

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FEE AWARD INFORMATION

Application Deadlines:

Summer- February 15 Fall or full academic year - March 15 Spring- November 1

Applicants are notified about the selection committee's decisions two weeks after the application deadline.

Purpose

The International Education Fee Awards (IEFA) are designed to give merit-based financial support to students wishing to internationalize their education experience at UHCL. The IEFA will be utilized in three specific ways:

1. A grant for students participating in approved education abroad programs (85% of IEFA fund)
2. A grant for non-degree seeking, international exchange students (10% of IEFA fund)
3. An emergency fund for education abroad and international exchange students during their participation (5% of fund)

Key Definitions

1. Valid education abroad experiences are credit-bearing and recognized by the Provost's Office, including:
 - Faculty-led study abroad programs in which UHCL students are enrolled in academic credit hours at UHCL or in University of Houston System institutions
 - Direct enrollment in study abroad programs offered by "program provider" organizations or other academic institutions, whose mission is to provide education abroad experiences for college and university students
 - Direct enrollment in language and cultural study programs offered by institutions in the host country
 - Credit-bearing, unpaid internships or volunteer positions, which are offered by program providers, non-profit, non-governmental, or other organizations.
2. International Exchange Students are non-degree seeking students pursuing studies at UHCL through an official UHCL exchange agreement or partnership with a foreign educational institution, as recognized by the [Office of International Initiatives \(OII\)](#). Additionally, they pay UHCL tuition and fees; may only attend UHCL for a maximum of one year; must enter the United States on non-immigrant student visas (F or J visas).

Eligibility

Eligible students include:

1. Undergraduate and graduate/professional students enrolled at UHCL who are in good academic standing.
2. International exchange students who meet the admissions requirements aligned with the exchange or partnership agreements
3. All students needing emergency fund support who are official participants in an education abroad or international student exchange programs recognized by the Office of the Provost and OII.
4. UHCL non-immigrant international students intending to study abroad in their country of origin who participate in programs recognized by the Office of the Provost and OII.

Selection

IEFA recipient selection and award amounts are based on merit, quality of application, length of program, program costs, and location of program. While financial support and budget information is collected and considered through the application process, the merit of the international experience and the quality of the student's application are the primary considerations.

Disbursement Policy

IEFA funds are disbursed directly to the recipient's UHCL account. If the disbursement creates a credit balance, the student receives the IEFA funds as a financial aid refund. If a student owes a balance to the university for tuition and fees, the balance will be deducted from the IEFA disbursement prior to the student receiving a refund.

Important Notice

Recipients are expected to participate in the program and the timeframe listed on their IEFA application. Any change requires IEFA Committee approval or reapplication. Students who do not participate in or complete the program awarded may not be entitled to the award. Even if the award has already been disbursed, the student may be required to return the full amount if they do not participate or complete the program.

For more information, please read the [IEFA Guidelines](#).

EDUCATION ABROAD APPLICATION

General Information			
Last Name	First Name	UHCL I.D. #	
Phone	UHCL E-mail		
Education Abroad Program (destination & name):			
Term of education abroad:	Current Degree level:	GPA:	
Honors, Awards, and Activities (List campus involvement, honors, scholarships, & awards received. Use an additional page if necessary)			
Budget for Education Abroad Program (Please be as specific as possible. Use an additional page if necessary.)			
Resources		Expenses (You may attach a program flier that fully describes costs.)	
Scholarships/Grants:		Tuition:	
Federal		UHCL	
State		Foreign Institution	
Other		Program:	
Loans:		Fees:	
Federal		Housing:	
State		Food:	
Private		Travel:	
Work Abroad:		Airfare	
Parents:		Local	
Savings:		Insurance:	
Other:		Other:	
Total:		Total:	
International Experiences (Describe your previous study or living abroad experiences, including country and dates. Use additional page if necessary)			
Required Documentation (Please submit the following with your application.)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Essay-One page essay describing your interest in this education abroad program and how it relates to your current degree program and/or professional goals. Additionally, describe any special circumstances (academic, financial, personal, etc.) that you find relevant. Letter of recommendation from UHCL faculty advisor Confirmation of application or acceptance to study abroad program from host institution. Information from host institution describing program (information may be gathered from a website, promotional brochure, etc.) 			
Disclaimer and Signature			
<p>I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application I understand that the IEFA committee may access my records at UHCL. I understand that the IEFA selection committee contains UHCL students among its members. Furthermore, I understand that the committee will not review incomplete applications, and the committee reserves the right to request additional information. Failure to submit a complete application or respond to additional information requests may result in my application not being considered.</p>			
Signature			Date

Submit application and essay to: International Education Fee Award Committee
c/o [Office of Student Financial Aid](#), SSCB Room 1.105
2700 Bay Area Blvd. Houston, TX 22058
or fax 281-283-2502

Questions? Contact the [Office of Student Financial Aid](#) at UHCL_FAO@uhcl.edu or 281-283-2480.