

Undergraduate Study Abroad Grants Program Maymester, Summer and Fall 2019

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) Smith International Center offers a competitive grants program for undergraduates planning to study abroad in Maymester (Mini-Term), Summer, or Fall 2019. This program serves as an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in UT-approved study abroad programs in any location outside the US.

Eligibility

Any Herbert College of Agriculture **undergraduate student** or student in the International Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) minor who is enrolled in a Herbert College of Agriculture faculty-led course is eligible to apply for an award. Applications to study abroad for any length of time in any country (or countries) outside of the United States are welcomed.

All eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. However, award preference will be given to applicants who fall into one or multiple of the following categories:

- Participating in a Herbert College of Agriculture study abroad program
- Enrolled in the Minor in International Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Enrolled in a Herbert major
- GPA > 2.8
- Proposing to travel abroad for the first time

Note: Students who receive funding once under this program will **not** be eligible to apply again to this program in future years.

Due dates and funding decisions

Electronically submit (preferably in one MS Word or PDF file) your application to Dr. Tom Gill, Director of the Smith International Center, tomgill@utk.edu. **Application deadline is February 5, 2019.** Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Herbert faculty and decisions will be announced no later than February 12, 2019.

Funding levels

The maximum amount of an award is \$500. Awards may range from \$200-\$500 depending on available funds and number of strong applications received this year.

Application Package

Application packages should include the following items, in order, and be emailed (no hard

copies please) as one PDF file to: tomgill@utk.edu.

1. Name of student
2. Destination of travel
3. Purpose of travel (semester abroad, mini-term class, internship, etc.). If traveling for a class, please provide the course number and title.
4. Dates of travel
5. Description of how the study abroad experience will enrich your studies (limit 250 words). Include statements on:
 - how studying abroad fits with your personal, academic and/or career goals
 - how studying abroad will expand your horizons
 - why you would be an excellent ambassador on this experience for UTIA and the state of Tennessee.
6. Curriculum Vita (résumé) (one page)

Review criteria

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Choice of a program and location that complements the student's personal, academic and/or career goals
- Potential for participation in the program to expand the student's horizons on a professional, cultural, personal and/or academic level.
- Potential of student to be an excellent ambassador for UTIA and the state of Tennessee.

Following your experience

Submit a study abroad follow up report at <https://utiastudyabroad.questionpro.com> by August 20, 2019 (Maymester or Summer programs) or December 10, 2019 (Fall programs). Please note:

- This report, or sections of the report, may appear in the Herbert Chronicle the following year.
- Scholarship recipients may be asked to serve as a UTIA Smith International Center Ambassador.

Questions? Please contact Dr. Tom Gill at: tomgill@utk.edu.