

## **DHA Undergraduate Experience Abroad Scholarship for Research, Study or Internships Abroad Spring Semester 2008, Summer Term 2008**

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### **Application deadline:**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007 (spring) Thursday, April 17, 2008 (summer)**

*Applications must be received (not postmarked) no later than 4:00 p.m. on the deadline. Late applications will not be considered. This application is not for May Term experiences abroad.*

### **ELIGIBILITY**

You are eligible if you are an enrolled Design, Housing, and Apparel undergraduate student at the time of application in one of the following majors:

- Pre clothing design or clothing design
- Housing studies
- Retail merchandising
- Pre graphic design or graphic design
- Pre interior design or interior design

You must be registered for academic credit for the duration of the experience.

You must be in good academic standing (cumulative GPA is above 2.00) and show satisfactory progress toward your degree.

**SPRING AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000.00**

4 awards will be granted

**SUMMER AWARD AMOUNT: \$500.00**

2 awards will be granted

### **CRITERIA FOR REVIEW**

The College of Design Scholarship Committee uses the following criteria to determine experience abroad student awards: academic record; quality of the student's statement of purpose or research proposal; justification of the program selected; thoughtful preparation; quality, grammar and style. Students should clearly and creatively illustrate the relevance of the study or internship abroad opportunity to their academic interests and professional goals.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship recipients are expected to be enrolled during the experience abroad. Students are also expected to write a thank you letter to the donor of the scholarship. All awards are announced publicly.

### **APPLICATION**

All materials must be typed or printed legibly, well organized, and written in clear, grammatically correct English. Do not include a transcript; we will obtain your transcript information. Your completed application must include:

- Application Cover Sheet (insert 1)
- Academic Planning for Study Abroad Form <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/academic/academicPlanningForm.pdf>
- Human Subjects or Animal Approval (if necessary)
- Statement of Purpose or Research Proposal
- We will provide your transcript information*

Optional:

- Need Statement (insert 2)

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Kim Hindbjorgen, College of Design Undergraduate Scholarship Contact  
12 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55108  
Phone: (612) 625-3726

Applicants can expect to receive award notification by November 15 (spring) and May 15 (summer).

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### **CONDITIONS FOR AWARD MONEY**

- Award money can be used only for tuition, fees, travel, vaccinations, health expenses, and living expenses during the course of the proposed international experience.
- If awarded, you will be expected to complete a follow-up report describing your experience within two months of your return.
- All awards will be announced publicly.
- You must purchase travel insurance through the University of Minnesota if your program does not provide insurance coverage at the same level as that provided by the University. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage while you are abroad. Please contact the Learning Abroad Center for more information.
- You may not receive a DHA Experience Abroad Scholarship twice during the same degree program.

### **PREPARING YOUR DHA EXPERIENCE ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The following items must be included in your completed application:

- Application Cover Sheet**
- Academic Planning For Study Abroad Form** <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/academic/academicPlanningForm.pdf>  
Signatures needed:
  1. "Major Adviser" -faculty advisor or program director
  2. "Second Major or Minor Adviser" – if applicable
  3. "Student Signature" – your signature!
  4. After obtaining the above signatures, hand in the SAAPS to your academic adviser for "College Adviser" approval.
- Human subjects or animal approval**  
Projects dealing with the use of human subjects or animal subjects in any way must contact the U of M Research Subjects' Protection Program: <http://www.research.umn.edu/subjects/index.cfm>
- If completing a study or internship abroad, you must include the Statement of Purpose. If completing research abroad, you must include the Research Proposal.**

### **Optional**

#### **Need Statement**

Though the merit and academic significance of the project are the primary factors in determining awards, financial need may be considered. Describe any changes in financial standing (e.g., recent loss of income), additional family expenses (e.g., family illness or death), or special circumstances (e.g., non-contributing parent or stepparent, loss of aid or scholarship while studying abroad).

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:  
TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDY AND INTERNSHIP ABROAD APPLICANTS ONLY**

Applicants must write an articulate, well-reasoned statement of purpose, of no more than three double-spaced pages in length. Your statement of purpose must respond to each of the following questions:

- Why did you choose this particular program/experience?
- How will this experience affect you personally, academically and professionally?
- What are you doing/have you done to prepare yourself for this experience, including coursework, work or involvement, or previous international experience?
- What is your tentative plan for sharing this experience with others?

**TIPS FOR PREPARING YOUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Before you begin writing your statement of purpose, thoroughly answer these questions for yourself:

- How does this program link to your academic program? How will the study abroad experience uniquely enhance your specific program? What courses have you taken that will prepare you for this experience?
- How does this experience link to your future career/educational goals? How do you see this experience affecting your career path?
- How will the experience challenge you at this stage in your academic career?

Utilizing your answers to the above questions, specifically address the questions asked of you for the statement of purpose. Clearly illustrate the importance and appropriateness of this specific study abroad experience to your academic and career goals. The award committee is looking for applications that are well reasoned, interesting and unique.

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL:  
TO BE COMPLETED BY RESEARCH ABROAD APPLICANTS ONLY**

Applicants must write an articulate, well-reasoned research proposal, of no more than five double-spaced pages in length. Your research proposal must address each of the following areas:

- Purpose, design, methodology and expected results of the project
- The pertinence of this experience to your academic and professional development
- Prior experiences relevant to this proposal
- Your tentative plan to share this experience with others upon your return
- Do you have human subjects or animal subjects approval?

*Projects dealing with the use of human subjects in any way:*

Contact the U of M Institutional Review Board, Human Subjects Committee.

<http://www.research.umn.edu/subjects/index.cfm>

*Projects dealing with the use of animals:*

Contact the U of MN Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

<http://www.research.umn.edu/subjects/index.cfm>

A clear, well-organized and attractive proposal can be the deciding factor in awarding scholarships. Therefore, it is to your advantage to be diligent in preparing a proposal. Work with a faculty member to help conceptualize your project or experience. The following tips were derived from past review committees' comments on proposals.

**Straightforward, clean outline.** Clearly delineated sections with separate headings for each aspect being addressed help organize the proposal and enhance the flow for the reader. Headings should include the content areas described below. Make it look professional. Have others proof read it and give you feedback. The more eyes that look it over, the better!

**Design and Methodology.** What is the overall plan or design for your project or experience? Have you thought through the particulars and discussed them with the faculty member with whom you are planning your project? What is the conceptual framework you will bring to bear on your issue? What are your specific hypotheses, questions, or objectives? What type of methodology do you plan to use? What type of data collection will you employ? Who are the subjects? How will data be analyzed?

**Example:**

*I plan to work at the Sabastiani Design House in Milan as a junior design apprentice. My objectives are to gain experience working with new European textile design techniques. I will be the apprentice to a lead designer who will show me techniques and supervise my work. I have established a contact through Professor Jones who knows the designer.*

**Expected Results/ Implications.** How will this experience impact your discipline or career plans? What outcomes do you expect? What might be the significance of your work?

**Example:**

*I expect to learn specific criteria that are required in making a couture garment. This will be a multi-step process of analysis for each criterion. Focusing on a designer's inspiration demands an understanding of history and diverse cultures. Knowledge of textiles (weave, hand, dying, and finishing techniques) influences material choice and plays an important role in the determining the value of a garment. The intricacies of pattern development and garment construction provide shape, fit, and aesthetics and control how the finished garment interacts with the body.*

**Proposed Dates.** An overall itinerary will suffice. This should include when you plan to leave and return, where you will be staying, and travel between major locations of your project if applicable. If you will be on a specific study abroad program please indicate which program and who is responsible for the program itinerary.

## **Additional Undergraduate Scholarship Opportunities**

Learning Abroad Center

<http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/>

College of Design Undergraduate Scholarship Website

<http://www.cdes.umn.edu/>

University Wide Scholarships

[http://www.onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Financial\\_Aid/Scholarships.html](http://www.onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Financial_Aid/Scholarships.html)

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## Design, Housing, and Apparel Experience Abroad Scholarship Application Cover Sheet

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative University of Minnesota GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Experience Abroad Program/Project Information

Program to Which You Are Applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Country/Term/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Research Projects Only:

##### Human Subjects or Animal Subjects Approval

Does this project involve the use of human subjects? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, you must receive approval from the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research using their *Request for Approval* form.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_ If pending, give date submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Protocol # \_\_\_\_\_

Does this project involve the use of animals? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, you must receive approval from the U of MN Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Date approved \_\_\_\_\_ If pending, give date submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Protocol # \_\_\_\_\_

#### International Students Only:

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Visa Type F1 J1 Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### All Applicants:

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission for this information to be released to the donor, potential donors or official representatives of any scholarship or award for which I may be eligible. If given a scholarship, I grant the University of Minnesota permission to provide copies of my application to the scholarship donor. In addition I agree to write a thank you letter to the donor of the scholarship. I understand all awards are announced publicly. I have not previously received a DHA Study Abroad Scholarship in my current degree program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

## Need Statement (optional)

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