



The Honors International Scholars Program (HISP) supports Honors students engaging in overseas opportunities by providing 65-80 scholarships per year, ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Students may use 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.

Eligibility and factors to consider:

Awards are typically given to students in their second or third year, but because of COVID, applicants in their fourth year also will be considered if their proposed travel occurs before graduation. First years are not eligible for the award. Year is determined by enrollment (number of semesters in college), rather than credit hours.

Honors has more funding for some world regions than others. Western Europe, Australia, and New Zealand are particularly competitive, since Honors has more funding for other world regions.

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.

Applicants can only submit one application per competition, for one proposed program (should your program plans change once you receive the grant – because it is canceled, etc. – we try to be flexible).

Travel restrictions: Travel to areas with [State Department Travel Advisory](#) levels of 3 (“reconsider travel”) and 4 (“do not travel”) can only be funded through HISP if: 1) the elevated warnings are linked to COVID (rather than, say, the threat of violence); and 2) students who receive HISP award offers agree to follow UGA's “[Office of Global Engagement \(OGE\) Policy on International Travel to Countries/Areas under Travel Warnings](#).” Students can assume that any program led by UGA faculty members have complied with OGE's policy; for UGA exchange programs, OGE provides a step-by-step guide for students to receive approval.

For 2023, there will be two HISP application cycles. This is the first application for 2023: it is the only opportunity to apply for funding for travel during spring 2023, and is the first priority deadline for travel during Maymester and summer 2023. Decisions for the first application will be issued by mid-December 2022. Some who apply in this first round for Maymester or summer funding, who receive lower rankings by the review committee, may be deferred for consideration until the second round.

The second application for 2023 will be available in December 2022 and due mid-January 2023. This will be another opportunity to apply for funding for Maymester and summer 2023, as well as fall 2023. Decisions for this second application will go out in mid-to-late February 2023.

The application deadline for this first application is **Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 12pm**. Direct questions to Maria de Rocher, Assistant Dean of Honors: derocher@uga.edu. Submit your application as one pdf to Kora Burton, Student Affairs Professional: kla07590@uga.edu.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (SUBMIT ALL AS ONE PDF, IN THIS ORDER)

Create a document with the following:

1. **Coversheet** (page 1; single-spaced, justified to the left):

Name (Last, First):

Student ID#:

Permanent Address:

Cell Number:

Email:

Expected Graduation Date:

Major(s):

GPA:

Travel Destination(s):

Organization/Affiliation/Program Name:

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?

Brief Summary of Travel Proposal (no more than two sentences):

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 (those going on trips led by UGA faculty have insurance incorporated into the program fee).

2. **Essays** (page 2; single-spaced):

- **Part A. Statement of Purpose (300 word limit):** What is a problem in the world you want to try to fix over your lifetime and what do you still need to learn to best address this problem?
- **Part B. Travel-Study Plan (200 word limit):** Briefly describe your proposed travel-study plans and explain in detail what you want to learn about the host country (or countries) during your time there.

3. **Resume** (page 3): A current, professional resume (no more than two pages, one page preferred)

4. **Transcript** (page 4): UGA transcript (copy of official version preferred but will accept Athena printout)