

## **“Bridging the World” Study Abroad Scholarships Fact Sheet**

Roger Williams University undergraduate students applying to RWU sponsored study abroad programs are eligible to apply for “Bridging the World” study abroad scholarships. Students pursuing individual or independent study abroad programs are not eligible for these scholarships.

Some scholarship funding is available exclusively based on academic performance; other funding is based on a combination of academic merit and financial need.

You need only submit one application in order to be considered for the “Bridging the World” study abroad scholarships. You may receive no more than one award.

All awards are competitive!

To be considered, submit your scholarship application before the deadline(s) outlined below.

Fall Semester & Summer	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Winter Break & Spring Semester	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Spring Break Programs	December 1st

The committee reviews all applications, including essays, and awards scholarships within 30 days of the deadline.

If you withdraw from a program for any reason (voluntary or involuntary), any award you may have received will be revoked. If your award is revoked after funds have been disbursed to your account, your account will be debited and you will be billed accordingly.

## TYPE AND CRITERIA OF AWARDS:

### 1) Awards based on ACADEMIC MERIT ONLY

If you have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better, you may be eligible for the a merit-only scholarship. A high GPA does not guarantee an award. The quality of the required essay is critical. Your application for a merit-only award must include a 400-word essay describing how study abroad will help you reach your academic, professional and personal goals. Your essay will be scored on both its content and the quality of writing.

### 2) Awards based on FINANCIAL NEED and ACADEMIC MERIT

If you have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better and have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the year you wish to study abroad, you may qualify for a combination of need and merit award. Your application must include a 400-word essay describing how study abroad will help you reach your academic, professional and personal goals. Your essay will be scored on both its content and the quality of writing.

AWARD AMOUNTS range from \$500 - \$1,500.

## **“Bridging the World” Study Abroad Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ RWU Residency: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your current rank: Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the RWU sponsored study abroad program in which you plan to participate:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Semester and year of expected participation (deadline noted in parentheses):

\_\_ Fall Semester 200\_\_ (March 1st)

\_\_ Winter Break 200\_\_ (October 1st)

\_\_ Spring Semester 200\_\_ (October 1st)

\_\_ Spring Break 200\_\_ (December 1st)

\_\_ Summer 200\_\_ (March 1st)

### Essay requirement:

Your application for a study abroad award must include a 400-word essay describing how study abroad will help you reach your academic, professional and personal goals. Your essay will be scored on both its content and the quality of writing. The quality of the required essay is critical. Please be sure your typed essay is attached to your study abroad application.

### **Return the application to**

Vice President for Enrollment Management & Retention  
Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Scholarship award notifications will be sent electronically one month after the application deadline. Scholarship funds will be posted to the recipient’s bursar account at the beginning of the study abroad program.