the following Application Checklist, letter of recommendation, and your suggestions for sharing your international experience upon return.

If you feel that any of the above factors need additional explanation (e.g., academic performance, financial need) please explain your situation in the personal statement.

By completing the Diversity Abroad Award application you may be considered for other GEC awards, including the Foley Jackson Scholarship, if you are not selected for a Diversity Award. Therefore, there is no need to also complete the general GEC Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship Application.

**Application checklist:**

- The application form.
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member, academic advisor, educational program coordinator/director, or student activities coordinator/director.
- An unofficial UNH transcript.
- One personal statement of 1-2 pages. Your statement should address the following:
  - Give a detailed rationale for how study abroad fulfills your professional, personal and/or career goals. Discuss what study abroad means to you and why it is important that you have an international experience.
  - Articulate how you will make a positive impression on members of your host country. What does it mean to you to be an ambassador of UNH and the U.S.?
  - Explain to what extent this scholarship will enable you financially to go abroad.
GEC Diversity Abroad Award Application Form

Name ______________________________________________ Student ID#________________________________

Campus/Local Address ____________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone ______________________ E-mail ____________________________________________________________

Home address ______________________________________________________________________________________

Home phone _________________________________________________________________________________________

Graduation Year ___________ Major _______________________________ College _____________________________

Academic Advisor ___________________________________________________________________________________

Name, department affiliation, and email address of recommender:
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

List your campus activities, memberships and affiliations:
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Diversity Information (Please check all that apply to you, your major/minor and your study abroad destination)

Under-represented student in study abroad
☐ Ethnicity ☐ Race ☐ First generation ☐ Economic background ☐ Age ☐ Abilities ☐ LGBTQ ☐ Veteran status
☐ Gender-Male ☐ Student Athlete

Under-represented disciplines
☐ Science ☐ Technology ☐ Engineering ☐ Mathematics/Statistics

Non-traditional destinations
☐ Africa ☐ Asia ☐ Eastern Europe ☐ Latin America ☐ Middle East

Study Abroad Information

Term Abroad: ☐ Summer 2018 ☐ Fall 2018 ☐ Academic year 2018-2019

If you are going on a program that is less than one month duration, list program dates _________________________

Program name ______________________________________________________________________________________

Program provider/host ______________________________________________________________________________

Program city & country ________________________________________________________________________________
Have you studied or traveled abroad before?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If you checked Yes, please briefly describe your international experience in the space below including dates of travel:

List a few ideas of how you would chronicle your international experience, as per the award requirement, or suggest other ways to integrate your experience abroad into the UNH community and give back upon your return.

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Authorization:
I hereby authorize the UNH GEC Study Abroad Scholarship Committee to have access to and authority to review my academic and financial aid records as a condition of applying for this scholarship. I acknowledge that if I am ineligible to study abroad under the study away eligibility guidelines stipulated by the Faculty Senate, then I will automatically be disqualified for any study abroad scholarship monies.

Signature _____________________________________________ Date __________________________