

**The RC Project-Abroad Scholarship
2006****I. Purpose**

To emphasize the importance of involvement in the global community and the study of foreign languages, the Residential College, through its Scholarship Endowment, will provide funding each year for one student to engage in a serious and sustained study abroad. Funds (ordinarily limited to \$3,000 per project) are provided to assist the student in traveling to and from the host country, in carrying out research, and daily living expenses. The College welcomes applications from any student in need. Projects that engender the spirit of giving back to the community are especially welcome.

II. Stipulations

1. The project will be carried out in a foreign country (length of stay between three months and one year). Country of residence is open although places where any of the six RC languages are spoken are encouraged.
2. The project should involve participation in programs abroad linked to any sort of work associated with a foreign community. This project should be generated out of one or more of the RC fields: arts, creative writing, environmental studies, health, literature, music, sciences, social sciences, and others.
3. These programs may be affiliated with foreign universities, NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations), voluntary organizations; conventional study-abroad programs are excluded. Students may propose a project to be carried out independently. Overall, projects that emphasize "giving" to the community and "entering" a culture over "studying in it" will be favored.
4. Further mastery of language will not be the only or the main focus of these projects, although it may be a natural outcome of the trip. The project should demonstrate enhancement of the student's academic learning by a serious engagement with a foreign community.
5. The project should be carried out under the general supervision of at least one RC faculty member, and a number of credits should be stipulated ahead of time through the pertinent program(s).

III. Eligibility Criteria

1. Student must be an RC junior or senior when they undertake the project; the project must be completed before graduation.
2. Student must have shown a clear commitment to the RC through involvement in RC-sponsored activities and/or initiatives.
3. Student must be in good academic standing.
4. Student must have completed the RC language requirement (either through one of the RC language programs or through LSA).
5. Preference will be given to students with demonstrated financial need.



IV. Procedures for the submission of proposals

Applications should be submitted by Friday, February 24, 2006 for projects envisaged during the following Spring/Summer or academic year. The application package will include:

- a. A one- to two-page description of the project.
- b. An official transcript including evaluations and a resume.
- c. Two letters of support (including one from the principal faculty supervisor (see Stipulation #5) of the project and one from a language faculty member where appropriate).
- d. An approximate budget.

V. Procedures for the selection of the project

1. The proposal will be submitted to an *ad hoc* committee comprised of RC faculty and staff, designated by the RC Executive Committee.
2. The *ad hoc* committee will recommend up to a maximum of three proposals to the RC Executive Committee, which will make and announce the final decision in March 2006.

VI. Outcome of the project

1. The sponsored student will give a formal presentation to the RC community. The format of this presentation will be determined by the student and the principal faculty supervisor of the project.
2. The sponsored student will submit a written report on the project, to be discussed and evaluated by the principal faculty supervisor. The RC will keep this report on file for future students and faculty to consult.
3. The RC will support one project per year for the next five to six years (depending on the projects and the amount of support they require). The RC will continue to raise funds to maintain this Scholarship Fund in future years.

Completed applications should be placed in Lana Kanitz's RC mailbox, located next to 134 Tyler, East Quad.

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