

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL

Summer Language Program Awards – Various Destinations

Value: 35 awards valued at \$2,000 each

Purpose

- Study a language (other than English) outside of Canada during the spring/summer term 2012; courses must start no earlier than May 1 and end no later than August 31, 2012
- Participate in courses/programs that are of a standard that in principle would allow for credit at the U of A. Students are encouraged to seek credit approval at the U of A for the language course/program of their choice. Faculties and departments, however, will approve each case individually for credit transfer. Any award of financial support under this program will have no immediate bearing on credit transfer at the department/faculty level at the U of A.

Eligibility of Participants

- U of A undergraduate or graduate students from any discipline at the University can apply
- Applicants must give evidence of previous knowledge of the language intended for study. This can be documented by evidence of participation in courses/programs at the U of A, at a high school, or at other recognized language teaching organizations; documented informal language learning experience will be considered.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of *12 credits of post-secondary coursework by the application deadline (*15 credits if you are in the Faculty of Science)
- Applicants must have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA and 2.7 GPA in the most recently completed term
- This award is not available to students who have received other funding support for the same language program/course which they are proposing to participate in under this award program, if the amount of the other award is equal to or greater than the amount of this award

Eligible courses: NORWEIGAN (Norway) - University of Oslo Summer Program - Augustana

- As a rule, language course/program duration should be a minimum of 4 weeks
- Language course/programs offered by:
 - a recognized university abroad during the 2012 spring/summer term; or
 - a U of A faculty member teaching a course abroad; or
 - an officially recognized language course provider abroad (e.g. Goethe-Institut)
- Courses taught in any country, except countries where English is the exclusive national language. Choice of destination is, however, subject to restriction by the U of A's policy on risk and liability management.
- A select number of courses/programs have been pre-approved (see Annex 1). If an applicant chooses a course not included in the list, that course will be vetted for quality by an academic committee.
- For the purposes of this award program, language courses will include translation courses etc. In exceptional cases, they will also include courses taught in another language that relate to culture and society of the host country.

Process and criteria

- Applicants need to use the attached form. Applications must be submitted with all necessary supporting documents. See list of supporting documents (next page). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Complete applications must be submitted with all supporting documents to the Education Abroad Program office at 8920 HUB Mall
- Applications will be selected by an academic panel
- Criteria for selection will be academic merit of applicant, quality of language course/program, motivation of applicant, and relevance of language course to future professional and academic endeavours
- Applicants will be notified of the results of selection by the end of March
- Award recipients must confirm their acceptance of the award to the Education Abroad Program office. Failure to do so will result in the re-allocation of their award.
- Award recipients must request a transcript from their host university for their course(s) abroad and submit it to the Education Abroad Program office upon return. Failure to do so may result in the student having to repay the full amount of their award.

Supporting documents

Please attach the following supporting documents to this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- UNOFFICIAL** transcripts of all completed post-secondary work at the U of A and other institutions are required
 - A)** If you have only attended the U of A, an unofficial U of A transcript can be printed from Beartracks and submitted (DO NOT submit statements of results or official transcripts)
 - B)** If you have attended other post-secondary institutions, please submit photocopies of these transcripts in addition to your U of A Beartracks transcripts. If you do not have photocopies of your other post-secondary transcripts, unofficial photocopies can be obtained from the Registrar's Office.
- Documentation indicating the intended language course/program name, institution, description, and dates (e.g. brochure, admission letter, website screen shot) NOTE: not required for approved courses listed in Annex 1)
- Evidence of past or present participation in language courses/programs at the U of A, at a high school, or at other recognized language teaching organizations (e.g. transcript/certificate); or documented informal language learning experience (e.g. statements/description of previous travel to a country where intended language is spoken, or of native language of parents spoken at home)

Application: www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/uai_educationabroad/pdfs/Award-SummerLanguageProgram-Application.pdf

Deadline: **January 31, 2012**