The UAlbany Office of Education Abroad invites you to submit your application for

**The World Within Reach Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship fund will recognize UAlbany students with a strong academic record who are participating in a qualifying SUNY study abroad program. Applicants should demonstrate both academic merit and financial need, and also be prepared to promote study abroad opportunities in meaningful ways upon return to UAlbany and/or in their post-graduate experience (for graduating seniors). Creative thinking on all levels is strongly encouraged in your application. Scholarship awards range from $250-$3,000, and the amount is determined by the duration of your program and financial need.

**Deadline: Friday, March 10th, 2017, 5:00 PM**

*General Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:*

Student must be a UAlbany student participating in a qualifying SUNY study abroad program, and must in good academic standing with the university (minimum GPA of 2.0)

**Scholarship Categories**

The World Within Reach Fund awards scholarships in the categories below. In your scholarship essay (which is mentioned in the next section), please address how you identify with a particular category/categories (unless you only qualify for the general scholarship).

**General**

All students who meet the scholarship eligibility requirements mentioned above can be considered for a general scholarship.

**LGBTQIA**

Students must describe their involvement in, and commitment to the LGBTQIA community.

**Active Military/ Veteran**

Students must be a US military veteran or active duty service member who has honorably served in one of the five military branches.

**Disabled Student**

Students must have provided documentation of their disability with UAlbany’s Disability Resource Center.

**STEM**

Students must be majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics discipline, and must plan to enroll in at least one STEM course while abroad. Transcripts must list the STEM major.

**Student-Athlete**

Students must be on an existing UAlbany NCAA athletic team.
Intensive Language
Students must be participating in a semester or academic year length program and must be enrolled in a minimum of 8 credits in foreign language (either direct enrollment content courses in foreign language OR language learning courses).

Applied Learning
Students must be enrolled in a study abroad program earning at least 3 credits with a specific research, service learning, internship, or volunteer opportunity built into the study abroad program.

Leticia Romanacce Madrid
Students must be participating in the UAlbany Madrid semester or academic year program.

The Santander Bank Scholarship Fund for Programs in Brazil and Argentina
Students must be participating on a summer, semester-length, or academic year program at Mackenzie Presbyterian University (Brazil) or at the Universidad del Salvador (Argentina).

Prepare an essay (maximum 2 pages) to address the following question:
*What impact will your study abroad experience have on your personal, academic, and career goals, and why are you deserving of a scholarship?*

Please address the following areas in your submission:

**About You:**
The scholarship committee wants to get to know YOU! Introduce yourself to the committee members on a personal level and tell us what makes you unique. Please tell us about your background, interests, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. **If you selected any scholarship category/categories besides “General” on your application, please mention your qualifications in this section.** We also want to know about your future career goals and how they relate to your study abroad option. What do you believe will be the long term impact of this experience on your future?

**Selection of Your Study Abroad Choice:**
We want to know why this specific option is a perfect fit for you. Give us as many details as you can in regards to why the academics, location, option structure, length, etc. fits you best. Please describe in this section any special features of your program including service learning, internships, host families, etc.

**Financial Need:**
A study abroad experience can stretch an already tight budget. Are you working your way through school? Don’t qualify for financial aid but also don’t have any extra money to put towards your experience? Tell us about how this scholarship would make a financial difference for you during your study abroad experience.

**Post-Experience Service Commitment:**
UAlbany is committed to creating meaningful international experiences for as many students as possible. How can you contribute to this effort upon your return to UAlbany? Are you part of a student club or organization? Interested in becoming a UAlbany AIR (UAlbany International Representative)? Please note that a service component and follow-up project are required for this scholarship.
**TIPS**

- Use tangible examples AND outcomes. Planning on volunteering? Tell us about it. Interning abroad? Let us know!

- Be specific. The committee doesn’t know all of the details that are probably second nature to you. Make sure that you don’t reference anything that isn’t explained in your submission!

- Be original/creative. The selection committee will receive many applications, what will set you apart?

- Check your spelling and grammar! Nothing is worse than a spelling or grammar mistake.

- Avoid using the word “immersed”.

- Pay attention to the deadlines. Late applications will **not** be accepted.

- Ensure that all required materials are submitted with your application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**FAQs**

**Q:** How many WWRF scholarships will be awarded each cycle?

**A:** The number of awards varies each year.

**Q:** I know that I’ll automatically be considered for the Joan N. Savitt if I apply for the WWRF Scholarship, but do I need to submit any additional documents?

**A:** No, the scholarship committee will select one winner for the Joan N. Savitt Scholarship based on your WWRF application.

**Q:** Can I be awarded more than one scholarship if I identify with more than one scholarship category?

**A:** No. The categories are all a subset of one scholarship fund. This means that, even if you identify with more than one category, winners will only be awarded money based on one of the categories in which they identify/select.

**Q:** How early can I apply for a WWRF Scholarship?

**A:** **Wintersession, Spring, and Spring Break applicants** should apply by the October deadline, **the year before** their study abroad program begins.

(i.e. If you’d like to study abroad Spring 2018, you’ll need to apply for the WWRF Scholarship by the end of the October 2017 cycle.)

**Summer, Academic Year, and Fall applicants** should apply the March deadline, **the same year** of their study abroad program.

(i.e. If you’d like to study abroad Fall 2017, you’ll need to apply for the WWRF Scholarship by the end of the March 2017 cycle.)

**Q:** How long will it take for me to find out whether I received a scholarship?

**A:** You will be notified 3-4 weeks after the application deadline.
The World Within Reach Fund

Scholarship Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name:_________________________ Last Name:_________________________

Phone Number:__-__-____ Email Address:_____________________________________

UAAlbany ID Number __________________ Have you previously studied abroad? □YES □NO

If yes, please list program and term:__________________________________________

**IMPORTANT** Your essay must NOT have your name on it, only your UAAlbany ID Number! Any essay with a student’s name on it will be automatically disqualified.

You may submit your application packet (including your application, financial verification, and essay (with no name, only your UAAlbany ID number), to the Center for International Education and Global Strategy, Science Library G40

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Location/Name:_____________________________________ Year: _________________

Term: □ Summer □ Fall □ Academic Year □ Wintersession □ Spring □ Spring Break

Is your UAAlbany Study Abroad Application complete and supplemental materials submitted? □YES □NO

Please check off all the categories below that apply to you:

□ General □ STEM
□ Disabled Student □ Applied Learning
□ Active Military/ Veteran □ Intensive Language
□ LGBTQIA □ Leticia Romanacce (MADRID ONLY)
□ Student-Athlete □ Santander (Argentina & Brazil)

We reserve the right to reduce the scholarship amount if you receive other external scholarships and the total of financial aid and scholarships is well above the actual costs of the program. We also reserve the right to re-categorize your application if we believe you are better suited for a different scholarship category.

A complete application includes:

□ Unofficial Transcript(s) □ Essay □ Financial Verification Form □ Scholarship Application

For Admin Use Only: □ JNS Eligible □ Santander Scholarship SC: __________________________
The World Within Reach Fund
Financial Verification Form

You must take this form WITH a copy of your COST ESTIMATE to your financial aid appointment. Use your cost estimate to complete the Cost of Attendance section BEFORE you meet with Financial Aid. You must complete this form as part of the scholarship application and have it signed by a Financial Aid representative. Applications received without this worksheet will be automatically disqualified. To complete this form you must make an appointment with either Ross Smith (rsmith@albany.edu) or Rachel Cofresi (rcofresi@albany.edu) in the Financial Aid office. The last day an appointment can be scheduled is March 6th. (Appointments are available through March 10th)

Name:______________________________
UA ID#:____________________________
Program:______________________________
Term:______________________________

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS (Completed by the student)
This is the TOTAL ESTIMATE amount listed on your study abroad COST ESTIMATE.
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS (A) $__________

FINANCIAL AID (Completed by Financial Aid)
TAP $__________
PELL $__________
Subsidized Federal Loan $__________
Other Aid:_________________________________ $__________
Other Aid:_________________________________ $__________
  ____ I do not qualify for grants or scholarships.
  ____ I cannot use my financial aid to assist in covering the costs of my term abroad (i.e. winter/spring break).

TOTAL FINANCIAL AID (B) $__________

ADDITIONAL FUNDING (Please inform Financial Aid of any outside funding you are receiving)
External Scholarships (Gilman, Fund for Education Abroad, Boren, etc.) $__________
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING (C) $__________

TOTAL COST minus TOTAL FINANCIAL AID minus TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING [A-(B+C)] $__________
If you currently receive an Athletic Scholarship, please list amount here: $__________
I have reviewed the study abroad financial worksheet. ____________ (initial)

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Student Financial Services Center Representative: ____________________________ Date:__________