International Service Learning

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Dates
Application deadline: November 10, 2015
Course dates: March 1 – June 30, 2016
Travel dates: May 28 – June 4, 2016
Pre-departure and post-travel meetings, assignments and presentations will occur during the course dates outlined above. Meeting times will be identified based on the schedule of participants selected.

Cost
$1,900.00 (approximate) if approved for SGA stipend, WCTC Foundation scholarship, and the Harris-Wofford Fellowship
$3,525.00 (approximate) total cost without stipend, scholarship, and fellowship assistance
Cost listed above includes lodging, airfare, most meals, travel health insurance, all volunteer activities, most cultural activities, in-country ground transportation and tuition/fees for a one-credit Education Abroad course.
Financial aid and loan money can be used to help fund participation in the program.

Description
• This multi-disciplinary program will combine students from any academic program at WCTC for an international volunteer experience through Cross Cultural Solutions, a leading organization that provides unique international experiences for individuals around the globe.

• Students will spend the mornings participating in community development volunteer activities such as improving education for children (to include teaching basic English words and phrases), improving the quality of life for the elderly and people with disabilities, caring for infants and children and enhancing the quality of healthcare. The volunteering experiences are often tailored to a student’s field of study or area of interest.

• In the afternoon, students can expect to explore the culture of their host country. Activities include cooking native dishes, learning the local language, touring historic sites and visiting local coffee or cocoa farms!

Course
A one-credit Education Abroad course titled “International Service Learning and Communications” is required for this experience. Students will be required to complete several related assignments such as pre-travel goal setting, research on the country to which they travel, in-country journaling and reflection after completing the travel and volunteer component.

Other
• Maximum of 10 students will be accepted.
• Students from any field of study will be considered.
• 2.5 cumulative GPA.
A passport is required for all international travel. If you currently do not have a passport, you are encouraged to apply for one as soon as possible at www.passports.state.gov.

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2015-2016 Harris T. Wofford Global Service Fellowship
Student Application and Overview

Overview

In partnership with Community Colleges for International Development (CCID), Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS) offers opportunities for eligible students at CCID member schools to participate in select CCS programs at reduced cost through award of a Harris T. Wofford Global Service Fellowship. Students who are selected for the fellowship are granted a waiver of approximately 50% of the costs of participating in an approved CCS faculty led volunteer abroad program. Students will be responsible for the balance of the program fee, airfare, passport, visa (if applicable) and other associated costs of participating in the program.

Eligibility Criteria

Students must meet all the requirements below to qualify for the fellowship. If criteria differ for study abroad participation at one’s institution, the requirements for the Fellowship supersede those of the institution. A student must:

• Be a student at a college that is a current CCID member college in good standing;
• Be currently enrolled at least on a part-time basis, with plans to be enrolled at least part-time when service takes place;
• Have a current GPA of 2.5 cumulative or better;
• Have a clear disciplinary record at the college;
• Meet all other requirements for study abroad according to the college’s policies.

Application Components and Requirements

Prior to application for a fellowship, the student’s college must have been approved to run a faculty led volunteer abroad program through CCS. Students may then apply for fellowships by submitting a complete application as outlined below:

1. A Harris T. Wofford Global Service Fellowship Application Form, with signatures from the Senior International Officer at your institution

2. An essay addressing the following questions not to exceed 3 typed pages double spaced:

   • Describe your current or previous volunteer experiences, both domestic and abroad.
   • Please list any previous international travel experience, including location and purpose.
   • The fellowship program seeks to engage a wide range of “non-traditional” students in a service learning abroad opportunity. Please describe the perspective that you would bring to the group of fellow service learning abroad participants at your site.

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• What is your personal motivation for participating in a Cross-Cultural Solutions international volunteer program?
• How will you share your experiences with the campus community upon return?

3. An official college transcript or unofficial college transcript provided by the Senior International Officer at your institution.

**Deadlines**

Students who are applying for a fellowship for participation in a **faculty-led program** coordinated by their college, should see the Senior International Officer (SIO) or other designated person on their campus for the fellowship deadline.

Students who are applying for a fellowship to participate in an **individual student program** through Cross Cultural Solutions must submit their applications to the SIO on their campus no later than December 1, 2015 or by the internal deadlines set by their institution.

The SIO must sign off and submit a scanned copy of the student’s application at as PDF file (one PDF file per applicant) to CCID at ccid@kirkwood.edu. All documents should be received by CCID not later than **December 1, 2015** and will be considered in the order in which they are received.
Directions: Please complete this application and submit it along with the required essay (see application overview for specifics) and college transcript to the Senior International Officer or other designated person on your college campus before November 20, 2015. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Student Name: _________________________________________ College:____________________________________

Program Site: _________________________________________ Travel Dates:____________________________

Name of Faculty Leader:___________________________________________________________________

Home Street Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City, State, and Zip Code:___________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________________ Email: ______________________________________________________

Major:__________________________ Cumulative G.P.A.:_______________________________________

No. of Credits Completed at Current Institution:_________ Anticipated graduation date:_______________

Please read each section and initial each box:

___ I understand that Cross-Cultural Solutions programs are designed for mature individuals who will live and work in a group setting, in a country with different regulations, laws and culture, and requires a great degree of responsibility, adaptability and teamwork. I agree to participate in the program under the direction of the faculty leader and Cross-Cultural Solutions staff.

___ I understand that the fellowship only covers half of the program fees and that I am responsible for the balance of the costs, including airfare, passport, visa (if applicable) and other associated costs of participating in the program

___ If selected, I agree to adhere to the requirements of the Harris T. Wofford Global Service Fellowship, which include:

- Write an online review about his/her experience; and .
- One of the following:
  1. Conduct a presentation in a class on campus about the experience.
  2. Host an information session on campus about the experience.
  3. Write an article for the student newspaper or local paper about the experience.
  4. Create a video/blog about the experience to be used for promotion of the program in the future.
I agree that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my ability.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________

Senior International Officer

The applicant provided all items listed in the applicant submission instructions, and they are included here. I signify by my signature below that I believe this student has the maturity, adaptability, and responsibility to function well with a team in an unfamiliar culture. I also confirm that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria listed on the application. I also agree to work in partnership with the faculty leader to supervise the student’s pre- and post-travel requirements, should this student be awarded the scholarship.

Staff Name (printed):______________________________________________________________________

Staff Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________

All applications will be read and considered in the order that they are received. College SIO will be notified of fellowships awarded by Monday, December 14, 2015. College SIO will be responsible to notify applicants.

For questions about the CCID-CCS Fellowship Program and application process, please contact CCID at 319-398-1257 or ccid@kirkwood.edu.

For general information about Cross-Cultural Solutions’ sites, facilities, and operations, please go to www.crossculturalsolutions.org. (Note that the program with CCID is just one of many they offer to various partner organizations and the website will not address specifics of the Fellowship or the CCID application process. Direct questions of that nature to CCID.)
Education Abroad
Letter of Recommendation

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Education Abroad Program: _______________________________________

Location: ___________________________________ Dates: __________________________  
          Month, Year

Student: Complete the section above and ask a WCTC instructor or staff member to fill out the remainder of the form below. The instructor or staff member you ask should be familiar with your academic work and/or extracurricular activities.

Faculty/staff: The student named above is applying for an education abroad experience through WCTC. Please evaluate the student based on the criteria below.

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Please share approximately how long you have known the student, the ability of the student to complete academic work, how the student might adjust to an unfamiliar/foreign environment, and any other pertinent information.

Faculty/staff name: ____________________________ Title: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: __________________________

Please return this form in a sealed envelope or via interoffice mail to the International Education Coordinator in the Advising & Counseling Center (C-021).