



Purchase College Study Abroad Scholarship Application

Purchase Exchange Program Scholarship (PEPS) for Purchase or SUNY Semester Programs Only

This scholarship is a merit-based scholarship for programs offered for the Fall and Spring semesters abroad. To qualify, you **must** have a **cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher**. Awards are capped at \$1,500, therefore students should not anticipate awards to cover the total cost of the program fee. To apply, please complete the following and submit them to the Office of International Programs and Services:

- ☐ The **application form** on the back of this page
- ☐ An **application essay**: In about 500 words, please answer the following essay prompts:
 - ***How do you anticipate your study abroad program will further your personal, academic and professional goals?***
 - ***What do we need to know about you and why you are studying abroad that we cannot determine from your transcript and academic record alone?***
- ☐ **Faculty Recommendation Form** (attached) – Please have your recommender return the recommendation form to you in a sealed envelope with a signature across the closure.
- ☐ **Unofficial transcript**: You can download and print this from MyHeliotrope or your DPR
- ☐ Your **original application essay** for the proposed Purchase or SUNY semester program

Scholarship awards are not guaranteed and will be based on the following criteria:

- Your PEPS application essay
- Faculty recommendation
- Your academic record (unofficial transcript)
- Your original application essay for the Purchase or SUNY semester program

All scholarship awardees are required to complete (2) volunteer opportunities with the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) before they graduate. Volunteer Opportunities include:

- Writing a letter of thanks to the donors who fund the Purchase Exchange Program Scholarship
- Attending Study Abroad 101, the Fall Study Abroad Fair, or the Spring Study Abroad Fair to share your overseas experience
- Providing OIPS with at least (3) pictures of your trip abroad, stating the term abroad, location, and a memory/description (2-3 sentences) associated with the picture. Please note that these pictures and captions/quotes will be used on our social media platforms.

Application Deadlines

November 8 (for **Spring** Session Study)

March 1 (for **Fall** Session Study)

Application Form:

Applicant Name: _____ Purchase ID No. _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home / Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Have you completed the most recent FAFSA (if applicable)? Yes _____ No _____

Current Status Academic Year: First-year _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Cumulative College GPA (can be found on MyHeliotrope): _____

Host Institution Abroad, Term (spring, fall) and Year:

Have you received an official acceptance into your program yet? Yes _____ No _____

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

**The Office of International Programs and Services, Student Services Building 2nd Floor
or via email attachment to study.abroad@purchase.edu**

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Date Submitted:	Received By:
SFS/Committee Notes (if Applicable): 	
Award Granted:	
Committee Members Present:	
Notification Sent:	

To the Student :

This academic reference should be given to a professor, faculty advisor or internship coordinator who knows you well and is able to judge your academic qualifications for study/research abroad. It should become part of the application package given to the Dean for Global Strategy and International Programs.

Name of Reference: _____ Email: _____

To the Reference: *Please place this form in a sealed envelope and return it to the student to submit with their application.*

The student named below is applying for Purchase's Overseas Study Fall Scholarship. We would appreciate your assessment of the applicant's strengths.

Student's Name: _____ Proposed Study Abroad Program: _____

Has this student enrolled in your classes or department? _____ Please describe how have you known the student named above?

Academic attributes	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Evaluation
Competence in major or specialization	~	~	~	~	~	~
Academic interest and motivation	~	~	~	~	~	~
Capacity for independent study	~	~	~	~	~	~
Resourcefulness	~	~	~	~	~	~
Reliability	~	~	~	~	~	~
Integrity	~	~	~	~	~	~

Non-academic attributes	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Evaluation
Level of maturity	~	~	~	~	~	~
Ability to adapt to unstructured circumstances	~	~	~	~	~	~
Ability to relate well to others and contribute positively to a group dynamic	~	~	~	~	~	~
Demonstrates willingness to engage with new people, circumstances or events	~	~	~	~	~	~
Integrity	~	~	~	~	~	~

How do you envision their academic career after having studied abroad? You may attach a letter of recommendation or use the space below and on the reverse side of this page to provide your comments.

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Department: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____