

Ohio International Consortium

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Applications are being accepted for the Ohio International Consortium Donald N. Nelson Scholarship for Study Abroad

What is it?

A selection committee awards the Ohio International Consortium Donald N. Nelson Scholarship for Study Abroad to the student whom it considers to be the best candidate based on the scholarship criteria. The award of \$500 is given to help the student cover the costs of the international education experience.

Who qualifies?

The applicant must:

- Be a U. S. citizen who is a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate from an Ohio International Consortium member school.
- Be at least a rising junior with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. The selected student must return to the home campus for at least one semester/quarter to share the overseas experience.
- Be accepted into an approved study abroad program for at least one semester/quarter in which the student is affiliated with a foreign university (not a language school). Preference will be given to first-time study abroad students taking courses in the native language of the host country.
- Submit a 500-word essay explaining reasons for studying abroad, how the study abroad program relates to the applicant's chosen field, the impact it will have on the applicant's career/graduate school experience, and how the experience will be shared with others upon return to the home campus.

Financial need will be considered.

When is the deadline?

Applications must be approved through the member institution's international office and are due by **October 15th** for spring semester, winter quarter, and spring quarter programs, **February 15th** for summer programs, and **June 15th** for fall semester and quarter programs.

OHIO INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM

DONALD N. NELSON

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD

As a founding member of the Ohio International Consortium, Donald Nelson retired from Miami University in 2003 as *Administrator Emeritus* after serving that institution for 42 years in the Office of International Programs. Holding a Bachelor's degree from Duke University, he earned his graduate degree in International Affairs at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University. After a year on the staff at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York City, Nelson started his career at Miami University in 1961 as Adviser to Foreign Students, a position that evolved over the years until he became Director of International Education Services, supervising an office responsible for international student advising and admissions, study abroad advising, the administration of student exchanges, and the distribution of funds to support faculty engaged in international travel and research projects.

Active professionally at the national level, Nelson served as President and on the Board of Directors of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. He was a NAFSA Consultant, Chair of the Council of Advisers to Foreign Students and Scholars, and Chair of his NAFSA Region (Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky). He was also a consultant in five countries of the Far East for the National Liaison Committee on Foreign Student Admissions and later served as a consultant for the U.S. Department of State to the Fulbright Foundation in the Philippines. He conducted interviews of scholarship applicants in East Africa for the U.S. Agency for International Development and spent time in Germany on a Fulbright award for international educators. His other positions included service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), the Advisory Committee on International Education to the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), and Chair of the International Admissions Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). Upon his retirement from Miami University, NAFSA awarded him Life Membership in recognition of his many years of service in the field of international education.

A strong advocate of education abroad, Nelson was pleased that his children also recognized the value of having international experience. His daughter, Diane, a tenured faculty member at Duke University, studied in Mexico and Spain, ultimately doing her doctoral research in Guatemala before earning her Ph.D. at Stanford University. His second daughter, Erika, studied for a full year in each of the countries of South Africa and Kenya before completing her degree at Indiana University with a certificate in African Studies. She has been employed by the AFS high school exchange program and returned for a brief time to South Africa where she lived until the summer of 2005. His son, Brian, studied in Venezuela and Australia. He has recently returned from spending almost two years in Venezuela where he held a Fulbright grant in his first year after earning the M.F.A. degree at the University of Arizona.

The Ohio International Consortium has established this scholarship in honor of Donald N. Nelson's many contributions to international education. The first presentation was made in 2005.

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APPLICATION

Please type or print:

Legal Name: _____
Last First Middle

Permanent address: _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Phone Number: _____ Local Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ University Student I.D.: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Number of credit hours completed: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Location of Abroad Program (city and country): _____

Sponsor: _____ Term and Year Abroad: _____
(i.e., Home Institution, Arcadia University, AustraLearn, AIU, Butler, CEA, etc.) (Fall, Winter, Spring, Academic Year)

Number of credits that you expect to acquire abroad: _____ Are you a U. S. citizen? Yes No

Are you a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate from an Ohio International Consortium member school? Yes No

From what school do you intend to earn your degree? _____

Will you be directly enrolled in a foreign university? Yes No

Will you be taking courses in the native language of the host country? Yes No

If so, which language? _____

Have you previously traveled abroad? Yes No If so, list destinations and reasons.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do you receive financial aid? grants loans scholarships other (describe): _____

Essay: Attach a 500-word essay describing yourself, explaining your reasons for studying abroad, how the study abroad program relates to your chosen field, the impact that it will have on your career/graduate school experience, and how you will share your experience with others upon your return to your home campus.

I attest that the information provided on this application is complete and truthful, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information is subject to verification and that falsification will result in termination of any scholarships granted. I recognize that, should I receive this scholarship, my name, likeness, biographical information, and the amount for the award may be included in publicity generated by the Ohio International Consortium. My signature also indicates authorization to release all appropriate information as necessary to complete the scholarship process.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____