International Security Scholarships for Undergraduate Thesis and Study Abroad 2018-2019

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies has established International Security Scholarships for Undergraduate Thesis and Study Abroad to support undergraduates whose professional training and career plans lie in the field of international security. Applications will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary review committee that will make recommendations to the director of the Mershon Center. Scholarships typically range from $2,000 to $3,000.

The criteria for evaluation of proposals are:

- The student’s planned course of research or study abroad and its applicability to one or more of the Mershon Center’s three main research themes, listed below.
- The quality of the student’s performance at Ohio State.
- How the project or study abroad program fits into the student’s major and career plans, and helps prepare the student for a career in international security, broadly defined.

The Mershon Center is interested in three main themes, with each emphasizing an interdisciplinary focus:

- The use of force and diplomacy
- The ideas, identities, and decisional processes that affect security
- The institutions that manage conflict

For students studying abroad, preference will be given to applicants wishing to study a critical foreign language (Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Turkish, Hindi, etc.). For a complete list of critical languages, please visit http://www.nsep.gov/content/critical-languages.

Applications must contain four parts:

1. Completed application form.
2. Statement of purpose. Explain to an interdisciplinary audience how your project will advance the understanding of international security, broadly defined.
3. One letter of recommendation from an Ohio State faculty member.
4. Copy of student’s advising report.

Applications must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

All materials should be sent as one PDF or Word document to mershon.abroad@osu.edu.

Students with winning scholarship applications will be informed in March or early April. Funds will not be awarded to study abroad winners until proof of travel insurance has been provided. All students are required to enroll in the University's supplemental health insurance if participating in a study abroad program.

Students are welcome to apply simultaneously to study abroad scholarships through the College of Arts and Sciences and to the International Security Study Abroad Scholarship; however, there may be circumstances where a student can receive both at the same time. Students are eligible to receive the International Security Scholarship for Theses and Study Abroad in consecutive years.
For additional information or if you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Steven Blalock, Program Coordinator at the Mershon Center, at blalock.33@osu.edu or at (614) 688-5944.

Travel Warning Policy

In countries under a current Department of State Travel Warning or other locations designated as high risk, undergraduate students cannot use scholarship awards for study abroad programs and/or individual international projects outside of venues approved by Ohio State. For a full list of approved programs, please visit http://oia.osu.edu.

For the most current listing of designated travel warnings and high risk locations, please visit the United States Department of State at www.travel.state.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Travel Warning Policy or need additional information on which countries may be restricted, please contact Dru Simmons, International Risk Manager in the Office of Business and Finance, at simmons.541@osu.edu or at (614) 247-8351.

Supplemental International Insurance Policy

Ohio State students traveling to international locations for the purpose of study abroad, undergraduate or graduate dissertation research, internships or independent study are required to enroll in the university’s supplemental international insurance program, which is provided by HTH Worldwide. Students participating in Ohio State approved programming as administered by the Office of International Affairs are automatically enrolled in this insurance. For students traveling independently, you must enroll online.

For more information, please visit: http://oia.osu.edu/preparing-to-depart/health-insurance.html.
International Security Scholarships
For Undergraduate Theses and Study Abroad
Application Form
2018-2019

Student’s Name (Last, First):

E-mail Addresses
   Email 1:
   Email 2:

Mailing Address (where you can be contacted during May and June)
   Street:
   City, State, Zip:
   Street:
   City, State, Zip:

Phone Numbers (please list all applicable)
   Home:
   Cell:
   Other:

Major(s):

Current Rank: □ Freshman
              □ Sophomore
              □ Junior
              □ Senior

Cumulative GPA:

Country where you wish to study abroad:

Name of study abroad program:

Semester in which you wish to study abroad: □ Summer 2018
                                              □ Fall 2018
                                              □ Spring 2019