

THE GUADALUPE AND LILIA MARTINEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

1. Students must have graduated from high schools of Webb or Zapata Counties
2. Undergraduate students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 or higher, graduate students 3.2 or higher.
3. Students must have been approved for participation in a TAMU Study Abroad Program

Availability and Funding Amounts

The G&LM-IFS covers study abroad for short-term, semester, and yearlong programs. Awards are fully competitive and based on student qualifications, funds availability, and number of qualified applicants. The G&LM-IFS can only be awarded one time per student. Award amounts range from: \$1,000 to \$1,500 for a short-term program, \$2,000 to \$4,000 for a semester program, and \$4,000 to \$6,000 for a yearlong program.

Preferences

Country/Area Preferences: Africa, Central and South America, East Asia & Pacific, Europe and Eurasia

Fields of Study: Applied Sciences, Business, Foreign Languages, Area Studies, Social Sciences, Political Science

Selecting Award Recipients and Award Requirements

The G&LM-IFS recipients will be selected on the basis of merit, need, program duration and cost, with special consideration for the country/area and field of study preferences outlined above. However, all students meeting the eligibility criteria are strongly encouraged to submit their G&LM-IFS application. G&LM-IFS recipients must complete 15 service community hours during or after their study abroad program. These 15 hours consist of varying activities assigned by OIE. Failure to complete the service hours will result in registration holds being placed.

Application and Deadline

All applications can be submitted OIE upon acceptance/approval to the study abroad program. Applications are reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The application package should consist of a completed G&LM-IFS Application, Study Abroad Budget, and Statement of Purpose. Applicants will receive an award notification email during the award notification period, and must comply with the instructions specified in the award letter. After 5:00 pm on the final day of the acceptance period, unaccepted funds will go to alternate students. Information about the scholarships will not be provided over the phone.

Study Abroad Budget

The Study Abroad Budget is to be calculated based on program information and in consultation with the OIE Director. The Study Abroad Budget needs to be signed by both the OIE Director and the student in order to be considered complete.

Statement of Purpose Guidelines

The Statement of Purpose addresses the impact of the study abroad program on the student's academic, professional, and personal goals, and specifically the impact that receiving of the G&LM-IFS has on the achievement of these goals. Students need to address following:

- What initially inspired you to study abroad and what factors led to this choice of program and country?
- What impact will this study abroad program have on you academically, professionally, and personally? Be specific in mentioning details, such as course relevance, language training, experiential learning opportunities, unique program components such a home-stay, relevance to professional goals, research, etc.
- What challenges, if any, have you faced in your decision to study abroad?
- What impact does receiving the G&LM-IFS have on these challenges?
- Why is it important for students from Webb or Zapata county to study abroad?

IMPORTANT: The Statement of Purpose should be 2 full pages long (1 inch margins, double spaced), typed in Times New Roman, font size 10. Students need to list their TAMU Student ID# at the top of the statement, and **NOT** list their name anywhere in the essay. Essays that have grammar and spelling mistakes compete poorly and generally will not receive a scholarship award.

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PERSONAL DATA	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	TAMIU ID#
	<i>(Circle one: Mr. / Ms.)</i>			
	Local Address:			Home Phone
	Street Name/Number			Cell Phone
	City, State, Zip Code			
Place of Birth: (city/state/country)			Date of Birth (mo/day/yr)	
TAMIU Email Address: <i>(This is the only email address we will use to communicate with you)</i>				

ACADEMIC DATA	Graduating High School	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
	Total Semester Credit Hours	Major
		Minor
	Study Abroad Program Name	
	Country/Countries	Program Duration

FIN. AID	Office of Financial Aid Review	For OIE office use only.
	Please check one: Student has <input type="checkbox"/> need <input type="checkbox"/> no need \$ _____ _____ Financial Aid Signature Date	Date/Time Received: _____ OIE Approved SA Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date/Time Notified: _____

SIGNATURE	I certify that all of the information on my G&LM IFS application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentionally falsified information will lead to my disqualification from consideration of the scholarship. I will be required to re-pay any scholarship money awarded, should falsified information come to light following receiving the award. I will return or repay scholarship funds within 30 days, should I withdraw from the study abroad program or should the study abroad program be canceled.		
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	Student Name (print)	Student Signature	Date