

Peter Balsamo Scholarship for Language and Heritage Study Abroad

Award Amount (Subject to Change) \$500-\$1,000 Per Year

Background and Mission

Dr. Peter Balsamo is an alumnus of Montclair State University Class of 1972 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. In 1974 he earned a Master's degree here as well. As a student at MSU, Dr. Balsamo participated in a summer study abroad program to Spain. Through this scholarship, Dr. Balsamo hopes to inspire and support current Montclair State students to explore the world and broaden their experiences.

Student Eligibility

- Matriculated full-time Montclair State University student in good academic standing.
- Acceptance to a Montclair State University -approved study abroad program through the Office of International Academic Initiatives
- Financial need, as determined by a completed FAFSA form in the Financial Aid Office.
- Study must take place in a non-English-speaking country (excludes UK, Ireland, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada – except Montreal).
- Student must be matriculated at the University and enrolled in approved study abroad program in the semester for which the award is in effect and the student is completing their study abroad studies.

Preferences and Considerations

- First generation college student (Neither parent/guardian has earned a bachelor's degree).
- Preference given for study of language and/or culture of your heritage.
- Academic achievement as reflected in GPA, extra-curricular activities and recommendations.

Requirement

Upon completion of the program and return to the US, the recipient will have a phone conversation with Dr. Balsamo to share their experience. A representative from the Office of International Academic Initiatives will coordinate the phone call with the student and the donor. The student will make the phone call to the donor in the presence of the Director, Study Abroad Program or their designee, and ensure that the information provided to the donor meets donor requirement. Students are also encouraged to promote study abroad to their peers upon return.

Application Process

Deadline, March 1 for study abroad during summer, fall, or following spring.

- Submit a completed study abroad application.
- Submit a one-page statement that addresses the eligibility and preference issues cited above. Indicate the purpose of your proposed study abroad program and how it will benefit your academic program and/or future career goals.
- Complete and attach the Scholarship Application Form.
- The Office of International Engagement will evaluate the references and transcripts provided in your study abroad program application in support of your scholarship application. If you choose, you may request letters of recommendation in lieu of the reference forms provided in your Study Abroad application, but this is not required.

Your Scholarship Statement and Application Form should be submitted to:

Dr. Timothy White, Director of International Academic Initiatives (whitet@montclair.edu)

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Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Montclair Email: _____

CWID _____

Status (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate) _____

Major _____

Minor _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Study Abroad Term _____

Name of Study Abroad Program: _____

Location of Study Abroad Location _____

Language of Study Abroad Program _____

Check Yes or No for Each Statement:

Statement:	Yes	No
I have been accepted by IAI to my proposed program.		
I am a first-generation college student (Neither my mother or father attended college).		
Other than language study, I will be taking coursework in the host language.		
I will be studying the language of my heritage.		
I will be studying in the country of my heritage.		

Sign: _____ Date: _____