**Semester Language Study Scholarship**

The Semester Language Study Scholarship is a financial award to be used to toward a credit-bearing RCS sponsored semester-long international experience in French or Spanish. The number of scholarships available varies from year to year.

**Student eligibility requirements**: In order to be considered, applicants must have already applied to an approved study abroad program through the MSU Office for Education Abroad (proof of acceptance will be verified before funds are released). Applicants must be full-time, undergraduate, degree-seeking students in good academic standing. Applicant’s program must offer foreign language coursework and be language intensive. The program must be a semester long and sponsored by the Department of Romance and Classical. Students must have a major within the department of Romance and Classical Studies. Preference will be given to primary majors

**Application deadline:**

Spring program – November 1th
Fall and Academic Year programs – April 1st

**Scholarship disbursement:**The amount of the award depends on available funds. The number of scholarships available varies from year to year. The award will be credited to the semester in which you participate in the program.  You can only receive the award once. You cannot delay or defer the award; it must be used for the term listed on your application. The award must be used for the specific program outlined in your application.

**How to apply:**By submitting this application, you will be considered for the Semester Language Study Scholarship.  Your application will be evaluated based on the quality of your personal essay. Please see the prompt below. Completed applications must be sent as an email attachment to gansler@msu.edu by 5pm of the stated deadline. No late applications will be accepted.

**Application**

**Include the following information on your application and submit to gansler@msu.edu:**

Student name:

APID:

Phone:

MSU email (please include "@msu.edu"):

Primary major:

Name of study abroad program:

Study abroad program location:

**Scholarship essay**

Studying abroad and other immersive experiences provide the opportunity to improve your language skills and deepen your cultural understanding. Your time on these programs will go by quickly and will be over before you know it. To maximize your experience, it is important to have a personal plan in place to meet your own goals for language improvement, cultural explorations, self-discovery, etc. In your essay, please answer the following questions:

1. What are your specific goals for language proficiency and cultural understanding for this immersive experience?
2. What steps do you plan to take, both in and out of the classroom, to reach those goals? Provide specific examples of activities/aspects of the program that will enable you to reach your goals.
* Your statement must be no more than two pages (double-spaced) or 500 words.

Your application will be reviewed by the RCS Undergraduate Committee and assessed over 10 points using the following criteria:

8-10 – Student has well thought out answers to questions. Response is well written and compelling. Clear goals. Student provides specific examples of how they will meet goals on their chosen program.

5-7 – Student has answered questions but response lacks development. Learning goals may not be clearly stated. Connections between the learning goals and the program activities are weak.

0-4 – Student has not fully answered questions. Response lacks clear development. Learning goals are not clearly stated and/or not connected to their chosen study abroad program.

By submitting my application, I understand that, if I am the recipient of this award, the Department of Romance and Classical Studies is authorized to release my name and information regarding this award to donors and the media.