The Honors International Scholars Program (HISP) supports second- and third-year Honors students engaging in overseas opportunities by providing 50-60 scholarships per year, ranging from $2500 to $5000. Students have used HISP funding to participate in traditional university-sponsored study abroad programs, university-to-university exchanges, language institutes, internships, and research and public service projects. HISP awards are merit-based, taking into account GPA (minimum 3.5), quality of essays, and fit of the program to the student’s academic and professional goals. The amount of each award depends upon program costs, financial need, and funds available.

Factors to consider: The most competitive region is Western Europe; awards for Western Europe typically go to top-performing students traveling abroad for the first time, demonstrating significant financial need, or with particularly compelling reasons to complete the proposed program. If you receive UGA’s Experiential Learning Scholarship to fund the same trip, your award amount may be reduced. A student can only receive HISP funding one time. Travel to areas with State Department Travel Advisory Levels of 3 (“reconsider travel”) and 4 (“do not travel”) cannot be funded through HISP. To check current State Department travel advisories, go to https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html.

The application deadline is Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 12pm for any travel in the 2020 calendar year. Submit your application package to the first-floor reception desk of Moore College. Decisions will be issued via email by the middle of December 2019. Please direct questions to Maria de Rocher, derocher@uga.edu, 706-542-6908.

To apply, submit the following:
1. Coversheet (page 1; single-spaced, justified to the left):
   - Name (Last, First):
   - Cell Number:
   - Email:
   - Expected Graduation Date:
   - Major(s):
   - Hometown:
   - High School:
   - Destination(s):
   - Organization/Affiliation/Program and Program Contact Information:
   - List any financial aid or scholarships you are currently receiving, including student loans (no need to list HOPE or Zell Miller):
   - List any other scholarships you’re applying for to fund your proposed travel-study program:
   - Do you intend to earn academic credit?
   - Dates of travel (depart/return):
   - Is this your first experience outside of the U.S.?:
   - If not, what countries have you visited or lived in?
   - Proposed Budget (estimates are fine). Provide:
     - Budget total
     - Breakdown of amounts by category (i.e. program fees, airfare, in-country transportation, housing, meals, personal expenses/laundry/internet access, books/supplies, visa/passport fees, immunizations, travel insurance, etc.). Note that all HISP recipients must purchase travel insurance.

2. Essays (page 2; single-spaced):
   - Part A. Program of Study Statement: In 300 words or less, explain where you see yourself in five years and what you are doing to get there.
   - Part B. Travel-Study Plan: In 200 words or less, describe your proposed travel-study plans and explain how this experience will support your studies and future career plans.

3. Resume: A current, professional resume, including activities and honors (no more than two pages).

4. Transcript: A copy of your official transcript (from the Registrar) indicating a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or higher. A hardcopy can be submitted with your application, or an electronic version can be emailed to derocher@uga.edu.

NOTE: Evaluators also will be reviewing applicants’ Honors Network profiles, so be sure to update them (including information related to travel-study, internships, research, activities, awards) by the deadline of November 6.

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