



Bishop Summer Study Abroad Prize

Fellowship Advising and Study Abroad

Covid Issues

- Only choose one country where vaccination rate is 70%+ fully vaccinated. Check NY Times World Covid Tracker:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/world/covid-cases.html>

- Full vaccination & booster are required.
- Program must show how student can obtain Covid testing and access to health/medical resources.
- No quarantine countries allowed if quarantine is over 48 hours.



Sunny, Bishop '17, France

Covid Issues – Risk Assessment

This is through Jan. 2022 – most recent report at:

<https://www.ciee.org/about/blog/health-risk-index-report>

- **Europe** is showing signs on an overall improvement in risk. **Czech Republic, UK/England, Ireland, and Russia** are all seeing a notable decrease in risk, with the one exception of **Portugal** showing a notable increase in risk.
- **North America** countries have shown little to no change in risk since the last report.
- **Africa/Middle East** countries are largely holding steady or improving in risk.
- Both **Botswana** and **South Africa** are showing a significant decrease in risk.
- **Latin America** countries are either holding steady or increasing in risk. **Argentina, Costa Rica, and Mexico** all saw a notable increase in risk.
- **Asia-Pacific** countries are largely holding steady, with the exception of **Japan** showing a notable increase in risk.

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

Eligibility

- Caltech currently enrolled all year Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors. You cannot apply if you will be 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 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-alien 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.

Study Program Requirements

- Apply for an established, non-profit, formal 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** & 10 days minimum instruction of at least 4 hours of instruction per day.



Sunny, Bishop '17, France



Ekaterina, Bishop '18, Italy



Sophie Ding, Bishop '16, France

Program Requirements, cont.

- Program must have language component...
- ...unless in an English-speaking country, then must have significant cultural component
- Program must provide dorm, apartment, or homestay – cannot arrange own housing



*Sophie Ding
Bishop '16, France
Homestay & Language*



Additional Program Requirements



Elyzabeth Camacho, Bishop '16, China

- Program must have at least four hours of daily academic activities
- Field programs ok, but need a language or academic
- And must be in one location – no traveling programs or multi-city programs for 2022

Length of Program

- **2 to 10 weeks.** Applicants should propose a budget not to exceed \$7,000 all in total!
- The budget must include airfare, fees, housing, and all other costs.
- Note: One program location only and cannot be internship or research – must be study program!

Additional Travel

- You may request funds for weekend or daytrip travel during the program. No post program travel allowed due to pandemic. Requests must be in the budget and costs 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.
- This extra travel funding is not guaranteed.
- Prize winners must return to the U.S. after their prize. Only exception is for foreign nationals who can return to their home country, but airfare cannot exceed the roundtrip fare from their departure destination.

Programs That Are Not Allowed

- Semester at Sea, Princeton at Beijing, and any travel programs are not eligible for the Bishop Prize.
- The program must **not** require an application or deposit before the Bishop deadline or before winner(s) are announced in the Spring.
- **Cannot** require a language exam prior to admission.

Application Items

- Checklist
- Application forms Part I and Part II: General applicant information & Program specific information
- 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.
- Copy of program brochure/website
 - Highlight your specific program details such as cost, dates, length, housing options, etc.
- Detailed budget and cost breakdown
- Health Resources & Travel Insurance Policies
- Country Synopsis
- Transcript (unofficial ok)
- 2 Reference forms with letters of reference
- NOTE: Be sure all information proposed is accurate. If selected, you are set with what you proposed. You are not able to make any changes or requests afterwards for add-ons or adjustments.

Be sure to read the direction handout carefully for additional requirements.

All of your materials must be emailed to

SAapplications@caltech.edu

& your references to

SAreferences@caltech.edu

by the deadline, **3pm on March 1st**

Program Examples & Resources

- Check out the FASA library for binders of winning proposals **(Examples will be posted online while remote)**
 - FASA library is in room 319 of the Center for Student Services
 - Open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, closed from 12-1pm
 - Special Budget workshop next Thursday, 2/10, 12pm PST via Zoom
- There are several handy search engines for study abroad programs such as: <https://iiepassport.org> or <https://www.studyabroad.com/>
- “Languages Abroad” is also a good resource option for pursuing a language program.
<http://www.languagesabroad.com>
- CIEE has good summer programs:
<https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/programs>. Choose Summer Term
- Look directly at university summer study abroad programs that are open to all students.

Amy Wang

2019 Bishop Prize Recipient
3 Weeks, Korean Language, Korea

