Study abroad is a life-changing experience for students, providing the skills they need to thrive in our increasingly global society. The International Center serves a campus-wide role in developing and managing study abroad programs that meet the highest standard of academic quality and support for students across all disciplines. Currently, 20 percent of MU students earn academic credit abroad before they graduate. We plan to increase study abroad participation to 30 percent by 2018.

OPERATION PASSPORT

We want students at MU to be ready to study abroad. To encourage early planning, Operation Passport focuses on MU's freshmen class. Freshmen who show us their valid passports receive a study abroad scholarship for $135 — to cover the cost of the passport.

The center provides exclusive special programming to encourage and assist these students in selecting an appropriate study abroad program.

We will focus outreach efforts on student populations that have historically not studied abroad: students of color, first-generation college students and students with financial need.

Students who use their passports within two years to study abroad could also receive other generous scholarships to defer the costs.

MU GLOBAL SEMINARS

Many students (and their families) prefer study abroad programs led by MU faculty members. This fund will enhance and elevate these opportunities by focusing on 10 high-quality, faculty-led seminars designed to meet students’ degree requirements. We will recruit prominent MU faculty to lead these courses.

Students can apply to receive a $2,000 scholarship toward tuition and program expenses.

INTERNSHIPS ABROAD

Opportunities for internship are important for students, their families and prospective employers. The International Center and several MU divisions now offer exciting internship experiences in world cities. This program will provide merit- and need-based scholarships, and enhance student services pre- and post-internship to enhance student outcomes.

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