Bishop Summer Study Abroad Prize

Fellowship Advising and Study Abroad
Covid Issues

• No quarantine countries allowed if quarantine is over 48 hours.
• No programs in countries who restrict entry to tourists, e.g., China at this point in time.
• No other Covid restrictions unless a country or program has additional rules or limitations.

Sunny, Bishop ‘17, France
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 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-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  Amy Wang, Bishop ’19, Korea
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
• Program must have at least four hours of daily academic activities

• Field programs ok, but need a formal academic component, not just fieldwork. They should have a foreign language component or student can “add” on such a component before or after the end of the field program.

• And must be in one country – can be multi-city programs, but in the same country.
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: Program cannot be internship or research – must be academic study program!

• Volunteer work arranged via the program in addition to the regular study activities allowed, but such experience must be altruistic and not career oriented.
Additional Travel

- You may request funds for weekend or daytrip travel during the program. Up to five days of post program travel can be requested. Such 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. Independent (not program organized) weekend travel in the country must be in the budget but is subject to approval.

- 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 location from the U.S. or their home country.
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.
- **Programs CANNOT** require a language exam prior to admission as a requirement of 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: 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, 2/9, 12pm PST via Zoom**

– There are several handy search engines for study abroad programs such as: [https://iiepassport.org](https://iiepassport.org) or [https://www.studyabroad.com/](https://www.studyabroad.com/)

– “Languages Abroad” is also a good resource option for pursuing a language program. [http://www.languagesabroad.com](http://www.languagesabroad.com)

– CIEE has good summer programs: [https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/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.
Program Examples, Continued

You can look into programs that study fashion, architecture, photography, archeology, ecology, and much more! Just make sure to adhere to the language/culture rule & other requirements.
Zitian Ye
2022 Bishop Prize Recipient
4 Weeks, German Language
Berlin, Germany