

Opportunities for International Experiences 2016-2017

BSE offers several scholarship opportunities for graduate and undergraduate BSE students who wish to engage in international activities. We encourage students who are considering study abroad, service learning, internships, volunteer work, or project research to apply for one of these scholarships. Please look over the description of each, below.

Teams (e.g., Senior design, Engineers/Service Without Borders, etc.) applying for these funds should submit one, unified application for consideration.

Unfortunately, the number of awards is limited. Selection is at the discretion of the committee considering application materials, references, and potential for academic and professional growth.

For more information about the application process or the programs outlined below, please contact Dr. Zach Easton (zeaston@vt.edu).

Pratt Scholarship

The Pratt Scholarship is intended to support international travel and programs that broaden our students' educational, professional and personal background. In BSE, the fund can be used by students for international exchanges, internships, and volunteer work, and for travel to international conferences at which the student is presenting their work.

BSE graduate and undergraduate students may apply for funds to support international study and internship experiences.

Students who present well-developed proposals for international experiences will be considered. Application deadline is January 15th 2017 at 5 pm. Students who wish to apply for funds for winter session/break are encouraged to apply as soon as possible; funds for winter session/break can be awarded prior to January 15. Scholarships are expected to range from \$500-\$3000.

Julia K. Pryde Memorial Scholarship

The Pryde Scholarship is intended to provide scholarships, funding for student travel to international conferences, or funding for graduate or undergraduate international research to BSE students. Preference is given to those students who are interested in international activities, particularly in sustainability of the environment. Examples of activities that have been funded include service-based learning, international science-based research, educational (credit bearing) programs, internships focusing on international development or environmental sustainability, and other programs during which a student experiences an in-depth cross-cultural experience.

While there is no deadline for application, students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Scholarships are expected to range from \$500-\$3500.



Application for International Scholarships
Biological Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech

Name: _____ Email: _____

Requirements:

1. Complete and sign required Virginia Tech Global Education forms
2. Learn, gain new perspectives, expand your world, make friends, have fun
3. Be a good ambassador for Virginia Tech and for the BSE department

Students must:

1. Have appropriate prerequisites for their proposed program
2. Be in good standing as a BSE student
3. Be approved by the Global Education Office

Application:

Sign and return this form as an attachment with the following to Melody Clark (mclark5@vt.edu).

Electronic submission is required:

1. Name, email and phone
2. Degree sought, expected graduation date (semester and year), and cumulative GPA
3. Contact information for two references: (name, email, phone)
 - a. Academic advisor
 - b. Professional or educational reference
4. Summary of your past international experience/expertise if applicable
5. Please provide a ½ page proposal describing your proposed trip including the length of the experience, educational focus, student responsibilities, total cost, and contact information
6. Briefly describe why you are interested in this study abroad/international experience, and explain what you hope to gain by participating in this program (1 page maximum)
7. Budget: Provide a detailed estimate of expenses (flights, lodging, meals, in-country travel, other expenses), the source of funds in hand or expected (if any), and the requested level of funding

Reporting Requirements¹:

Students have several reporting options, please select one.

1. You can opt to produce some type of short web-based in-country documentary type product. This should detail your experiences in your own words/voices (e.g., short YouTube presentation with in-country content, etc.), and include evidence of professional, academic, and personal growth. Please include details and plenty of in-country imagery.
2. You may give a presentation, seminar, or brown bag talk detailing your trip.
3. You can opt to submit a report detailing your trip. This report should include the following:
 - a. Describe professional, academic, and personal growth that resulted from the work
 - b. Detail any new collaborations developed as a result of the trip
 - c. Please supply photos of your trip

¹ Requirement must be met within 45 days of trip completion. BSE will place a hold on your account if the reporting requirements are not met by the deadline.

I understand the expectations as outlined above and, if selected, will fully participate and abide by the standards expected of a student at Virginia Tech.

Signature: _____ Date: _____