



PASSHE STUDY ABROAD AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

ABOUT THE PASSHE STUDY ABROAD AWARD:

The PASSHE Study Abroad Award is a needs-based award, which shall provide financial support to select PASSHE students for international educational opportunities (study abroad, exchange, faculty-led programs, and independently-arranged programs). In helping to defray the additional costs associated with international educational experiences (travel, passport, visas), the PASSHE Study Abroad Award strives to assist a wide range of PASSHE students from diverse academic backgrounds to take advantage of the variety of academic programs offered throughout the world. The PASSHE International Education Council plans to make awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, depending on duration, location, and type of program.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria at their home institution by time of study abroad departure:

- ☐ Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a PASSHE university
- ☐ Must be a Pell Grant and/or PHEAA recipient
- ☐ Must be a legal permanent resident of Pennsylvania
- ☐ Must participate in a study abroad program approved for PASSHE university credit
- ☐ Must have completed a minimum of 24 undergraduate credits (including validated transfer credits)
- ☐ Must be in good academic and judicial standing
- ☐ Must demonstrate self-reliance, maturity, and flexibility to deal with the challenges and opportunities associated with study abroad programs
- ☐ Preference will be given to:
 - Students who have no previous experience of travel abroad or study abroad
 - Students who are enrolled in programs offering three weeks or more residence abroad

Recipients of this award will be required to provide a written after-action report of approximately 500 words, summarizing the value of their experiences to the study-abroad authority (such as a director of international programs) at their home institution within 90 days of the completion of the international experience. Recipients are also required to participate in campus activities (study abroad-fairs, student panels, information sessions, newsletter/paper articles, etc.), as directed by the campus study-abroad authority, to share the international experience with other PASSHE students.

DEADLINES:

STUDY ABROAD SESSION	PRIORITY DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION
Summer Session Programs	April 1	May 1
Fall Semester Programs	May 1	June 1
Winter Session Programs	October 1	November 1
Spring Semester Programs	November 1	December 1

Application may be made up to one year in advance of departure, with disbursement for term of departure.

**APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THIS COMPLETED FORM
AND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

- Documentation of current grade point average (e.g., official or unofficial transcript)
- Personal Statement (250 words minimum, 500 words maximum)
- Reference Letter (from university faculty member attesting to student's suitability for study abroad)
- Financial Cost Sheet (brief itemized summary of travel costs required by study abroad program)

PART A – BIOGRAPHICAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Name: _____ University ID#: _____

Home University: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Local Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Major(s)/Minor(s): _____

Credit Hours Completed (by time of anticipated departure): _____

Current Grade Point Average: _____

Location(s) of Planned Study Abroad Experience: _____

Course Number and Course Name of Planned Study Abroad Experience:

Instructor of Study Abroad Course: _____

Session or Semester of Program (check one):

Summer _____ Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____

Length of Study Abroad Experience (anticipated dates):

Departure _____ Return _____

Please briefly describe any **prior** study abroad or travel abroad _____

What other funding are you seeking to support your international educational experience?
Check ALL that apply:

- ☐ Pell Grant
- ☐ Stafford Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized)
- ☐ Gilman or NSEP Boren Award
- ☐ Phi Kappa Phi
- ☐ Honors College Funding
- ☐ Other(s) _____

PART B – PERSONAL STATEMENT (PLEASE TYPE):

Write, and **attach on a separate page**, a personal statement of 250-500 words, addressing one or more of these topics:

- Why did you choose the study abroad program you selected? What do you hope to gain?
- Describe a past experience that highlights your self-reliance, maturity, and flexibility.
- If awarded, how would funds provided support your goals?
- Describe your plan for fulfilling the requirement to share your study abroad experiences with other PASSHE students upon your return to campus.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION
BEFORE the APPROPRIATE DEADLINE to:

Campus study abroad authority:

Campus office:

For additional information, please call

at (University Contact Telephone), or contact by email at (University Contact Email Address).