



university studies abroad consortium

## Summer 2020 Faculty International Development Award – FIDA

Includes Professional Staff

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### OVERVIEW & PROGRAM GOALS

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The University Studies Abroad Consortium and UMaine invite faculty and professional staff members who wish to participate in USAC-sponsored study abroad programs to apply for a Summer 2020 FIDA. This program is geared towards faculty and staff with limited prior international experience and applications from those who previously received a FIDA or have taught as a USAC Visiting Professor are disqualified in order to allow the maximum number of faculty and staff to have this opportunity. Preference will be given to applicants with regular direct contact to students.

The mission of USAC is to provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, experiences, and attitudes that are necessary to prepare them for the global society of the 21st century. The goal of the FIDA program is to increase awareness of study abroad, familiarity with USAC, and to thereby help the home campus internationalize.

FIDA recipients are expected to share their experience with students, faculty, and staff when they return. Depending on the individual's role on the home campus, this could include organizing class presentations or information sessions, writing newsletter articles, etc. The home university study abroad office and USAC can serve as good resources and partners in planning and carrying out these activities.

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### EXPECTATIONS

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FIDA recipients will participate in the program they are accepted to like a regular student and are expected to attend class, complete homework and assignments, and fully participate in all aspects of the program. The FIDA program is not a good fit for individuals wishing to concentrate on their own research while abroad. And while there will be opportunities to participate in excursions and explore surrounding areas, the main purpose is for the awardee to experience the study abroad program.

It is recommended to either learn/refresh knowledge of the local language before arrival (on home campus, online, etc.) or to take USAC classes taught in English unless the FIDA recipient is ready for the fast-paced, intensive language study resulting from condensing a 3-credit course into a few weeks (in most cases). Note that all classes listed in USAC materials are subject to student interest and enrollment and USAC cannot guarantee that a particular class will be offered.

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### FIDA REQUIREMENTS

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- a. Administrative (professional) and academic (must be full-time assistant, associate or full professors) faculty may apply. Applicants must have the approval of their supervisor/Dean. Study Abroad staff are not eligible and are encouraged to apply for the USAC Study Abroad Staff (SAS) grant instead

- b. You will participate as a student for one summer session in order to gain an understanding of the full USAC/UMaine study abroad experience including the curriculum, integration opportunities, faculty, housing and field trips.
- c. Only the summer sessions listed in this application are open to FIDA applicants.
- d. Grant: tuition waiver and field trips included in the program plus \$1,000 UMaine stipend to be used for airfare, etc. Housing, insurance, optional tours, additional course costs, or travel expenses are not included in the waiver, but the grant can be used towards them.
- e. Preference is given to applicants with limited international experience and limited first-hand knowledge of USAC, as well as those working directly with students.
- f. Applicants must be returning on contract to UMaine in 2020-21.
- g. NOTE: You may bring companions (your partner/spouse/significant other and/or dependents) with you, but you will need to be able to participate in all classes and program activities (this may mean, for example, making childcare arrangements in a foreign country). These companions may participate in some USAC activities as well and attend USAC classes for a reduced fee. Contact Courtney Bauman at the USAC Central Office (courtney.bauman@usac.edu) if you would like more information on the companion policy.

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#### **FIDA APPLICATION PROCESS**

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1. Complete the application materials below.
2. Please submit a statement of no more than 2 pages addressing the following:
  - a. Your interest in the FIDA program and why you believe you are a good fit for the program
  - b. Your interest in the program site you have selected and what you hope to gain during your time there
  - c. Your current international experience and your professional goals
  - d. The degree to which you are involved with undergraduate students and your plans to implement activities to enhance the internationalization of our campus and help the university meet its goal of increasing study abroad participation

Please submit your application to Orlina Boteva, Director of Office of International Programs,  
Orlina.boteva@maine.edu

Application deadline: **Sunday, December 8, 2019**

Awards will be announced in January 2020

Office Use Only: Assigned program and session:

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name:	Last Name:
Job Title:	University/Dept.:
Date of Birth:	Country of Citizenship:
Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> _____	

**PERMANENT ADDRESS**

Street:	
City:	State:
Zip/Postal Code:	Country:
Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email* (required):	
Passport Number (if available):	

*\*If you are selected, you will use this email address to access USAC Student Gateway, our student online account. USAC will communicate with you mostly by email. Please make sure it is working properly and check your email and USAC Student Gateway regularly for USAC communications.*

**ACADEMIC DATA**

Home University:
Language proficiency (please check the number of college semester/quarters of language study you will have had completed by the time you start your USAC program): <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7
<i>You will not receive academic credit for any course you take on the program. If you are working on a degree and are interested in earning credit, please contact Courtney Bauman (<a href="mailto:courtney.bauman@usac.edu">courtney.bauman@usac.edu</a>) for more information.</i>

**T-SHIRT SIZE**

XS  S  M  L  XL  XXL

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## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list an emergency contact that will not be with you while abroad.

Name and Relationship to you:
Address:
Phone/Cell Phone:
Email:

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## PROGRAM & SESSION PREFERENCES

Please indicate your preference of program location and session by prioritizing 4 selections. We will accommodate your first preference if possible. Find program calendars on the USAC website in each program section.

**Brazil:** Florianópolis      I (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

**Chile:** Santiago      I (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

**China:**

Chengdu      I (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

Shanghai      I (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

**Costa Rica:**

Heredia      I (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

Puntarenas      I (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (3 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

San Ramón      I (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

**Czech Republic:** Prague      I (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

**England:** London      (5 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

**France:**

Lyon      I (4 weeks): \_\_\_\_\_      II (5 weeks): not available

Pau	I (4 weeks): not available	II (4 weeks): _____
<b>Germany:</b> Lüneburg	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____
<b>Ghana:</b> Accra	I (5 weeks): _____	II (3 weeks): _____
<b>India:</b> Bangalore	(6 weeks): _____	
<b>Italy:</b>		
Reggio Emilia	I (5 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____
Torino	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____
Verona	I (5 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): not available
Viterbo	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____
<b>Poland:</b> Kraków	(6 weeks): _____	
<b>Spain:</b>		
Alicante	I (5 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____
Bilbao	I (5 weeks): _____	II (3 weeks): _____
Madrid	I (4 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____
San Sebastián	I (5 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____
Valencia	I (4 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____
<b>Thailand:</b>		
Chiang Mai	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): not available
Khon Kaen	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____
<b>Uruguay:</b> Montevideo	(5 weeks): _____	

## FLEXIBILITY

Please add any comments regarding your flexibility between sessions or locations.

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### **FIDA COURSE SELECTION**

Please list the courses you wish to take (keep in mind that everyone is required to take at least one 3-credit course and courses are subject to enrollments. We cannot guarantee that a particular course will be offered).

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### **APPROVAL**

**Approved by FIDA applicant's Supervisor/Dean:**

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Date