Santander Semester Study Abroad Scholarship

Santander Bank, N.A. and Albright College believe that college students need to be prepared for the diverse and competitive global world in which they will live after graduation. To assist Albright College in preparing its students, Santander Bank has committed to providing scholarship funding to support select Albright students who wish to take part in an approved study abroad program.

**Deadlines for Santander Semester Scholarship Applications:**

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In order to apply for this scholarship, students will complete the standard Albright College study abroad application for semester study, or the Albright College Faculty-Led Course application for short term study, the Statement of Purpose essay and include one letter of recommendation from an Albright faculty member.

**Reviewers:**

- Kim Justeson, Director of Experiential Learning
- Karen Evans, Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning & Career Development
- Dr. Joseph Thomas, Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Affairs
- Members of the Study Abroad Advisory Board-TBD

The Fund will be administered by the College. The Fund will provide up to $5,000 per student to support Albright students who wish to take part in academic or service oriented semester-long study abroad programs as approved by the College. The College will publicize the availability of the Fund and disburse the awards based the following criteria:

1) Students with greatest need to receive priority consideration
2) Strong preference for students with junior or senior status during the term abroad
3) Minimum GPA of 3.0 required to be considered for the scholarship
4) Selected program location outside U.S. and approved by Director of Experiential Learning
5) Required letter of recommendation from a faculty member
6) Required **Statement of Purpose** essay which addresses: the student’s aspirations and goals for the experience, how the study abroad opportunity supports a liberal arts education, and how it relates to the student’s chosen course of study and/or professional goals
7) Commitment of award recipient to either:
   a) conduct a culminating public presentation about the experience (either individually or as a member of a group) or
   b) participate in an orientation program for students who are considering study abroad opportunities
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To apply for the Santander Study Abroad Scholarship, submit the following with your Albright Study Abroad Application; if you have questions, contact the Director of Experiential Learning, Kim Justeson.

- This Information Form
- Copy of Application for Study Abroad/Study Off-Campus
- Statement of Purpose Essay
- Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member

**Personal Information**

Name:__________________________________________ Class Year:__________________________________________

Program Provider and Location of Study Abroad Program: ____________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Current GPA:__________ Recommending Faculty Member: ____________________________________________

Your accompanying Statement of Purpose Essay should address the following:

- What initially inspired you to want to study abroad in this particular country?
- What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the Santander Scholarship have on your professional goals? How does this study abroad opportunity support a liberal arts education?
- Are there any distinctive components to this program, beyond coursework, that will impact your overall learning experience abroad? (i.e. home-stays, internships, field research, volunteer activities, extra-curricular activities, etc.)