

# International Experience Approval & Travel Grant Request Form

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. Additional information, such as course curriculum, and activities during the experience, may also be required. The Statement of Intent 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, Spring Break trips, 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. Students completing study abroad programs outside of IPC's structure may not be eligible for the Honors Travel Grant.

### Approval Form Checklist

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

- International Experience Approval & Travel Grant Request Form
- Statement of Intent
- Supplemental description of your selected International Experience, including courses and activities of participation, if needed
- IPC signature for non-semester or year related experience

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Summer Travel – February 28

Fall Travel – March 16

Spring Travel – October 20

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

## Student Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UNCG ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

UNCG School/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of credit hours earned before the start of study abroad: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Honors Type:  International Honors  Disciplinary Honors  Full Honors

## International Experience Details

Semester-long study abroad experience

Internship

Semester(s) abroad (insert semester & year):

Year-long study abroad experience

Research project

Fall \_\_\_\_\_  Spring \_\_\_\_\_

Summer study abroad experience

Other

Summer \_\_\_\_\_

Host University, City, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

## Summer or Alternative Short-Term International Experiences

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I met with \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss other options beyond the alternative experience proposed in this request.  
(Student name) (Date)

IPC staff signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Required Statement of Intent and Additional Information

- All students are *required* to attach a STATEMENT OF INTENT with these forms.
- Students who are participating in non-pre-approved International Experiences must also include a program brochure, or other materials for approval support, including program affiliation (college/university), course curriculum, and activities during experience.

## Travel Grant Request

**A limited number of travel grants are currently available to students who:**

- Are members of the Lloyd International Honors College (International or Full University Honors Only);
- Have a UNCG cumulative GPA of at least 3.30; and
- Have completed HSS 198 (International Honors) and at least one Honors course with a B grade or better at the time of application; and, have completed an Honors course within the academic year of study abroad.

**Initial here if you wish to be reviewed for the Lloyd International Honors College Travel Grant for your International Experience**

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: \_\_\_\_\_