

2009-2010 International Plan Stipend

The International Plan Stipend is intended to defray costs of traveling abroad in fulfillment of International Plan requirements. It is awarded to those students who qualify with preference given to students with good academic performance and **federally-defined financial need.** **(Students that do not demonstrate federally-defined financial need are also eligible to apply.)** The stipend award amounts vary from year to year but are generally up to \$750.00.

Awards are always subject to funding availability. Furthermore, funds may not be made available prior to departure; so, if awarded, plan accordingly.

Qualifying students may be awarded this stipend more than once but priority will be given to those not previously awarded.

Stipend details are subject to change and, as mentioned above, awards are subject to funding availability. Be sure to apply as directed below.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must:

1. have been accepted to the International Plan and be in good standing with the program
2. have a GPA of 2.7, or above
3. have submitted a signed "Approved Signatures" form to the IP Coordinator**
4. be an undergraduate student enrolled in a degree program at GT
5. be a U.S. Citizen
6. have applied to a GT Fall, Spring, or Academic Year exchange program, work abroad program or be participating in a GT faculty-led summer study abroad program that is the second term counting toward the 26-wk international experience IP requirement.
7. be in good academic standing

Application Deadlines are strictly enforced:

Going Abroad Fall semester: March 1

Going Abroad Spring semester: November 1

Going Abroad Summer semester (2nd term, 26-wk. international experience IP requirement): February 1

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The completed application includes the following:

1. Application Form (these pages): completed and electronically signed by student
2. Short answers: Student must answer all of the questions below
3. If you have financial need, you should include documentation from the Financial Aid Office confirming this (you can paste in a copy of your Financial Aid award letter online from OSCAR), or include a statement with your application explaining your financial need and list those expenses related to going abroad (do not include entertainment expenses)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name (Last First Middle): _____

GT I.D. # (not your Social Security #) : 9_____

GT e-mail address: _____

Current GPA: _____

TERM ABROAD

Check the term you intend to study/work/research abroad:

____ Fall 2009 ____ Spring 2010 ____ Academic Year 2009-2010

____ Summer 2010 faculty-led study abroad (second term, IP international exp. requirement)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of study abroad program to which you have applied:

APPLICATION SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please provide a short biography about yourself. Include your major, year in school, program in which you are studying abroad, at least a sentence or two about why you selected your study abroad program, where you are from, and any "exceptional" or "noteworthy" things about yourself (clubs you are in, honors you have received, etc.).

In addition, please answer all of the following questions in short answer form. Each short answer should be at least 75 words in length. Be sure to turn in the application page and short answers to OIE by the stated deadline.

1. How does this program fit into your academic, personal, and future plans?
2. What challenges did you face in your decision to study or work abroad?
3. About which aspect(s) of your future international experience are you most excited?
4. About which aspect(s) are you most apprehensive?
5. List at least three of your current perceptions about the host country (e.g. cultural, historical, political, etc)

Office of International Education uses student quotes in order to promote the various programs abroad. By applying for this stipend, you are giving Georgia Tech permission to quote from your short answers.

Electronic Signature of Applicant

Date

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE E-MAILED TO:

internationalplan@oie.gatech.edu

Subject: IP Stipend Application

**All International Plans must be approved. The "Approval Signatures" form ensures that students receive approval for their plan and that they receive appropriate advisement prior to committing to a study or work abroad program. The form can be found with your study abroad or work abroad applications or can be downloaded from the International Plan website.