Study Abroad Scholarship News

We are pleased to announce that beginning in fall 2012, there will be $120,000 available to students in study abroad scholarships, through the Blugold Commitment! The scholarships are available for all terms, (summer, fall, winterim, and spring) and will be administered through the Financial Aid office, based on financial need. Funds will be divided by term according to percentage of students who study abroad per term. Students need a FAFSA on file to be eligible.

We would like to congratulate Samantha Kobs for receiving a Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarship in the amount of $4500. She is studying abroad in South Africa, this summer 2012. The Gilman Scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and offers awards for undergraduate study abroad to U.S. students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding.

Giselle Conde, who will graduate from UW-Eau Claire in May with majors in Geography and Spanish, is UW-Eau Claire’s latest Fulbright scholar! Giselle will spend the 2012-2013 academic year doing research in Iceland.

Additionally, eleven students were awarded Foundation Grant scholarships and ten were awarded the Viennese Ball study abroad scholarship for participation in summer 2012 programs. The Foundation Grants totaled $4,500 and the Viennese Ball scholarships also totaled $4,500!

The Center for International Education has an online scholarship application for UW-Eau Claire scholarships, and additional information on regional and national scholarships. We encourage all students to apply.

Opportunities in Intercultural Immersion

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire’s Centennial Plan and the Liberal Education Reform incorporate the goal of accelerating global learning. Through the Liberal Education Reform, an immersion experience will be a graduation requirement for students. There are many projects which will fulfill this requirement including participating in study abroad, a domestic intercultural immersion project, faculty mentored scholarly/creative activity, national student exchange, internships, student teaching, and clinical/field experiences. Faculty and staff are the key to creating and facilitating these opportunities.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, monthly workshops will be held to promote and prepare faculty and staff to initiate, lead, facilitate, fund, and assess these immersion experiences.

If you are interested in developing a program or submitting a proposal for an International Fellows project, please contact the Center for International Education.

Study Abroad Fair—Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! The Study Abroad Fair is scheduled for October 11, 2012, from 2:00-5:30pm. Many of our international partners will be available to meet with faculty, staff, and students. If you know you would like to meet with one of our international partners, please contact the CIE so we can schedule appropriately.

Thank you for helping to make the Study Abroad Fair a success. We usually have 500 students attend. With your help, maybe this year we can make it to 600!

International Folk Fair—Save the Date!

International Folk Fair will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2012! The fair is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community members to showcase various countries and cultures. If you’re looking for student projects or internships, please contact Maria Carvalho, International Student Adviser at carvalmc@uwec.edu. Planning meetings will be held in September, 2012.
**New CIE Staff**

We are excited to introduce Raissa Schnitzius as the new Assistant Study Abroad Coordinator. She earned her undergraduate degree from Hamline University in St. Paul, MN, where she studied Spanish and Mathematics. While attending Hamline, she studied abroad in Argentina for a semester. Following graduation, she accepted employment at the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) in Washington, DC. Raissa returned to the Midwest in 2009 and recently was a Local Representative for high school exchange students in the La Crosse area. As Assistant Study Abroad Coordinator at UWEC, she helps facilitate study abroad for outgoing students.

**International Fellows Program**

The Center for International Education (CIE), the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) and the Center for Service-Learning (CS-L) are thrilled to report on the successful projects from this year. Six projects ran in winterim 2012. You can read about some of the recent projects by visiting the UWEC News website: [http://www.uwec.edu/news/](http://www.uwec.edu/news/).

The next call for proposals is June 15, 2012. We are inviting proposals for projects to be carried out in winterim 2013 through summer 2014. Please contact the CIE if you would like additional information about the International Fellows Program. You can find International Fellows documents at the Center for International Education website in the faculty section.

**Host Friends Needed**

Hosts provide a three-day home stay to a new international student upon the student’s arrival to Eau Claire. Additionally, host friends keep in touch with their student throughout the student’s stay at UW-Eau Claire. International students study at UW-Eau Claire for varying lengths of time. Some students are on a semester or year exchange, and others are degree seeking students. For more information about the program please visit our website or contact Lucy de-Malignon, the Community Outreach Coordinator, at demalilm@uwec.edu.

**Faculty Opportunity to Visit Hessen, Germany**

The Hessen-Wisconsin exchange is hosting a short-term visit for two or three University of Wisconsin faculty members to introduce them to the exchange and explore the possibility of future collaboration. Accommodations, site visit related transportation and some meals are provided by the Hessen Ministry of Education. Airfare and meals not covered by Hessen will be paid by the sending institution.

The visit is scheduled for November 25-December 1, 2012. If you are interested, please submit 1) a letter of motivation, detailing how cooperation with a Hessen partner would enhance your research and curriculum, and how your students could benefit from participating in an exchange with Hessen schools, and 2) your C.V. or resume, to the CIE, 3 Schofield Hall, no later than June 15, 2012. You can find information about the ongoing Hessen-Wisconsin exchange at: [http://www.wisconsin.hessen.de/front_content.php](http://www.wisconsin.hessen.de/front_content.php) and [http://www.uwec.edu/cie/studyabroad](http://www.uwec.edu/cie/studyabroad).

If selected, you will meet with Hessen faculty, get to know the campuses and departments, and potentially take part in the selection process of German students who have applied to study in Wisconsin.

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Karl Markgraf (Markgraf@uwec.edu) or Cheryl Lochner-Wright (lochnecb@uwec.edu) in the Center for International Education.