BETTY AND ROGER RUCH STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Charles T. McDowell Center for Critical Languages and Area Studies announces competition for the Betty and Roger Ruch Study-abroad Scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. The awards are for up to $3,000 and are open to all qualified undergraduates within the College of Liberal Arts. Students from other colleges/schools who have minor fields of study in Liberal Arts are also eligible. The Ruch Scholarships may be used in conjunction with study-abroad programs including both the study of critical languages, and for area studies generally. For area studies priority will be given to those countries or regions where critical languages are spoken. In all cases the awards are not intended to be the sole sources of funding for projects.

Requirements:

1. Applicants must submit a letter of interest (not an e-mail) describing the project or program to be undertaken. This includes independent study abroad programs approved of by the University of Texas at Arlington’s Office of International Studies, UTA summer study abroad programs, or other university-affiliated for which academic credit is possible. Students wishing to build or strengthen language skills may apply for programs in Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), Dari, Farsi (Persian), German, Hausa, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Pashto, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. Students who are native or heritage speakers of these languages may not apply for awards relating to these languages or their country of origin.

2. A resume indicating education and job experiences.

3. A budget for all expenses including travel, tuition, room and board.

4. A transcript of all college-level work.

5. Two (2) letters of recommendation from full-time tenured or tenure-track UTA faculty members.

6. Full-time enrollment (12+ hours) at UTA, and sophomore standing of 45 hours. Students must be enrolled at UTA during their study abroad semester.

7. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

8. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.

9. Post-completion report. The recipient must prepare a presentation of their work to the scholarship committee, or in a college or university-wide venue.

Application Deadlines: Nov. 3 for Spring 2015, and March 1 for Summer 2015! The earlier the applications are received, the likelier they will be eligible for funding.

Applications should be directed to:

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