Application for Honors Research/Study Abroad Fund

Purpose: The Honors Research and Study Abroad Fund offers financial support for academic activities that enhance honors students’ undergraduate experiences.

Eligibility: Only active honors students on track to graduate with honors may apply for Honors Research and Study Abroad Funds, and all funding must be used and accounted for by July 1 of the academic year in which the student graduates. The maximum total award for study abroad is $1000. Students may request up to $1000 for trips of at least four weeks and up to $500 for shorter programs (minimum two weeks). The maximum research award per project is $500 (minimum request is $50), and the maximum annual funding per student is $1000. Each student may receive $1000 total in study abroad funding and up to four HRF grants of $500 each during their time in the University Honors Program: maximum funding from the HRSAF for any student is thus $3,000 total. **Honors prioritizes first-time applications.**

- Study abroad (two-week minimum) is eligible for funding (up to $1000 total funding).
- Examples of learning opportunities eligible for Honors Research funding (up to $500 per application) include:
  - Research, scholarship, and creative activities or materials
  - Research trips to archives, libraries, or field sites
  - International service opportunities as contract work
  - International or domestic internships as contract work
  - Presentation at academic conferences
  - Enrollment in a non-USU course that prepares the student for capstone work
  - NCHC “Partners in Parks” program fees and travel expenses for contract work
  - Matching funds for URCO or other academic grants
- Examples of ineligible expenses for Honors Research and/or Study Abroad funding:
  - Personal equipment (iPods, digital cameras, computers, or any equipment that would remain the student’s property)
  - Non-professional or educational travel (personal trips, vacations, social events, or short trips abroad that do not meet the four-week Study Abroad Fund minimum)
  - USU tuition
  - Student stipends or wages

How to Apply: The application form asks students to indicate the amount and type of funding requested, describe their specific needs, develop a detailed budget, and identify other sources of funding for which they have applied. Honors encourages students to seek funding from multiple sources and favors applications that do so. Honors evaluates only applications include 1) a typed, complete application form, 2) a 200-word funding request, and 3) a one-page budget description.

Final Reflection and Funding Report: Students awarded Honors Research/Study Abroad funding must submit a 1-2 page reflective funding report to the Honors Program within one month of receiving funding. The report must explain the use of the funding and the specific academics benefits of the funded experience.

Securing Matching Funding: The RGS [website](#) outlines funding opportunities. USUSA supports student participation in professional conferences. The Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities (URCO) [grant](#) has two annual deadlines: October 15 and February 15. Some departments or colleges also match funding. Students completing and disseminating results of at least two semesters of research may apply, with mentor approval, for the Undergraduate Research Scholar [transcript designation](#).
Please type your responses:

Name: ____________________________   A #: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________   Phone: ____________________________

Anticipated graduation term: _____________

Funding Source (select one):   Honors Study Abroad Fund   ☐   Honors Research Fund   ☐

Amount requested: ________________

Will this award be used as matching funds for another award that you have already received? If so, please list that award here:

List other funding for which you have applied, including departmental, URCO, or USUSA funds:

If you have not applied for other funding, why not?

Please provide us with the name and email address of a USU faculty mentor who will support your application. Honors staff will contact your faculty mentor directly.

Please TYPE and attach the following:

- A 200-word description of what you will do, where and when you will do it, and why this funding would benefit you academically.
- A detailed one-page budget breaking down your expenses by category