

BETTY AND ROGER RUCH STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Charles T. McDowell Center for Global Studies announces competition for the Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarships for Summer and Fall 2021 programs, pending authorization from the UTA Study Abroad Office for international travel. This competition for generous study-abroad awards is 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, but preference is given to CoLA students first. The Ruch Scholarships may be used for study-abroad programs including either the study of critical languages, or area studies broadly defined by the Center. Priority is given to countries or regions where critical or less commonly taught languages are spoken, but other regions of the world will be considered as well. In all cases the awards are not intended to be the sole source of funding for projects.

Requirements:

1. Applicants must submit a letter of interest describing the project or program to be undertaken. This includes independent study-abroad programs approved by The University of Texas at Arlington's Office of International Studies, UTA summer study-abroad programs, or other university-affiliated programs that offer academic credit. Students who want 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 for use in their country of origin.
2. A CV or resume indicating education, work, and volunteer experiences.
3. A budget that explains all expenses including travel, tuition, room and board.
4. An official transcript of all college-level work.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation from:
 - a. full-time tenured or tenure-track UTA faculty members; or
 - b. one tenured/tenure-track faculty member, and a UTA language instructor from the program for which the student is applying; or
 - c. one UTA tenured/tenure-track faculty member and a professional from outside the university with whom the applicant is familiar (no family 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.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2021 for Summer or Fall 2021 programs. All awards will be granted provisionally, pending authorization from the UTA Study Abroad office for international travel.

Application materials should be sent by email [lonnyharrison@uta.edu] to:

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