

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Academic Initiatives Stipend Application Guidelines

The Academic Initiatives Stipend for International Education is a student funded program to facilitate a higher quality academic experience at UW-L. Stipends for UW-L students will be awarded in exchange for completing a service plan to promote international awareness and international education. Stipends available to students are as follows:

- \$1500 for an academic year of study,
- \$750 for semester programs,
- \$500 for summer programs,
- \$400 for J-term programs,
- \$300 for Spring Break programs,
- Study tour stipends may vary at the discretion of the review committee.

Submission of an application does not guarantee funding from the Academic Initiatives Stipend Fund. The review committee will base their decisions on eligibility, financial need, and proposal.

Students may apply using one of the two options available:

OPTION #1

- Commit to participating in three (3) semester events conducted by the Office of International Education. (Dates and times are available at: http://www.uwlax.edu/oie/Study_Abroad/Events.htm.) Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Study Abroad Expo
 - Saturday Orientation Break-out Session with Program Alumni
 - LIFE Program
 - Study Abroad Information Session (mentoring session): "I've been accepted; now what?"
 - Oktoberfest Parade (fall only)
- Submit a one-page proposal on how you would execute your responsibilities.

OPTION #2

- Commit to participating in two (2) semester events conducted by the Office of International Education AND
- Submit a 2-page proposal on an innovative sharing experience to inform others of your international experience.
 - Include your timeline for implementation and completion

PLEASE BE SPECIFIC AND UNIQUE!

Application Eligibility

- Applicants must be degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students at UW-L.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a UW-L sponsored study abroad program.
- Applicants must submit a detailed plan for their proposal (see application).
- Applicants must return to UW-L for at least one semester after the study abroad program to complete their service requirement.
- Applicants must agree to begin planning and/or fulfilling their service requirements to promote study abroad at UW-L immediately upon return to campus; implementation of the service requirement must be completed at the end of the term following the study abroad program unless stipulated in the plan.

Group Applications

Group applications may be submitted. Every applicant must complete the application form, but one written proposal may be submitted with the applications. Each application must cross-reference the other members of the group.

- Group applications are limited to no more than three (3) in size.

Selection and Awarding of Stipends

Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the following members:

- Student Association Representative
- Academic Initiatives Oversight Committee Representative
- At-Large Students (2)
- Study Abroad Coordinator, Office of International Education

Financial need will be taken into consideration. Feasibility and of service proposal will be ranked. Stipend awarded will be posted to student accounts.

NOTE: One-half of the stipend will be posted prior to the study abroad program and the other half will be posted after the programming commitment has been completed and documented.

Application Deadlines

- Spring Programs (including J-term and Spring Break): November 1st
- Summer and Fall Programs: April 1st

Late applications may be considered, pending justification and funding available. Retroactive requests will **not** be considered.

Date Received: _____

**University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Academic Initiatives Stipend Application**

Name: _____	Student ID# _____
Program: _____	Country: _____
Term Abroad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Year 20__ - 20__
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall only 20__
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring only 20__
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 20__
	<input type="checkbox"/> J-Term 20__
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Break 20__
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate): _____

FINANCIAL NEED:

Do you currently receive financial aid? Yes No

Check all that apply:

Loans:	Need-based Grants:	Scholarships:
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	<input type="checkbox"/> Pell	<input type="checkbox"/> UW-L Foundation Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized Stafford Loan	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> PLUS Loan		Please list:
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Bank Loan		

Where is the location of your program?

- Western Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand
- Eastern Europe, Central and South America
- Africa, Asia, Middle East

The Academic Initiatives for International Education requires service to UW-L to promote international awareness and/or study abroad programs. Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. After selecting your option of choice, develop your proposal, including timeline, describing how you plan to fulfill your service requirement to encourage and educate other UW-L students about study abroad or other international/cultural issues. Be sure to include your name on all pages submitted.

1. Please describe your financial situation in detail, how is your school paid for? How much would this stipend relieve the financial burden of studying abroad?

Answer the following questions for Option #2 only:

2. Why should the review committee consider your proposal for a stipend?
3. How unique is your service proposal? What populations are you reaching with your proposal?
4. Does this proposal promote international awareness and/or awareness of the program attended?
5. Provide a specific plan and timeline.

I am selecting the following option:

_____ *OPTION #1*

- Commit to participating in three (3) semester events conducted by the Office of International Education.

_____ *OPTION #2*

- Commit to participating in two (2) semester events conducted by the Office of International Education **AND**
- Submit a 2-page proposal on an innovative sharing experience to inform others of your international experience.
 - Include your timeline for implementation and completion
 - Include your name on each page of your proposal.

I agree to begin planning and/or fulfilling my service requirements to promote study abroad at UW-L immediately upon return to campus and understand that implementation of the service requirement must be completed at the end of the term following the study abroad program unless stipulated in the plan. I also understand that, if awarded, I will receive half of the stipend to apply to my study abroad program and the other half will be awarded after my obligations have been completed and documented.

Signature

Date

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Return your application to:

Office of International Education
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601