

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)
Committee on International Program Policy**

Fact Sheet: Undergraduate Student Study Abroad Scholarship

Program Overview and Objectives

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) invites Virginia Tech undergraduate students who have a major in CALs to apply for a scholarship to encourage their participation in study abroad programs.

Questions and Answers about the Scholarship

What is the purpose of the scholarship?

Its aim is to encourage you, as an undergraduate student in CALs, to participate in a study abroad program of your own choosing. As an outcome, you will become more aware and engaged in global issues affecting agriculture and the life sciences. That experience will benefit you individually, your classmates at Virginia Tech and our region generally.

Who is eligible?

Any full-time undergraduate student who has a major in CALs, and who is in good academic standing with an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher, is eligible to apply.

How much is the scholarship?

Scholarships will be between \$500 and \$2,000 for your study abroad experience. The amount of support will depend on the cost of the program in which you wish to participate, as described in your application. You may be offered full or partial funding.

Where can I get more information about study abroad opportunities?

Information about study abroad programs is available through the Education Abroad Office in 1820 Litton-Reaves. You can make an appointment with one of the peer advisors through the Education Abroad Office [website](#), and a peer advisor will be able to discuss study abroad opportunities with you.

When would I need to do my study abroad?

You would need to participate in a study abroad before the end of summer 2007.

How do I apply?

You will need to complete a scholarship application that includes three components: a cover sheet, a narrative and a budget. Full details of the application are available at the Education Abroad Office [scholarship](#) page.

What is the cover sheet?

The cover sheet is a form you will need to complete with your contact details and the amount of support you seek. The form can be downloaded from the Education Abroad Office [forms](#) page.

What should the narrative cover?

The narrative is your description of your proposed study abroad experience. This is your opportunity to convince the scholarship committee your program is worth supporting. The narrative can be no more than two pages double spaced in length. It should describe (i) the objectives of the program, (ii) the type of activities in which you will participate, (iii) the benefits you anticipate to gain, (iv) the ways you propose to share what you learn with your classmates, faculty and staff on your return, and (v) a timeline for your study abroad experience.

What does the budget section need to include?

Your budget needs to describe the costs for your participation in the study abroad experience. For instance, what are your anticipated costs for flights to your international destination and for transport once arriving? What are your accommodation and food costs likely to be? If attending a course, what are your registration costs? Be as complete and detailed as possible. On the cover sheet, you will need to specify the full cost of your study abroad experience and the total amount you seek in support from this scholarship. If different, you will need to indicate how you intend to cover the shortfall.

Should I consult with my faculty advisor about the program?

Yes. Your faculty advisor can be invaluable in aiding your choice of study abroad program and its timing. In fact, your advisor must sign the cover sheet confirming your discussion about the program. Your advisor may be able direct you to other faculty or staff already involved in study abroad or perhaps planning a program. Joint applications from students, staff and faculty are actually welcomed.

When are applications due?

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2006 at the Education Abroad Office in 1820 Litton-Reaves.

Who reviews the applications?

The CALS Committee on International Program Policy will review the applications and award the scholarships.

If I am awarded a scholarship, what is expected of me?

If you are awarded and accept the scholarship, you will need to fulfill three expectations. The first is easy: you will need to complete the study abroad experience that was funded. Secondly, upon completion of your study abroad, you will need to submit a two page double spaced report describing your experience. Lastly, you will need to participate in activities within CALS designed to allow you to share the outcome and benefits of your study abroad with fellow classmates, faculty and staff. In effect, you will become an ambassador for the program.

Where can I get more information about the scholarship?

Further details about the scholarship are available at the Education Abroad office [scholarship](#) page. You may also contact the CALS Committee on International Program Policy (contacts: Ron Lewis, E-mail: rmlewis@vt.edu; Guillermo Scaglia, E-mail: billgs@vt.edu) or the Advising Office in your Department.