

Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship

General Overview of the Program:

The purpose of this program is to provide the tools to capture the abroad experience through the creation of a digital media story. As part of the ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship, students will be equipped with a new Go Pro camera to help document their experiences and adventures abroad, allowing them to return and craft a captivating, tangible story and product. ESF is happy to offer the ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship to any full-time matriculated ESF students planning on an education abroad experience. Students are advised to apply for the ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship in the semester prior to their experience so planning and preparations can be made to make the necessary equipment available.

Students commit to meeting with both OIE and Digital Storytelling Studio (DSS) prior to their departure for equipment training and project workshoping. While abroad, students are required to continue to communicate with OIE and DSS and are encouraged to share their progress with both offices and ask for assistance. Upon return, students will be required to meet again with both OIE and DSS to check in on their project process and overall experience. Students are advised to use the resources of DSS to continue the development, editing, and creation of their finished project. Upon completion, students will submit the finished project to both OIE and DSS. Projects are due by the end of the first semester following the return of the student from the international experience.

In addition to Go Pro equipment loaning, students will be granted a scholarship no less than the following amounts to help contribute to their international experience:

Fall/Summer Semester Abroad: \$200

Spring Semester Abroad: \$200

Spring Break Course Abroad: \$100

Important: Students will be **borrowing** the Go Pro and accessories for this program. They are not allowed to keep the equipment and must return the equipment upon their return to ESF.

Eligibility, Deadlines, and Application Process:

Eligible students must be matriculated students at ESF accepted to an ESF-approved study abroad program (including short-term ESF programs). Scholarship recipients cannot be studying abroad for their final term (i.e., the student must be returning to campus following the study abroad experience).

To submit an application for the ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship, students must complete the following items listed below:

- General Information Page
- ESF Faculty/Staff Recommendation Letter
- Student Statements (x2)

Applications should be submitted to OIE in the Old Greenhouse or at oie@esf.edu by the following deadlines:

- Summer or Fall Semester Abroad: **April 15**
- Spring Semester Abroad: **November 15**
- Spring Break Course Abroad: **February 15**

Upon the application deadline, OIE will convene the ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship committee to review all applicants. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their acceptance 2-3 weeks after the deadline. OIE reserves the right to withhold the scholarship in any given year if no applications meet the desired criteria.

How Will My Application Be Judged?

The ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship committee rank applications based upon the following criteria:

- High academic and personal achievement as exemplified by cumulative GPA and ESF recommendation letter.
- Commitment to the ESF Go Pro program and the creation of an ESF multimedia project.
- Quality of project proposal and understanding of opportunity/challenges posed.
- **If needed, academic and judicial standing will be factors for consideration, as well as length of program and relation to academic/personal/professional goals.*

For more information, don't hesitate to reach out to OIE at oie@esf.edu or DSS at sunyesfdss@gmail.com.

Step 1: General Information Page

Please complete the following:

First Name:
Last Name:
Major / Degree (BS, MS, PhD):
Anticipated Graduation Date:
Email:
Education Abroad Program:
Education Abroad Program Location (city, country):
Program Session (winter/fall/spring/summer):
Cumulative GPA:

Acceptance Waiver

- If accepted, I certify that finished project will be given to both OIE and DSS for use in promotional materials, websites, and other sources. Additional photos and videos can also be given to both offices for use in promotional materials, websites, and other sources if desired..
- If accepted, I promise to respect the ESF Go Pro Study Abroad Scholarship program by only using the borrowed equipment for the purpose of capturing my international experience story. I will not use this equipment in any way that is considered inappropriate, unethical, or illegal. I will not use this equipment in any way that will cause either myself, ESF, or any others harm.
- If accepted, I will respect the use of the borrowed materials and accessories. While in my possession, I am the sole person responsible for the safety of the equipment. I will return the equipment by the date stated above. If something happens to the equipment or accessories, I will be responsible for replacing the items.

Printed Name Signature Date

Step 2: ESF Faculty/Staff Recommendation Letter

Please submit one recommendation letter from an ESF faculty/staff member. This recommendation letter should aim to vouch for both your character and academic ability. We recommend meeting with your recommender face-to-face prior to asking for the recommendation letter.

Once completed, the faculty/staff member should submit the recommendation letter via email to oe@esf.edu or in person to OIE at 9 Old Greenhouse.

Step 3: Student Statements

Please complete both student statements listed below. Please make sure to proofread both statements prior to submission. Grammar and spelling will not have an impact on your application, however if the statement is unreadable, we will not be able to assess it properly.

1. Why are you applying?
 - a. In 500 words or less, explain why you are interested in applying for this award. Make sure to discuss why this might be personally or professionally important to you and how it you expect it to impact you.
2. Description of Proposed Project
 - a. In 500 words or less, please describe as much about your proposed project as possible. Applicants are not expected everything about what their final project will look like, but we do hope to hear what your current vision/goals are. Equally important, please discuss your action plan and timeline for how you hope to achieve these goals. Finally, what limitations/challenges do you still have to face? Are there any resources you still lack or other curve balls you might yet encounter?

Deadline Reminder:

Summer or fall semester abroad: **April 15**
Spring semester abroad: **November 15**
Spring break course abroad: **February 15**

Good luck!