International Wire

News from the International Studies Program at USA

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International Studies Students Win Study-Abroad Scholarships

Cameron Gibson is this year’s James and Ivel Caldwell Award winner. A double-major in Foreign Languages and Literatures, Cameron spent several weeks in Dijon, France this summer. Since 1994, the Caldwell Scholarship has provided an invaluable contribution to international education at USA. This year’s award was $3000.

Erik Gabriel and Maggie Tarver each won major awards from the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for their study abroad semesters. Gilman Scholars are chosen in a competitive process sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Maggie is currently improving her Arabic and completing her I.S. degree in Morocco. Erik spent several weeks studying in Japan last summer and, thanks in part to the Gilman Scholarship, is back in Tokyo for the fall semester. Erik was also the winner of the National Association of Teachers of Japanese Bridging Project Scholarship. Congratulations to Erik and Maggie!

For information on these and other scholarships, see:
http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/contact.html
http://www.usouthal.edu/internationalstudies/Caldwell.htm

Study Abroad can be a part of everyone’s college experience! I.S. students have recently studied in China, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Morocco and Spain. Some have studied for a few weeks, others for a whole semester or even longer.

Upcoming Events:

Study Abroad Fair, learn about different programs and scholarships for study abroad.

September 12, 9:00AM – 2:00PM, Humanities Courtyard.

Study Abroad Workshop, hear from students who have recently studied abroad and ask questions about the process. Refreshments!

September 28, 3:30PM-4:30, Humanities 308.
Alumni Spotlight

USA’s I.S. Program has alumni all over the world, pursuing many exciting projects. This fall’s spotlight is on Narine Karapetyan. Narine graduated in 2010 with a degree in International Studies. While at USA she participated in Model UN and studied in Germany. After graduation, she served as a fellow at the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) in Washington, DC. Extended family in Armenia were excited to see her on Armenian television last year! This fall, she enrolled in the Law School at Suffolk University in Boston.

Focus on Internships

Did you know that you can earn course credit and work experience at the same time through internships in business, government or non-profit organizations? IS students have recently served as interns with the Mobile International Festival, Catholic Social Services, the International Red Cross, the federal government and various businesses. Several students even earned internship credit during their study abroad in Costa Rica this summer.

There is a list of some internship opportunities at home and abroad available here: http://www.usouthal.edu/internationalstudies/index.htm

Students can also identify their own internship opportunities but approval by the student’s Faculty Adviser is always required.

Special Opportunity: The Washington Center (http://www.twc.edu) is a non-profit educational center in Washington D.C. that provides summer or semester-long study/internship opportunities to students that have an interest in the intersection of government and public policy in many fields. There are also scholarship opportunities through the state, the university and the Washington Center to help students defray the cost of the program. The contact on campus for this program is Dr. Marsha Hamilton in the Department of History. The early deadline for the summer 2012 program is September 23. Students can apply as late as March 2012, but risk not getting their preferred internship or academic program. Contact Dr. Hamilton if you are interested: mhamilton@jaguar1.usouthal.edu.

For more information about the International Studies Program at USA or anything you have read here, please contact: Dr. Susan McCready, smccread@jaguar1.usouthal.edu
National Scholarships and Fellowships

This is a partial list of scholarships, fellowships and academic programs that may be of interest to IS Students. For more information, contact: Dr. Marsha Hamilton, USA Department of History at mhamilton@jaguar1.usouthal.edu.

Fulbright Program [www.us.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org)
International graduate study programs in more than 150 countries.

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program [www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits)
Up to four years of study leading to M.F.A. or Ph.D. in selected fields in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Paul and Daisy Soros Scholarships for New Americans [www.pdsoros.org](http://www.pdsoros.org)
Two years of graduate study in U.S. for resident aliens, naturalized U.S. citizens, or children of two parents who are both naturalized U.S. citizens.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship [www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov)
Up to three years of study leading to a career in government or other public service; apply in junior year

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship [www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org)
Undergraduate and graduate fellowship for students pursuing degrees in international studies and interested in careers in the foreign service; apply as juniors, seniors for grad fellowship.

Institute for International Public Policy [www.uncfsp.org](http://www.uncfsp.org)
Scholarship and institutes for students from traditionally under-represented minority groups interested in careers in international affairs; apply as sophomore.

Morris K. Udall Scholarship [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov)
For students with career plans related to environmental public policy or Native American and Alaska Native undergraduates interested in health care and tribal public policy; apply as sophomores or juniors.