



university studies abroad consortium

Summer 2019 Faculty International Development Award – FIDA

Includes Professional Staff

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 2019 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/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 grant from the Office of International Programs to be used towards the cost of 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 2019-20.
- g. There will be two awards offered for summer 2019.

- h. 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. Address how your participation will meet your department's and college's goal to increase study abroad participation. Include the degree to which you are involved with undergraduate students.

Please submit your application to Orlina Boteva, Director, Office of International Programs, Orlina.boteva@maine.edu, 207-581-3437.

Application deadline: December 3, 2018.

Awards will be announced in January 2019

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
Yes, I want to take courses for credit rather than audit. <input type="checkbox"/>

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 (5 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 (3 weeks): _____

San Ramón I (5 weeks): _____ II (4 weeks): _____

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

France: Pau I (4 weeks): _____ II (4 weeks): not available

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

Ghana: Accra I (5 weeks): _____ II (3 weeks): _____

India: Bangalore (6 weeks): _____

Italy:

Reggio Emilia	I (5 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____
Torino	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____
Verona	I (5 weeks): _____	II (3 weeks): _____
Viterbo	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____

Poland: Kraków (6 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): _____
Valencia	I (4 weeks): _____	II (4 weeks): _____

Thailand:

Chiang Mai	I (4 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____
Khon Kaen	I (5 weeks): _____	II (5 weeks): _____

FLEXIBILITY

Please add any comments regarding your flexibility between sessions or locations

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)

APPROVAL

Approved by FIDA applicant's Supervisor/Dean:

Name (please print)

Signature

Date