



Florida Gulf Coast University

Perez Family Study Abroad Scholarship

2019-2020 Academic Year Application

FGCU students pursuing an academic program of study abroad during the Summer 2019 term are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

- Qualified candidates will be full or part time degree seeking undergraduate students with unmet financial need whose study abroad program or courses will apply toward degree completion.
- Scholarships will be awarded to students who desire to participate in a study abroad program sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University or another Florida Gulf Coast University approved third party education abroad organization.
- Qualified candidates will be enrolled in FGCU courses as part of their program or approved for the transfer of academic credits from the host institution abroad toward the student's FGCU transcript.
- Qualified candidates will be in good academic standing and hold a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher. Reasonable exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the committee.
- Qualified candidates must already either be admitted to or applying for, through FGCU International Services, a study abroad program before applying for this scholarship.

*As the scholarship is based on both need and merit, the first step is to verify your unmet need by sending an email with your UIN # to mryan@fgcu.edu You will be notified whether or not to continue with the application. Applicants must have a [FAFSA application](#) on file at time of application to be considered.

Application deadlines:

Spring 2020 programs: October 15th, 2019

Summer/Fall 2020 programs: March 15th, 2020

Award Amount:

Up to \$1500 USD for students participating on an FGCU Faculty Led Study Abroad program or an FGCU partner university exchange program OR up to \$4000 for students participating on an independent program of 4 weeks or more with an education abroad organization.

For specific scholarship details, complete requirements, application instructions or information and assistance with applying for the Perez Family Study Abroad Scholarship, please contact:

FGCU International Services
Reed Hall 122
10501 FGCU Blvd South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565
Tel: (239) 590-7925 Fax: (239) 590-7977
E-mail: mryan@fgcu.edu

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Instructions and Criteria of Eligibility

1. Applicants must have a University Identification Number (UIN) issued by FGCU. Acceptance to FGCU is required prior to consideration of your application; therefore, applicants must be currently enrolled FGCU students
2. Applicants must have at least one full semester of FGCU coursework to complete toward degree study following completion of the study abroad experience.
3. Send email with name and UIN# to mryan@fgcu.edu to verify financial aid need before submitting application.
4. Complete the application in full (including essay and program costs as noted below). Applicants must demonstrate the maturity needed to benefit from their experience abroad, and they should be able to describe the expected outcome of their program participation towards their future academic and career objectives. A successful applicant will demonstrate a coherent link between their proposed program abroad activities and their future academic and/or career plans, as well as personal development goals.
5. Scholarship recipients will be in good academic standing and hold a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Reasonable exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the committee.
6. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate community service as required by FGCU. Student involvement in leadership, campus or community activities is desirable.
7. The top scholarship applicants and or recipients will be interviewed by members Perez Family Study Abroad Scholarship selection committee.
8. Scholarship recipients should be willing to make a presentation or partake in other forms of outreach to communicate his/her experience abroad to FGCU students.
9. FGCU International Services and scholarship selection committee reserves the right to determine award recipients and amounts.

This award will be reported to FGCU Financial Aid Office and may impact the student's overall financial aid profile. If you withdraw from a program for any reason (voluntary or involuntary), any award you may have received may be revoked. If your award is revoked after funds have been disbursed to you, you will be responsible for returning any outstanding or prorated award amount.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All documents must be submitted to be considered: scholarship application, personal essay and study program costs. Return to the FGCU International Services by the appropriate deadline.

Last Name, First Name _____ Male ___ Female ___

University ID Number (UIN) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Permanent Residence Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Florida County of permanent residence _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

FGCU Email Address _____

FGCU Degree Sought _____ Major _____

Academic Status at the start of next semester ___ Fresh ___ Soph ___ Jr ___ Sr

Enrollment ___ Full Time ___ Part-Time Intended graduation date _____

Current overall GPA* _____

*If you have had less than one year of full-time study at FGCU, please identify your previous school or institution and GPA:

_____ GPA _____

Name and location of the study abroad program(s) in which you plan to participate _____

Semester of intended study abroad ___ Spring 2020 ___ Summer 2020 ___ Fall 2020

Personal Essay: Attach a personal essay limited to 7,000 characters (including spaces) per essay. This limit is approximately 1.5 pages, single-spaced in a word processing program. Address the impact that your study abroad program or internship will have on your academic, professional, and personal goals. Some considerations: What factors led you to select this program and length of study? Why have you chosen your country of study? What challenges, if any, did you face in your decision to study or intern abroad? How did you meet these challenges and what impact do you foresee them having on your experience abroad?

Study Program Costs: Provide an outline detailing the costs of your selected study abroad program.

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS and RELEASE OF INFORMATION if offered a scholarship through International Services (ISO) at Florida Gulf Coast University, I understand I may be required to participate in activities before or after my experience abroad as a condition of my award(s). I agree to repay the full amount of my scholarship award(s) if I fail to fulfill scholarship conditions. I authorize ISO to publish my name and/or photo and give ISO, and all persons or entities acting pursuant to ISO's permission or authority, all rights to use my name and/or photo. I understand that my name and/or photo may be used for educational, advertising and promotional purposes in all conventional and electronic media, and any future media. I also authorize the use of any printed material in connection therewith. I further authorize the Office of Financial Aid to release my financial aid data to ISO in order to be considered for a scholarship based on financial need.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this completed scholarship form with your essay and study abroad program application to:

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