



UIC-SIT DIVERSITY FUND

Through generous support from World Learning and SIT Study Abroad, the UIC-SIT Fund is was established to support traditionally under-represented UIC students in studying abroad. The award offers a program tuition waiver of up to \$4,000 for an SIT semester program and up to \$2,000 for an SIT Summer program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the established eligibility requirements to apply to Study Abroad, the applicant must have an active application to enroll in an SIT study abroad program

Preference will be given to applicants who are able to demonstrate financial need and/or those who can best demonstrate how their participation in the program will lead to greater diversity in study abroad programs. The goal of this funding initiative is to encourage a more diverse group of students to participate in study abroad programs. Many groups of individuals have had historically low rates of participation in study abroad, including those from underrepresented minority groups; first generation college attendees; recent immigrants; students with disabilities; those who identify as LGBTQ; students from low income backgrounds; and even students who study in particular fields, such as the sciences, IT, engineering, mathematics, health professions or other technical areas.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST *Incomplete application packets will not be considered.*

- Applicant Information sheet (attached)
- Personal statement #1 to be no more than one typewritten page responding to:
Define your own diversity and how your participation will add to the diversity of your selected study abroad program?
- Personal statement #2 to be no more than one typewritten page responding to:
How will this program help you in your short and long term personal, academic, and professional goals?
- Your SAO budget sheet that outlines the estimated costs of your program
- If applicable, a copy of your most recent Financial Aid Award Package Statement from UIC. This is available on the finances tab of *my.UIC/UIC Connect*
- A copy of your Academic History (printed from UIC Web for Students)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Same as for SAO application for each term, i.e. mid-October and mid-March

**Please submit your completed application to:
UIC-SIT Fund Scholarship Selection Committee
UIC Study Abroad Office, 502 University Hall (MC 227)**



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Applicant Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____

UIN: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____@uic.edu

SIT program: _____

Term abroad: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

College: _____

Will you apply for Financial Aid?: Y N

Other scholarship/grant applications? Y N

If Yes, please name these and potential amount of each award

Previous study abroad experience: _____

PERMISSION TO RELEASE NAME

I understand that if I am selected as an award recipient, the Study Abroad Office and/or SIT may identify me as a recipient of this award and use parts of my essay in print and other media.

DATE: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____