

Scholarships

The Robert C. Conard Scholarship for Study Abroad

The Robert C. Conard Scholarship for Study Abroad supports University of Dayton undergraduate students who participate in an immersion study-abroad experience at a university or other institution of higher learning in a non-English-speaking country, including post-secondary level language-instruction institutes. The scholarship seeks to assist students in their development of a high level of proficiency in a language other than their native or heritage language, as well as in their development of the ability to work and study in a cross-cultural setting.

Dr. Robert C. Conard, Professor Emeritus of German, has dedicated his professional career to teaching generations of University of Dayton students to communicate successfully in the German language, to interpret German culture and civilization in informed ways, and to comprehend the German experience through literary works by German-speaking authors. He is one of the leading scholars in the world on the works of the twentieth century German author, Heinrich Böll. Dr. Conard has led numerous groups of University of Dayton students on summer study trips to Germany and has thus provided them with his guidance and insight as they seek to understand contemporary German culture from within. It is in his honor that Mrs. Janet Graul, in memory of her husband, Dr. Thomas Graul, sponsors the Robert C. Conard Scholarship for Study Abroad.

Eligibility: Recipients of this scholarship must fulfill the following four conditions: 1. They must plan to matriculate as regular students in a university or other institution of higher learning in a non-English-speaking country at which the primary language of instruction is a language other than English for a period of one or more semesters (approximately twelve weeks); or they must have been accepted for participation in an accredited semester or year-long foreign study program conducted at an institution of higher learning where the primary language of instruction is a language other than English sponsored by an American or Canadian University, such as a junior-year abroad program. 2. Candidates must have completed sufficient language instruction at the University of Dayton or at another institution and must have attained a sufficiently high level of proficiency in the language of instruction to allow the prediction of academic success (minimally through the 202-level). 3. Only students who plan to return to the University of Dayton for one or more semesters following the study abroad experience may apply. 4. Candidates must have declared a major or minor in the Department of Global Languages and Cultures.

Exclusions: This scholarship will not be awarded to individuals who propose to study at an institution in an English-speaking country or region, or at an institution where English is the primary language of instruction. Neither native speakers nor heritage speakers of the language of instruction at the host institution are eligible to receive this scholarship. Seniors who will have graduated from the University of Dayton by the time of the proposed study or who will graduate at the conclusion of the proposed study without returning to the University of Dayton are not eligible to apply. The scholarship will be awarded only in those years when fully qualified candidates present themselves.

Expectations: After completion of the course of study, students must present the Chair of the Department of Global Languages and Cultures with an authenticated transcript or certificates for the work they have completed during their foreign study experience. This work must be equivalent to a full-time course load at the University of Dayton for the period of study, either one semester or one

year. In addition, the course of study must be approved by the Office of the Dean in the College or the school in which the student is enrolled before the program begins. During the time abroad, the student is expected to create a blog, share the web address with the Department of Global Languages and Cultures, and subsequently post weekly entries about their experience. After the student returns to the University of Dayton, the student must share the insights gained through the study experience with University of Dayton students and faculty members by means of (1) a presentation at the Stander Symposium or (2) two presentations in language classes. Recipients are encouraged upon return to the University of Dayton to take one or more additional courses in the language of study and/or to function as mentors for other students who wish to study abroad.

Application Process: Candidates will complete an application form and add attachments, as necessary, to show how they meet the following criteria. Required information includes the name of the host university or host program, its location, evidence that the language of instruction is not English, and a proposed course of study in outline form. Applicants must demonstrate adequate language proficiency to undertake the proposed study. They must also show they have been or can be admitted to the host institution as matriculated students or that they have been accepted in an accredited study abroad program sponsored by an American or Canadian university. The proposed program of study must be integrated into the applicant's overall University of Dayton academic plan. Applicants shall also present evidence of sufficiently high prior academic achievement that allows the prediction of a successful academic experience at a non-English-speaking university. The program of study and all proposed courses must be pre-approved for transfer back to the University of Dayton. The application must also include a plan for the communication of the insights gained through the study abroad experience with University of Dayton students and faculty following the completion of the program. Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be submitted to the Department of Global Languages and Cultures in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center Room 352 by February 17, 2017. The recipient will be announced about one month later.

Selection Process: The applications will be reviewed and the finalist chosen by a three-person committee drawn from the faculty members of the Department of Global Languages and Cultures. Each committee member will represent a different language taught in the Department. The departmental chairperson will serve as chair of the committee or will designate another faculty member to do so. At the beginning of each academic year in August, the departmental chairperson will appoint the members of the committee. The committee will be responsible to advertise the scholarship competition in the campus community beginning in early October. The committee will prepare a written report on each year's competition that will be submitted to the Department Chair after the committee has made its selection. This report will be forwarded to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, subsequently, to the donor.

Criteria for Selection: The committee will seek to identify the application that best fulfills the following criteria: 1. evidence of appropriate preparation; 2. integration of proposed study plan into the student's University of Dayton program of study and professional goals; 3. the potential of reasonable attainment of goals set forward in the application.

Please note: Due to University guidelines, the following students are not eligible for this scholarship:

- a. Students attending UD on a full-scholarship
- b. Students attending UD on a tuition exchange program
- c. Students attending UD as a scholarship athlete

Announcement: The scholarship will be announced each year in October. The information will be disseminated through campus publications, an email announcement to all faculty members at the University, and an email sent directly to all Department of Global Languages and Cultures majors and minors and students in 201 and above, in addition to a notice at the Study Abroad Fair, and on the departmental webpage.

Logistics: The amount of the award is at the discretion of the donor until the time at which the donor wishes to endow the fund that sponsors the award. The recipient of the scholarship will work with the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid regarding the disbursement of funds.

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Important information from the Department of Global Languages and Cultures regarding language courses taken off campus.

Credit for language courses taken off campus: Students taking language courses off campus that are not taught by UD language faculty must first have them pre-approved by the Department of Global Languages and Cultures.

1. Students can obtain the Course Pre-Authorization Form from the Center of International Programs in the Rike Center.
2. Students will need to make an appointment with the Global Languages and Cultures language section coordinator for their language of instruction. Students will need to bring the completed Course Pre-Authorization Form, information about the institution they will be attending, and the course description for the language courses they plan to take while abroad.
3. A copy of the completed Course Pre-Authorization Form signed by the language faculty reviewer needs to be on file in the Department of Global Languages and Cultures.
4. After reviewed and signed by the language section coordinator, students need to take the Course Pre-Authorization Form to the dean's office of their college/school for final approval in order to receive UD credit for their language classes.

While this process does not need to be completed prior to the submission of your application for this scholarship, the pre-approval process must be completed prior to leaving campus for the study abroad program and should be addressed as soon as possible.