

Washington University - College of Arts and Sciences Overseas Programs

WU Village India Program - Summer 2010

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Requirements:

- 1) Data Sheet
- 2) Answers to short essay questions
- 3) Signed Statement of Personal Responsibility
- 4) One (1) Letter of Recommendation
- 5) Transcript (student generated internal record is sufficient)

Application Deadline:

February 15, 2010.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by the Program Director and interviews may be a required part of the selection process. Applicants will be notified no later than March 1.

Program costs:

The fee for the 2010 Village India program is \$4250, which covers 5 WU credits, housing, meal allowance and on-site coordinators. International airfare is additional and is anticipated to be \$2000. Students selected for the program will need to secure their place on the program with a non-refundable \$500 deposit by March 15.

Questions:

Please consult with Professor Ken Botnick (Email: botnick@samfox.wustl.edu, Phone: (314) 935-8402) or Steve Shriberg (Email: sshriber@artsci.wustl.edu, Phone: (314) 935-9607).

Submit all application materials to:

Office of International and Area Studies
Campus Box 1088
One Brookings Drive
Washington University
St. Louis, MO 63130

Tel.: 314-935-5958
Fax: 314-935-7642
Website: <http://www.artsci.wustl.edu/~overseas/>
McMillan Hall 138

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Study Abroad Application for WU Approved Programs

DATA SHEET

Please print in ink.

Period of intended study abroad: Year(s): _____ Fall Spring Academic Year Summer

_____ Country

_____ Foreign Institution or Program Name

_____ Primary Subject to be Studied Abroad

Personal Data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Female Male WU Student No. (SSN for non-WU): _____ Birth date (mm/dd/yr): ___/___/___

US citizen? Yes No Passport number _____ and date of expiration ___/___/___

If not US citizen, nationality: _____ and residency/visa status: _____

Cell phone number: _____ and "edu" e-mail: _____@_____.wustl.edu
(**cannot** be aol, hotmail, yahoo, etc.)

WU Students Only: After confirming WebSTAC includes your current local address and telephone number, check here

Permanent (home) address: _____
_____ Street

City

State

Zip

Country

Parents:

Mother

Father

Name: _____

Complete Address: same as permanent address same as permanent address

(List full address of both if different) _____

Telephone: home: _____ home: _____

work: _____ work: _____

E-mail: _____

Educational Information: WU College or School: A&S Arch. Art Bus. Engn.

If not a WU student, name of your college or university: _____

Major(s) for which you intend to receive credit for coursework abroad: _____

Minors(s) for which you intend to receive credit: _____

Class standing (at time of study abroad): Fr So Jr Sr Just Graduated Grad

Overall GPA: _____

On-campus activities: Please list the organizations, teams, or clubs in which you are actively involved:

References: Name

Department

E-mail Address

1. _____

2. _____

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SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer on a separate sheet of paper. Your typed response should be 2-3 pages double-spaced with 1 inch margins using 12pt. font. Make sure to include your name, ID and the program name.

I. Academic/career goals:

1. Explain how and why the Village India program fits with your academic program, including both what you have done so far and what you hope to do in the future; this may include future academic work and also post-graduation and career aspirations. Be specific where you can, and provide whatever support you can for your statements.
2. What is your academic preparation for this experience?
3. Students will all teach a mini-course at the Junior College (11-12th grades) in Kalleda. We will work out the specifics of these mini-courses in consultation with the school staff. You may optionally offer a brief description of one or two possibilities for mini-courses that you would like to develop. Why would you be good at teaching this course or these courses?
4. Students will have an opportunity to help with, or initiate, extra-curricular activities with kids either at the Junior College or the Primary School. You may optionally offer a brief description of one or two possibilities for extra-curricular activities you would like to develop. Why would you be good at this activity or these activities?

II. Personal goals:

1. Describe your personal goals for your time abroad.
2. Have you lived or traveled outside the U.S. before? If so, where and for how long?
3. Study abroad always requires you to tolerate ambiguity, show respect for differing opinions and values, and demonstrate independence and flexibility. Please describe specific experiences that show your ability to handle these challenges.
4. Describe an important cross-cultural experience you have had and its impact on your preparation to study abroad.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Student: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Period of intended study abroad: Year(s): _____ ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Academic Year ___ Summer

Country Foreign Institution or Program Name Primary Subject to be Studied Abroad

Behavioral and academic standards: Admission to study abroad may be denied or rescinded due to behavioral or academic concerns. Your WU judicial and academic records will be subject to review. As a participant, you will be expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with the behavioral standards of the WU Judicial Code. Disruptive behavior, academic dishonesty and other improprieties will not be tolerated. Also, you must comply with the rules and regulations of any host institution and with the local laws and regulations in the foreign country or countries where you reside or travel during the program, including times when you are engaged in independent activities. Your participation in the program may be terminated by WU for violation of these standards, along with forfeiture of program fees and loss of academic credit for the program. You may have to return to WU at your own expense to appeal a disciplinary decision. These standards apply to students studying abroad on a leave of absence as well as those on WU-approved programs.

Drug use and other illegal activities: The possession or use of any quantity of marijuana, cocaine, or other illegal substance is strictly prohibited. This prohibition applies not only while you are in the company of fellow participants, but also while you are alone or with people not associated with the program. The consequences of substance abuse or other illegal activity at any time during the program include immediate expulsion from the program, forfeiture of all program fees, and loss of academic credit for the program. Furthermore, U.S. citizens in a foreign country are subject to the laws of that country. Neither the U.S. Embassy nor Washington University can obtain your release from jail; they can only aid in obtaining legal assistance for you.

Inherent conditions, hazards and risks: Washington University acts only to provide the opportunity for foreign study and does not guarantee your satisfaction with the program or your well-being. You will not be closely supervised while you are abroad. You are responsible for using good judgment to ensure your own health, safety and welfare. There are certain inherent conditions, hazards and risks associated with international travel and living abroad for which the University cannot and will not assume responsibility. These include, but are not limited to, inclement weather, natural disasters, labor disputes, riots, terrorism, delays or disruption of travel or accommodations, accidents and disease. During the period of your participation in the program, and while you are en route to or returning from the program, WU will not be responsible for any injury or damage to you or your property or for any personal liability sustained or incurred by you.

Medical needs and health insurance: You are responsible for assessing your own medical needs. Physical or emotional problems may be exacerbated by stresses associated with study abroad. You must be medically able and prepared to participate in the program, including appropriate immunizations. Some foreign institutions and/or national health systems provide limited health care for visiting students, but access to free or low cost medical care is not assured and may not be readily available. You are responsible for verifying that you will have adequate health insurance coverage and that it will remain effective for the duration of the program. Also, you are responsible for complying with the appropriate claims procedures and deadlines. All WU fall and spring semester programs include mandatory WU student health insurance, which provides worldwide coverage for partial reimbursement of medical expenses plus the services of Assist America, including medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. Students who are enrolled at WU during a spring semester are covered during the summer too. Simultaneously, you may be covered by a family or private health insurance plan and/or by mandatory host country student health insurance.

Authorization for emergency medical treatment: Washington University representation is not available at all program sites. Nevertheless, by signing the following statement, you are granting permission to WU and any person acting on behalf of the University to authorize emergency medical treatment for you when deemed necessary, and you are agreeing that neither the University nor the person acting on behalf of the University can be held responsible for any injury or damage that may arise out of or in connection with such authorization.

Statement: I understand and accept the stated conditions of participation in a WU sponsored or approved study abroad program. I understand and accept my responsibilities, and I understand and assume the potential risks, as described above. I authorize WU to contact my parent or guardian about my physical or mental health while I am abroad if deemed advisable to do so. I am eighteen years of age and fully competent to sign this statement and I am signing it as my own free act.

Student's Signature

Date

Printed Name

WU Student No. (SSN for non-WU)

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Note: Please use this form as a cover sheet along with program-specific reference forms when available.

Student (please print):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

E-mail address: _____@_____.wustl.edu Phone: _____

Period of intended study abroad: Year(s): _____ ___Fall ___Spring ___Academic Year ___Summer

Program student is applying to:

Country	Foreign Institution or Program Name	Primary subject to be studied abroad
_____	_____	_____

Name of Reference: _____ **Title:** _____

Date this form was given to Reference: _____

Due date: ___Jan 8 ___Feb 1 ___Feb 15 ___Apr 1 ___May 1 ___Other _____

Statement: I hereby ___waive ___do not waive my ability to view this letter.

Student's Signature

* This recommendation should come from a professor, instructor, or advisor who is familiar with your academic work. Preferably, this person should be familiar with the subject area(s) you intend to study while abroad. For a foreign language program, at least one of your references should be familiar with your language proficiency. Be sure to discuss your study abroad goals and expectations before requesting the letter of reference.

Faculty Member or Advisor:

- **Please do NOT send any materials directly to the program.**
- If a program-specific reference form is included, please complete and return it via Campus Mail to **Overseas Programs, Campus Box 1088**, with this form. **Do NOT send the reference letter directly to the program.** You do not need to write a separate letter and may disregard the instructions below.
- If no program-specific form is provided, please prepare a letter evaluating this student with respect to:
 - a. Academic ability and preparation for participation in the study abroad program(s) listed above.
 - b. Personal suitability for study abroad, including adaptability, maturity, and motivation.
- Please write your recommendation letter "To Whom It May Concern" on letterhead stationery.
- Please send this form and the signed and dated letter (or completed program-specific form, if any) directly to:

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