1) The scholarships are open to Foreign Languages undergraduate and graduate students for a period of a semester or a summer.

2) Students may enroll in one of NIU’s programs or in another program approved by the department.

3) Scholarships will be awarded to students who are majors in our programs and who are at least junior status (that is, who have completed at least 60 hours). Transfer students should have been at NIU for at least a semester.

4) It is preferable that participants have taken at least one 300 level course at NIU before going abroad.

5) Graduate students will need to have completed one year of graduate study at NIU before they are eligible.

6) Preference will be given to students who have never studied abroad. Students will be chosen on the basis of their demonstrated motivation for language learning, and according to the selection committee’s assessment of their ability to adapt to the overseas learning environment.

7) Eligible students must have at least a 3.0 GPA overall, as well as a 3.25 average in the major for undergraduates and 3.5 average for graduate students.

8) Students must maintain a full workload while abroad.
   12 hours - fall/spring semesters
   6 hours - summer semesters

Distribution of Funds

The endowment fund will be used to provide scholarships in the amount of $200 - $1,000 for one semester to be applied towards the student’s account at the Bursar’s Office before the start of the semester in which the student will study abroad.

Application Process

An application may be obtained in Watson 111 and should be submitted with the following:

   a) Statement of Purpose
   b) Two letters of reference from professors in the Foreign Language Department
   c) Copy of transcript(s)

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be constituted following the procedure for other Ad Hoc committees and will consist of three members, appointed by the Chair with the consultation of the Steering Committee.

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