



## IFSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR STUDY ABROAD

Your application packet consists of the following:

- 2-page application form
- [Student Mobility Audit accompanied by a copy of your passport \(CLICK TO DOWNLOAD\)](#)
- Two letters of recommendation (by MDC professors)
- Degree audit or MDC transcripts (2.5 GPA minimum)
- MDC Financial Aid Award Letter or SAR
- Resume (optional)
- Personal statement essay (500-1000 words)

**Personal statement essay instructions:** Explain in 500-1000 words the impact that your study abroad experience will have on your academic, professional, and personal goals. Talk about how the IFSA scholarship will help you achieve those goals. Highlight your motivation for the overseas experience, how you will benefit from it, and why you have chosen the site and program that you've chosen for your study abroad experience.

- Service learning project proposal essay (500-1000 words)

**Service learning project proposal essay instructions:** One of the goals of the IFSA study abroad experience is to develop your skills in leadership and civic responsibility. With this in mind, you will be expected to create and implement a service-learning project during your study abroad experience. Service-learning is the combination of community service and classroom instruction, with a focus on critical, reflective thinking as well as personal and civic responsibility. With guidance from your host institution and Miami Dade College, you will have to select a service project related to your course of study, learn about the social issues you will be addressing, provide service, and demonstrate what you have learned. Explain in 500-1000 words examples of service-learning projects you might like to participate in while you are abroad. What kinds of links exist between the project(s) that you are considering and your academic, personal, and professional goals? Make sure to mention any service-learning activities that you've already been a part of in your community, as well as other extracurricular activities (i.e. club memberships) that have already helped strengthen your leadership skills and civic engagement in your community. How will you benefit from participating in service-learning abroad and what specific contributions do you expect to make to the community in which you will be conducting your project? What details or arrangements can the program provide to ensure your success in the project while you are abroad? What kinds of activities do you plan to develop in order to share your study abroad and service-learning experiences with MDC and your community once you have returned?

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MDC OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

Date completed form is received in office: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print or type name

Signature

Has applied for study abroad program:      Yes                  No



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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name:

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

MDID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and street Apt. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code

Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits successfully completed at MDC: \_\_\_\_\_

MDC GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

White/Caucasian	
Asian-American/Pacific Islander	
Hispanic/Latino(a)	
African-American	
Native American/Alaskan Native	
Multiracial	
Other	

**GENDER**

Female	
Male	



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**STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION**

Name of program to which you are applying/going to apply: \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Term: FALL \_\_\_\_\_ SPRING \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning date and end date of the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already applied for the program? YES NO

Write down the course(s) you plan to take while abroad:

\_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:**

Have you filled out your FAFSA form for the current school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you awarded a Pell grant for the current academic year? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the approximate cost of the program that you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read the MDC Application for Study Abroad and that all statements are correct to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I, the applicant, authorize the release of my transcript(s) and recommendations to the academic institutions involved in the study abroad program for which I have applied.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS  
RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE FOLLOWING  
DATES WILL BE CONSIDERED:**

<b>Study Abroad Term</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
<b>Fall</b>	<b>April 1</b>
<b>Spring</b>	<b>October 1</b>

**PLEASE MAIL OR DELIVER ALL APPLICATION  
MATERIALS TO:**

**Office of International Education  
300 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Room 1450  
Miami, FL 33132  
(Wolfson Campus)**