OVERVIEW

The University Studies Abroad Consortium and University of Maine invite faculty and professional staff members who wish to participate in USAC-sponsored study abroad programs to apply for a Summer 2017 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 discouraged 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 goal of this program is to increase awareness of study abroad, familiarity with USAC, and to thereby help the home campus internationalize.

EXPECTATIONS

FIDA recipients will participate in the program they are accepted for like a regular student and are expected to attend class, complete homework and assignments, and fully participate in all aspects of the 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.

FIDA REQUIREMENTS

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/University of Maine 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 a grant from University of Maine 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 University of Maine in 2017-18.

g. NOTE: You may bring companions (your partner/spouse/significant other and/or dependents) with you, but 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 Sabrina Harris at the USAC Central Office (sabrinaharris@unr.edu) if you would like more information on the companion policy.

FIDA APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the following pages.

2. Please submit a statement of no more than 2 pages regarding your reasons for interest in the program site that you have selected, your current international experience, your professional goals and your plans to implement these activities to enhance the internationalization of our campus.

Please submit your application to Amy Kumpf, Study Abroad Advisor: amy.kumpf@maine.edu

Application deadline: 12/1/2016
Office Use Only: Assigned program and session:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________
Job Title: ___________________________ University/Dept.: ___________________________
Date of Birth: ___________________________ Country of Citizenship: ___________________________
Male ❑ Female ❑ Other ❑ ___________________________

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):
❑ 0 ❑ 1 ❑ 2 ❑ 3 ❑ 4 ❑ 5 ❑ 6 ❑ 7

Yes, I want to take courses for credit rather than audit. ❑

T-SHIRT SIZE

T-shirt size: Men: ❑ S ❑ M ❑ L ❑ XL Women: ❑ S ❑ M ❑ L ❑ XL
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: |

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(4 weeks):
- II(5 weeks):

Chile: Santiago
- I(4 weeks):
- II(4 weeks):

China:
- Chengdu:
  - I(5 weeks):
  - II(4 weeks):
- Shanghai:
  - I(5 weeks):
  - II(4 weeks):

Costa Rica:
- Heredia:
  - I(5 weeks):
  - II(3 weeks):
- Puntarenas:
  - I(5 weeks):
  - II(5 weeks):
- San Ramón:
  - I(5 weeks):
  - II(4 weeks):

Czech Republic: Prague
- I(4 weeks):
- II(4 weeks):

France: Lyon
- (4 weeks):
- Pau
  - I(4 weeks):
  - II(4 weeks): not available

Germany: Lüneburg
- I(5 weeks):
- II(5 weeks):

Ghana: Accra
- I(4 weeks):
- II(4 weeks):
India: Bangalore (7 weeks):_____

Ireland: Galway (5 weeks): _____

Italy:
  Reggio Emilia I(5 weeks):_____ II(4 weeks):_____
  Torino I(5 weeks):_____ II(5 weeks):_____
  Viterbo I(5 weeks):_____ II(5 weeks):_____ 

Spain:
  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):_____ 

Thailand: Chiang Mai II(4 weeks):_____ II(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)          Signature                                      Date