



**School of Public and International Affairs
Study Abroad Scholarship 2016-17**

Deadline to Apply: **Friday, October 7, 2016**

Eligibility:

1. An applicant must have completed at least one semester as an undergraduate student in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) prior to spring term 2016.
2. An applicant must be an undergraduate student in good standing at the time of submission of this application, as well as during any semester he/she is eligible to receive scholarship funds. **The top criterion for this award is demonstrated financial need.** However, in addition to financial need, criteria such as **academic achievements, faculty recommendations, service and leadership** will be considered in the selection process.
3. Students selected for this award must be enrolled as a full-time student in a degree program in the School of Public and International Affairs during any semester for which they are eligible to receive the scholarship funds.
4. **Since these scholarships are need-based, applicants must have filed a FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form prior to submitting this scholarship application. No exceptions will be made. Students whose financial aid information is complete with the Office of Student Financial Aid for the 2016-17 academic year will be considered.
5. Students must be participating in a SPIA study abroad program: spia.uga.edu/undergraduate/study-abroad-programs

Application Components:

1. Essay (1-2 pages) discussing what you hope to gain from participation in a study abroad program. Relate the specific importance of study abroad to an individual majoring in political science and/or international affairs and how you expect this experience to impact your life. Include a brief discussion of your past personal and academic achievements and your future goals. Explain why you need this scholarship to be able to participate in a study abroad program.
2. Letter of recommendation from UGA faculty member or instructor attesting to the applicant's personal attributes and/or academic qualifications must accompany the application. This letter is confidential and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope containing the signature of the person making the recommendation across the sealed flap. A recommendation from a SPIA faculty member is preferred but not required.
3. SPIA Study Abroad Scholarships Application Form must be completed and signed.

If eligibility requirements are met and the application components are completed and turned in by the deadline, then a student is eligible to be considered for a SPIA Study Abroad Scholarship.

Return completed application packets to:

SPIA Study Abroad Scholarship Committee c/o Paul Welch
107 Candler Hall
UGA Campus

See website for more information: www.spia.uga.edu

