International Experience Approval Forms

An Honors student interested in completing the international experience requirement in the International Honors Program must submit and obtain approval for an international experience proposal before beginning the proposed international experience. Students must submit a completed International Experience Proposal Form and include a Statement of Intent, course curriculum, and activities during the experience. The Statement of Intent, limited to 250 words, must provide a rationale that clearly connects the student’s experience to LIHC Characteristics of Approved International Experiences.

Pre-Approved International Experiences through UNCG's International Programs Center (IPC)

The following international experiences have been pre-approved:

- Any semester- or year-long study abroad experience with exchange partners arranged through UNCG's International Programs Center (IPC).
- Several short-term or summer programs administered by IPC and run through various UNCG departments. On the Honors College website you will find the list of approved short-term and summer programs that will fulfill the international experience requirement. Contact the IPC Study Abroad Coordinator for more information.

Approved international experiences should have three characteristics:

- Sufficient intellectual content so that students engage in critical and reflective thinking before, during, and after the time that they are engaged in cultures different from the cultures that they grew up in. The level of intellectual content should be equivalent to at least 6 semester hours of academic credit and should include ethnographic study of the cultures in which they are immersed.
- A level of immersion in a culture other their own that gives students culturally transforming experiences. (Those experiences should result in students going beyond culture shock and coming to terms with cultures different from the ones that they grew up in.)
- A transnational character that adds to the cross-cultural nature of the experience almost always requiring the student to travel and spend significant time beyond U.S. borders.

Other International Experience

Examples of International Experiences that are not pre-approved through UNCG’s IPC are: summer faculty-led programs, internships, programs through other universities, etc. You must submit the International Experience Approval Request Form before you make a commitment to participate in any particular program. Also, the Approval Request Form must be accompanied by a complete description of your program: specific location, program affiliation (college/university), length of stay, activities during experience, and credit hours.

International Honors Program students seeking to complete the international experience requirement other than through semester- or year-long study abroad at a UNCG partner institution must discuss their plans with the appropriate staff person in the International Programs Center (IPC) prior to submitting this form. Please ask IPC personnel to confirm by signature [on the second page of this form] that they have discussed with your semester-long and year-long options that would fulfill your academic needs. Because the expectation of Lloyd International Honors College is that Honors students will spend a semester or more studying abroad, when that is not possible the student is required to provide in writing a rationale for choosing an alternative short-term experience.

Approval Form Checklist

In order to be eligible for LIHC approval of your International Experience, you must submit the following information by the appropriate deadline:

- Statement of Intent (limited to 250 words)
- International Experience Approval Request Form
- Supplemental description of your selected International Experience, including courses and activities of participation;
- Honors Travel Grant Application, if seeking travel grant award
- If you are requesting participation in something other than a semester or year-long study abroad program, please submit a written rationale for your participation in the program you have selected.

Please allow a minimum of 3 weeks for a decision to be reached on your case. If, after three weeks, you have not received a notice of a decision, contact the LIHC office. If your desired international experience is not approved, you will still be responsible for any costs incurred. In no case will UNCG or Lloyd International Honors College be responsible for costs associated with an international experience that is not approved.
# International Experience Approval Request Form

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All fields are required and must be completed for review and approval. Please allow a minimum of 3 weeks for proposal review.

## Student Information

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## Which type of International Experience are you proposing:

- [ ] Semester-long study abroad experience
- [ ] Internship
- [ ] Year-long study abroad experience
- [ ] Research project
- [ ] Summer study abroad experience
- [ ] Other

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Number of academic credit hours that you will earn during this international experience: __________

Is this a UNCG program? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If it is not a UNCG program, is it on the list of approved short-term programs & summer programs on the Honors College website? [ ] Yes [ ] No (see below)

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I met with __________________________ on _______________ to discuss other options beyond the alternative experience proposed in this request.

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**Important Information**

- All students are **required** to attach an additional sheet which includes the following: statement of intent (limited to 250 words), program affiliation (college/university), course curriculum, and activities during experience.
- Students who are participating in non-pre-approved International Experiences must also include a program brochure, or other materials for approval support.
Please note that travel grants are currently available to students who:
- Are members of the Lloyd International Honors College (International, Disciplinary, or both);
- Have a UNCG cumulative GPA of at least 3.30; and
- Have completed at least one Honors course with a B grade or better.

**Student Information**

Full Name: 
Date: 

UNCG ID: 
Email Address: 

Local Address: 

Phone number: 

Number of semester-credit hours (s.h.) earned before the start of program: (check one)
- □ Less than 30 s.h.
- □ 30-59 s.h.
- □ 60-89 s.h.
- □ 90 s.h. or more

Are you currently receiving any scholarships or financial aid? □ Yes □ No

If “Yes,” what form of aid are you receiving?

**Student Certification**

I certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

**Honors College Office Use -- Please allow a minimum of 3 weeks for review**

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□ International

□ Disciplinary

This student: □ is qualified to receive an Honors Travel Grant in the amount of ____________________
□ is NOT qualified to receive an Honors Travel Grant.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Dean, Lloyd International Honors College