The Student Government Association (SGA) International Study Abroad Awards are created to encourage UNO students to study abroad on UNO’s various international programs offered via the Division of International Education (DoIE), and to recognize UNO students who contribute to the University campus community.

All full-time UNO students may apply for the awards, except for current officers and/or employees of the UNO Student Government Association. The Awards are designed for UNO’s Division of International Education (DoIE) Programs that take place in the summer; a separate form is available for those who are interested in the academic year study abroad program awards. These presently include UNO Programs in Austria, Costa Rica, France, Ireland, Italy, and Japan. Any programs developed and administered by UNO’s DoIE office in the future are also included. Students may only apply these funds towards programs administered by UNO. All recipients will be selected by the UNOSGA International Study Abroad Awards Board.

Recipients and award amounts of the UNOSGA International Study Abroad Awards will be chosen by a board of representatives of university units affiliated with the program. The board is to meet at least once per year in the fall and/or spring semesters. The board will choose the recipients who may use the award for any time during the fiscal year. However, no student may be conferred more than one of the Student Government Association (SGA) International Study Abroad Awards in a given 365-day period. If any category of award is not filled, the Board may award money to more than one student in any category as it sees fit.

**Award Categories:**

**The SGA Presidential Award** (awards of $250-2000.00) Named in recognition of the SGA President, this is awarded to students with the highest levels of service to UNO, the highest academic standings, and the best essays of purpose among the applicants.

**The SGA Senatorial Award** (awards of $250-2000.00) Named in recognition of SGA Senators and their contributions to the UNO community, this award is given to the students with high records among the applicants of academic accomplishment and service to UNO.

**The SGA Undergraduate Studies Award** (awards of $250-1000.00) This award is conferred upon students with outstanding records of service to UNO and academic accomplishment who wish to participate in any of the programs.

**The SGA Graduate Studies Award** (awards of $250-2000.00) This award is given to graduate students with outstanding records of service to UNO and academic accomplishment who wish to participate in any of the programs.

**Requirements:**

1. Meet minimum eligibility requirements for study abroad program of choice (please see UNO DoIE materials for list of programs and eligibility requirements: [http://inst.uno.edu](http://inst.uno.edu))
2. Complete the study abroad program. The award must be repaid in the event of an early withdrawal from the program.
3. Agree to represent UNO while on the programs by performing various duties, such as assisting the program staff on onsite activities, or possibly speaking in front of groups about the study abroad program, etc.
4. Agree to contribute materials to UNO DoIE office, such as pictures and memorabilia for binders and the programs website.
5. Agree to speak in various venues (such as in-class presentations or at display tables) to potential study abroad students about their experiences overseas.
6. Report back to the SGA Senate at the first possible senate meeting after the student’s return or in writing to the SGA Vice President on their experiences.
UNO SGA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

Name (Last, First, MI): ________________________    _______________________________   __________

UNO Student ID Number: _________________________

Address: ______________________________________
          Street Address   City   State   Zip

Telephone: _____________________________ Email: ______________________________
          (Home or Cell)

Major: _____________________________ Minor: _____________________________ Current GPA: __________

Classification (Jr, Sr): _____________________________ No. of Hours Completed: __________

Academic Start Date: _____________________ Projected Graduation Date: ______________

UNO Program in which you intend to participate: ______________________________________

Semester:  ☐ Summer  ☐ Fall  ☐ Spring

Please check only one:
☐ I have submitted an application to the program of my choice, and have met the eligibility requirements of that program.
☐ I have not submitted an application to the program of my choice, but have met the eligibility requirements of that program. I understand that participation in the program is a requirement of this award.

Awards for which you are applying (check all that apply):
☐ The SGA Presidential Award
☐ The SGA Senatorial Award
☐ The SGA Undergraduate Studies Award
☐ The SGA Graduate Studies Award

This completed application form must be submitted with the following:
☐ Transcript - may be a copy of transcript submitted with the program application. Students are responsible for obtaining and submitting the copy of his/her transcript with this application.
☐ Letter of Recommendation (Form that can be used in lieu of a traditional letter available online at http://inst.uno.edu/sgawards/UNOSGA_Award_Reference_Form.pdf)
☐ Essay of Purpose (500-1000 words)
a. Describe your involvement in and contribution to the university
b. State your academic and personal goals and how your study abroad experience will help you fulfill these goals