



CENTER FOR WOMEN'S INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP
SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

CWIL Student Travel Grant Summer Study Abroad on a Saint Mary's College Program

Saint Mary's College's mission includes preparing women to make a difference in an increasingly complex and interdependent world. The role of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) within this mission is to foster the intercultural knowledge and competence critical to educating the next generation of women leaders. To achieve this, CWIL promotes intercultural engagement across the Saint Mary's campus, connecting with communities at the local, state, national and global levels. We understand intercultural engagement to consist of two essential parts which combine to result in growth: one is interacting across the boundaries that define identities, circumscribe participation, and shape encounters, and the other is reflection on and interpretation of the complexities of those interactions. Such boundaries include, but are not limited to, race, ethnicity, area of origin, gender, religion, socioeconomic status, educational level, sexual orientation, age, varying ability, and language. Everything we do or support must, in some explicit way, promote this kind of transformative intercultural engagement.

To achieve this CWIL mission, we build collaborative relationships throughout the campus and Michiana, and encourage partnering across departments, disciplines, and other traditional dividing lines. We organize our work into the distinct, but richly interconnected components of Scholarship, Community Connections, and International and Intercultural Learning. We bridge global and domestic diversity issues, mindful of the distinctions between these but also of their commonalities. We highlight the roles of women in relation to these issues, study the interconnections between gender and culture, and conduct all of our work to the end of developing women leaders. Rooted in this developmental approach, we challenge and support individuals and groups to take the next steps toward deeper intercultural experience, more sophisticated grappling with issues of difference such as power and privilege, and greater awareness of their own potential as change agents.

General Guidelines: The CWIL Student Travel Grant provides funding to encourage students to participate in international education, a distinct goal of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Increasing intercultural understanding and knowledge through interaction and reflection is a key objective of CWIL and Saint Mary's College. By participating in an international program of study which emphasizes intercultural engagement, grantees will enhance their own learning and enrich the College environment with new connections and perspectives.

Eligibility:

- A student must matriculate for at least one semester before and after the completion of her grant. Therefore, in most cases, current Saint Mary's First Years, Sophomores, and Juniors may apply for the CWIL Student Travel Grant for Summer Study Abroad on a Saint Mary's College Program. Students are eligible to receive a maximum of one CWIL Student Travel Grant during their degree program.
- Participants of **all Saint Mary's College summer programs** are eligible to apply.
- Funding will be a percentage of program costs based on financial need. Student financial need is determined by the Financial Aid Office and based on the current FAFSA on file at the start of the academic school year. Students who do not have financial need are not qualified for this grant.
- The program aims to support a diverse range of students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad. **Additional funds will be available for:**
 - Students from diverse ethnic backgrounds
 - Students going to non-traditional countries
 - Students in underrepresented fields of study, especially the STEM fields
 - Students of first generation



GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 1. Study Abroad Application:** Interested students are required to apply and be accepted to a Saint Mary's College [Summer Study Abroad Program](#) to qualify for consideration. Semester Study Abroad Programs are not eligible.
- 2. Grant Application Materials:** Submit completed application materials, by February 1st, to:

Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL)
132 Spes Unica Hall
abroad@saintmarys.edu

APPLICATION CHECKLIST (SUBMIT BY 11:59 PM, February 1st)

- Complete and Sign Application Form (page 3)
- Meet with Study Abroad Program Coordinator and obtain approval signature (page 3)
- Attach Essay
- Submit to abroad@saintmarys.edu by 11:59 PM on February 1st

ESSAY PROPOSAL

Please write a **two to three double spaced page** essay addressing the following questions. Feel free to follow the suggested outline, if helpful.

I: Intercultural Consideration

- Please share your thoughts about the meaning of intercultural sensitivity.
- Please describe your specific intercultural aims for the international program that you have chosen to attend. How do you plan to maximize your intercultural experience?
- Describe a previous intercultural experience that you have engaged in at Saint Mary's College. Please reflect on what you perceive as the benefits and values of intercultural experiences.

II: Financial Consideration

- If the grant is approved, CWIL will reimburse only a portion of your expenditures. Please describe how you expect to cover the remainder of the expenses?
- Please discuss the impact of the grant funding and how you intend to share your experience with the Saint Mary's College community if you are awarded a grant.

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Summer Study Abroad Student Travel Grant

APPLICATION FORM

1. Name _____ Anticipated Graduation Month/Year _____

Campus Email _____ SMC ID# _____

2. International Program _____ Term/Year _____

3. ___ I am a HUST major (or well-qualified minor) and wish to also be considered for HUST funding.
___ I am not a HUST major (or well-qualified minor).

4. I agree to complete a two-page **reflective essay** on my international and intercultural experience after I return. Send reflective essay to abroad@saintmarys.edu by **October 1st**.

5. I give my permission to **share my reflective essay and grant proposal**. CWIL will make successful proposals and reflective essays available to serve as models for other students by publishing examples on the Study Abroad Portal and in other publication sources.

6. I give my permission to CWIL to **contact the Saint Mary's College Office of Financial Aid** for information regarding my financial need. CWIL will keep conversations and records of students' financial need confidential.

PARTICIPANT'S UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT:

In signing this application, I agree to the accuracy of the above information enclosed in this application and all study abroad application materials. I agree, if selected, to abide by the requirements of the grant established by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. I understand that if any of the application material is not accurate or if I do not follow through with the grant requirements, the funding may be nullified and I will be responsible for reimbursing the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership for the grant funds. I understand that grants are awarded for purposes described in the proposal and may not be used in support of other activities. The grant will be withdrawn if circumstances invalidate the proposed activity.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S APPROVAL:

This student has met with me regarding her interest in the _____ program and I approve her participation.

Program Coordinator's Signature Date