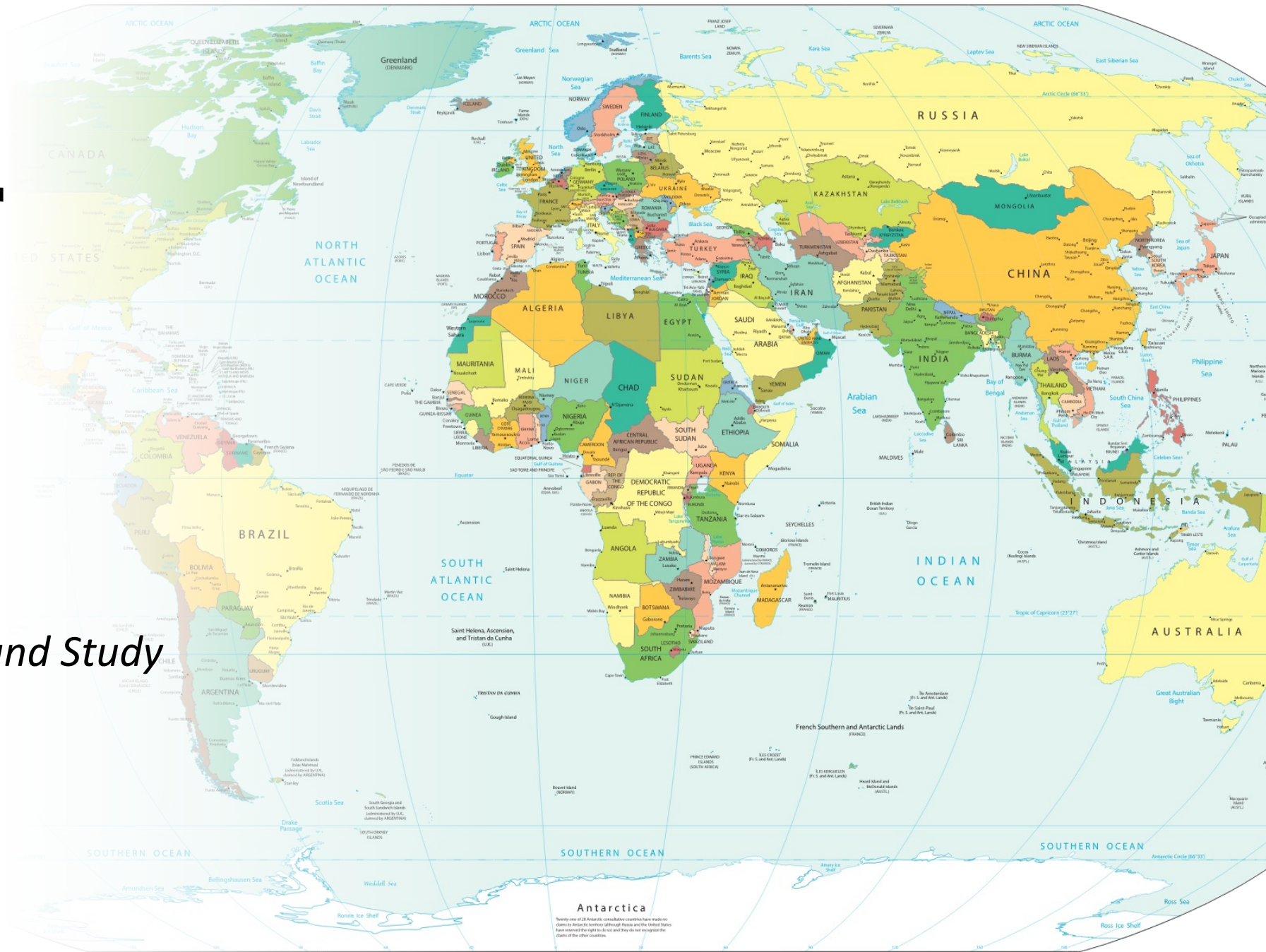


Bishop Summer Study Abroad Prize

*Fellowship Advising and Study
Abroad*



Dr. Amasa Bishop



Dr. Bishop was an American nuclear physicist specializing in fusion physics.

The Bishop family honors the memory of Dr. Amasa Bishop who graduated from Caltech with his B.S. in physics in 1943 by establishing the Amasa Bishop Summer Study Abroad Fellowship.

Read more about Dr. Bishop [here](#).

So, thinking about applying for the Bishop Prize? Great!

- Caltech **Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors** currently enrolled all academic year. You are **not** eligible if on leave the term prior to or after your Bishop Prize. *You must be enrolled for a minimum of 36 units.*
- Must be 18 years of age by application deadline.
- Minimum 2.8 Cumulative GPA – *some study programs require higher a GPA.*
- Individuals only (no pairs)



Notes About Tax Requirements for the Bishop Summer Study Abroad Prize



The Bishop has been declared a true fellowship.

The award for US citizens and permanent residents will not be reported by Caltech or subject to taxes.

However, non-residents may be subject to a 14% tax rate if there is no tax treaty between the US and their country.

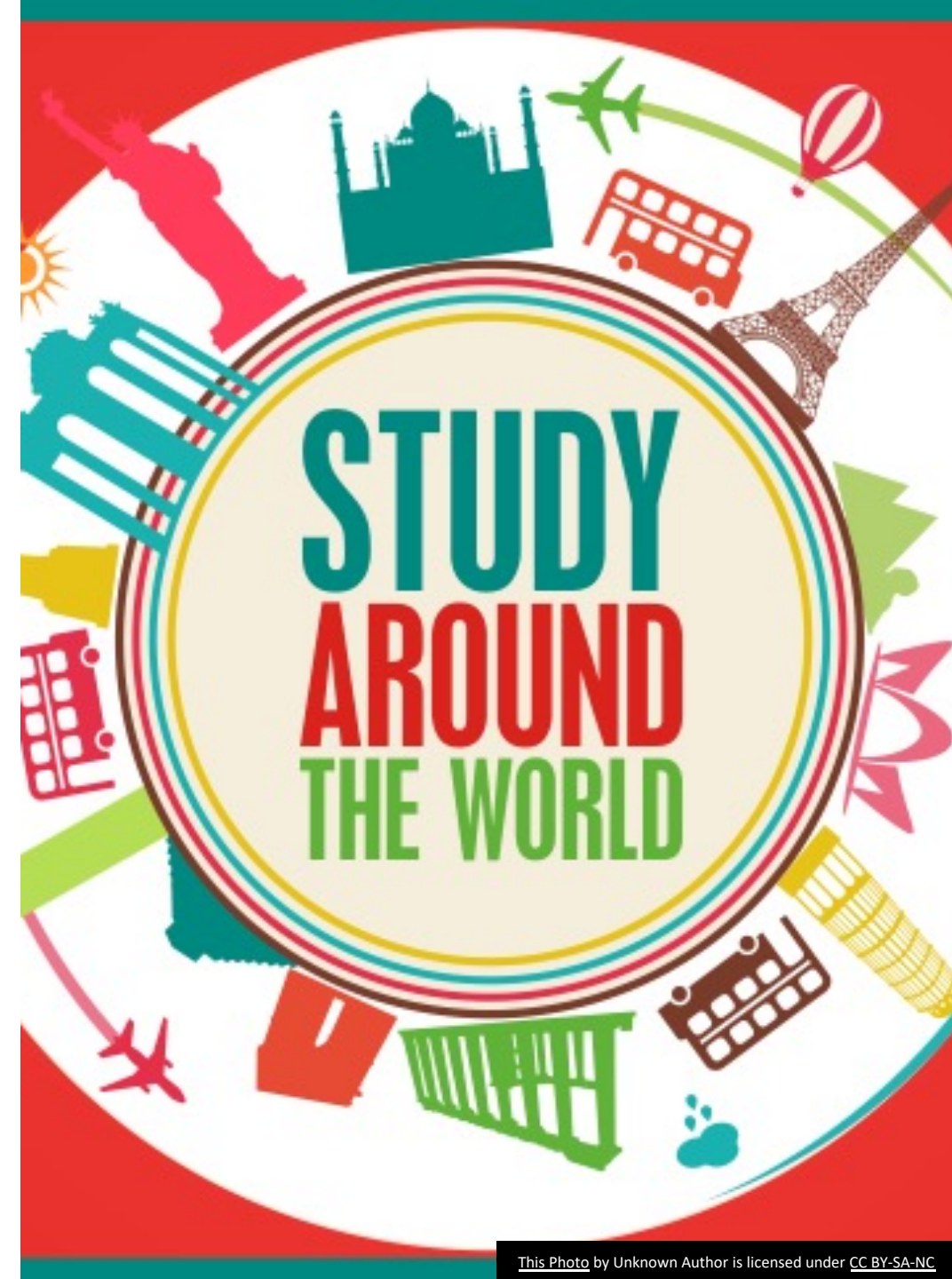
Prize funds cannot be used to pay US taxes.

Program Requirements

Apply for an established study program run by a university or registered private organization.

No internships or research programs

At least 14 days on the ground—not including landing & return days—with 10 days minimum instruction of 4 hours of instruction per day.



Program Requirements, cont.

- The proposed program must have language component unless in an English-speaking country, in which case, it must have significant cultural component.
- The proposed program must provide dorm, apartment, or homestay – cannot arrange own housing.
 - Note that many homestays do not provide true involvement in a family because a family is providing the homestay to make money.



*Sophie Ding
Bishop in Nice, France*

Additional Program Requirements



Elyzabeth Camacho, Bishop in Beijing, China

As a reminder, the program must have at least **four** hours daily of academic activities

- Field programs are acceptable but must have a formal academic component (not just fieldwork). They should **also** either have a foreign language component or other educational component.

The program must be in **one** country.

- Proposed program may be multi-city **if** in the same country and part of the same program.

Length of Program & Costs



Program length must be **2 to 10 weeks**. Applicants should propose a budget **not to exceed** \$8,000 for all expenses (including airfare).

- The budget must include airfare, fees, housing, and associated costs. *Visa, vaccines, and health insurance are **not covered**.*
- Volunteer work arranged via the program in addition to the regular study activities allowed, but such experience **cannot** be clearly career-oriented and **will not** count as part of the required 4 hours of academic activity.

Travel-Daytrips, Weekend, & Post Program

You may request funds for weekend or daytrip travel during the program. Up to five days of post-program travel may be requested **in the country of study**.

- Note these funds are granted only at the discretion of the committee and FASA, i.e., extra travel funding is not guaranteed.

Such requests must be in the budget **and costs must be itemized**.

- You must provide a **detailed itinerary of travel and budget**. Funding for daytrips organized by the program should also be included in the budget.
- Independent (not program organized) weekend travel in the country must be specified & is also subject to approval.



Travel Funding

You may not stay with friends or relatives, nor travel with them. *The Bishop is intended for independent travel and not to be planned as travel with friends or relatives.*

Prize winners must return to the U.S. after their prize.

- The exception is for foreign nationals who can return to their home country—however, airfare cannot exceed the roundtrip fare from their departure location in the U.S.



Travel Funding, cont'd

Note that home return (instead of returning to a US destination directly following the Bishop program) **does not** include airfare back to LAX (Caltech), or other US destinations, from that country or US city.

That cost is your responsibility if you chose to travel to your home country between the Bishop program and return to Caltech. Home return would only be covered if fare is less than or equal to return to LAX (Caltech).





Ineligible Bishop Programs

Semester at Sea, Princeton at Beijing, and similar.

- Also, any travel focused (non-educational) programs are ineligible for the Bishop Prize.

The program must not require an application or deposit **before** the Bishop deadline and winner(s) are announced in the Spring.

The program must not require a language exam prior to admission as a requirement of admission.

Application Items

- Copy of program brochure/website
 - Highlight your specific program details (cost, dates, length, housing options, etc.)
- Detailed budget and cost breakdown
- Health Resources & Travel Insurance Policies
- Country Synopsis
- Transcript (unofficial okay)



Application Items, Cont'd

- 2 Reference forms with letters of reference
- Application Checklist form
- Application forms Part I and Part II: General applicant information & Program specific information
- Essay

Note: Be sure all information proposed is accurate. If selected, you are locked-in with what you proposed; you are not able to make any changes or requests afterwards.



Application Items, Cont'd

Essay:

- Describe why you are interested in this program and how it appeals to the goals of Dr. Amasa Bishop.
- Describe program of study and how it will impact your academic & career goals.
- If the program has a language component, include a paragraph as to how you will continue language learning afterwards.



Application Items, Cont'd

Essay, cont'd:

If there is no language component, then detail the cultural component.

Note: programs in **non-English** speaking countries *should have* a language component.

English speaking country programs need a *clear* cultural component that is the major part of the program.

We are not seeking STEM programs. They are allowed, but only if the cultural component is **over half** of the program content.





Be sure to read the direction handout carefully for additional requirements: <https://fasa.caltech.edu/fellowships/bishop>.

All application materials must be emailed to SAapplications@caltech.edu & your references to SAreferences@caltech.edu by the deadline, **3pm on March 1st**

Program Examples & Resources

Review the FASA library for binders of winning Bishop proposals

- FASA library is in room 319 of the Center for Student Services
 - Open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, closed from 12-1pm
 - **Bishop Budget workshop** Thursday, 1/18, 4pm in Brennen Conference Room

Suggested online resources:

- <https://iiepassport.org>, “Languages Abroad” if pursuing a language program
- <http://www.languagesabroad.com>, CIEE summer programs
- <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/programs>, etc.

Note: Some U.S. university run summer are only open to their own students so check eligibility!

Check for what groups of people the program is meant for, some are for teens!

**Recent Bishop
awardees:**

**Andrew Zabelo
&
Alexis Wang**

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