Welcome! We will begin momentarily.
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Program Overview

**Program objective:** Broaden the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages.

• 8- to 10-week summer program
• Intense language study and cultural immersion abroad
• Equivalent to one year of college language study
• Approximately 550 scholarships awarded annually in fourteen languages.
## Fourteen Languages Offered

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Program Benefits

- **Domestic travel** to/from Washington for the required pre-departure orientation
- **International travel** to/from host country
- Applicable **visa** fees
- **20 hours of class per week**
- **Housing and meals**
- **Cultural activities and group trips** in host country
- **U.S. academic credit** through Bryn Mawr College
Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizenship
- Enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student in U.S.-based university degree program
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have completed at least first year of college-level study by beginning of CLS Program
- All backgrounds/disciplines are eligible
Why Should You Apply?

• Advance your career goals and intercultural skills:
  – Rapid gains in a critical foreign language
  – Experience on the ground in an important region of the world

• Make valuable connections in your host country and become part of a vibrant community of State Department alumni

• Supportive environment for first-time and experienced travelers alike
In-Depth Learning Opportunities

• The CLS Program integrates language learning into:
  – Excursions to explore the cultural heritage of the host country
  – Elective cultural classes
  – Host family and language partners

• In 2016, CLS will introduce a new pilot program:
  – Specialized courses at some institutes, focusing on topics such as health, climate and energy, business and entrepreneurship.
  – Courses will incorporate language learning with field-specific opportunities.
  – Applicants who reach the second round of selection may indicate their interest to opt-in.
CLS is a “group-based” program

- Program sites range from cohorts of 5 to 35 students
- Everyone shares the same weekly schedule
  - 20 hours of class
  - Cultural activities and local excursions
  - Weekend overnight group trips
- CLS is not a research, independent study, or internship program
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- 2 hours of homework/night. Curfew is at 10pm every night.
- Local cultural excursions take students to sites in the city on weekday afternoons or weekends
- Overnight cultural excursions
- Students may have only two or three free weekends
An Opportunity Open to Everyone

• Supportive environment
  – Alumni network and mentor programs

• Open to all fields of study
  – Summer commitment only
  – Offers academic credit

• CLS actively recruits students from groups underrepresented in study abroad

• CLS is fully funded!
Participant Diversity Snapshot (2015)

- Over 40% identify as students of color
- Students come from public and private institutions, community colleges, and minority-serving institutions
- Nearly all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico represented
- A wide variety of fields of study, including 15% STEM
- 78% Undergraduate, 22% Graduate
More STEM Students are Studying Abroad Than Ever

STEM, Social Sciences and Business were the most popular Fields of Study among U.S. students abroad.

STEM Students, Study Abroad, and Overseas Language Study

- Study Abroad provides STEM majors with an international perspective and opportunity for collaboration in research.
- An international perspective is necessary to produce globally competent professionals.
- The marketplace for engineering and science is not local or domestic, but global.
- Many STEM programs offer research-based study abroad experiences integrated into program and the curriculum.
- STEM students face a demanding, highly-structured curriculum, where taking higher-ed language classes are not always an option.
STEM Students and the CLS Program

- One of the goals of CLS is to broaden the base of Americans using their critical language skills in their career, and help build relationships between the people of the United States and other countries.
- CLS offers participants the opportunity to live embedded in a community, with firsthand exposure to civic engineering, agriculture, public health conditions, and physical infrastructure.
- CLS Participants are immersed in local knowledge and traditions, via the host community and host family.
Reasons for Applying

- Family heritage
- Global health
- Medical service and teaching in Indonesia
My CLS Experience
My CLS Experience
What I’m doing now and how CLS helped

• Uganda Village Project – Hygiene and Sanitation Team
• Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation – Seattle, WA
• Second-year medical student at UCSF
Students with Disabilities and Medical Concerns

• CLS does not discriminate on the basis of disability or medical condition.

• Applicants are encouraged to consider the challenges of program ahead of time.
  – CLS institutes are often in remote locations.
  – Public services for persons with disabilities and access to medical resources may be limited.

• Despite challenges, the experience can be extremely rewarding.
  – CLS makes reasonable accommodations necessary for participation in program activities, including cultural events, excursions, and host family arrangements.
  – Participants with disabilities have successfully completed CLS institutes in Russia, India, China and other locations.
Application Is Available Now

- **Online application** at [www.clscholarship.org](http://www.clscholarship.org).
- **Deadline** is November 23rd, 7:59 PM EST
- **Apply for one language only**
  - Not for a specific country or site
- **Applicants must prepare:**
  - Unofficial transcripts
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Essay Responses
Key Elements of a Successful Application

Make a clear connection between target language and academic and career plans.

Talk about:
- The importance of the language to your goals
- Your plans to continue studying and using the language
Key Elements of a Successful Application

Make it clear you can succeed in an intensive, group-based program.

Discuss how you are:
- Ready for intensive study
- Ready for a highly structured, group-based program
- Culturally adaptable and mature
Key Elements of a Successful Application

Get good letters of recommendation:

- Letters from faculty or instructors are preferred
- Ask early for a meeting and be polite
Resources for Your Application

Start your application early, and seek on-campus resources to help you improve your essays:

• Office of Grants, Scholarships, or Fellowships
• Study Abroad or International Education office
• Writing tutor
• Academic advisor, language instructor or other faculty member
• Trade proofreading duties with a friend
2016 Selection Timeline

• **Early Fall** – Application opens
• **November 23** – Application deadline
• **November 30** – Letters of Recommendation due!
• **February/March** – Notification
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
I'm thrilled to begin my tenure as President of the American Chemical Society, and equally thrilled to engage ACS members with international interests. As I stated in my recent article in Chemical and Engineering News, I fully embrace the practice of the ACS as stated in our Charter, to “advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people.” I believe that this goal reaches beyond the U.S. borders, as further emphasized by Article II, Section 3 of the ACS Constitution, which states “The SOCIETY shall cooperate with scientists internationally and shall be concerned with the worldwide application of chemistry to the needs of humanity.” Reaching these objectives will require engaging our membership not only in the United States, but around the world.

Recognizing that today’s chemists and related practitioners require a broad range of skills and experiences, I am organizing a symposium “Transnational Practice of Chemistry” at the Denver National Meeting - all interested should attend. I also encourage young chemists to explore the option of studying or researching abroad by visiting the ACS International Center for hundreds of opportunities around the world. I also encourage ACS governance (local sections, technical divisions, committees, etc.) to explore collaborating internationally through applying for a Global Innovation (GI) Grant.

Finally, I encourage you to reach out to the ACS Office of International Activities or International Activities Committee with any thoughts or opportunities that you may
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