**BETTY AND ROGER RUCH STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP**

**COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Charles T. McDowell Center for Critical Languages and Area Studies announces competition for the Betty and Roger Ruch Study‐abroad Scholarships for the 2015‐2016

academic year. The awards are for up to $3,000 and are open to all qualified undergraduates

within the College of Liberal Arts. Students from other colleges/schools who have minor fields

of study in Liberal Arts are also eligible. The Ruch Scholarships may be used in conjunction

with study‐abroad programs including either the study of critical languages, or for area studies

broadly defined. For area studies priority will be given to those countries or regions where critical languages are spoken , but other regions of the world will be considered as well. In all cases the awards are not intended to be the sole sources of funding for projects.

**Requirements:**

1. Applicants must submit a letter of interest (not an e‐mail) describing the project or

program to be undertaken. This includes independent study-abroad programs approved of by

the University of Texas at Arlington’s Office of International Studies, UTA summer study-abroad programs, or other university-affiliated for which academic credit is possible. Students

wishing to build or strengthen language skills may apply for programs in Arabic, Azerbaijani,

Bangla/Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), Dari, Farsi (Persian), German, Hausa, Hindi, Indonesian,

Japanese, Korean, Pashto, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. Students

who are native or heritage speakers of these languages may not apply for awards relating to

these languages or their country of origin.

1. A resume indicating education and job experiences.
2. A budget for all expenses including travel, tuition, room and board.
3. A transcript of all college‐level work.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from full‐time tenured or tenure‐track UTA

faculty members, or one tenured/tenure-track faculty member and a UTA language instructor from the program for which the student is applying, or one UTA tenured/tenure-track faculty member and a professional from outside the university with whom the applicant is familiar (no family members).

1. Full‐time enrollment (12+ hours) at UTA, and sophomore standing of 45 hours. Students

must be enrolled at UTA during their study-abroad semester.

1. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

8. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.

1. Post‐completion report. The recipient must prepare a presentation of their work to

the scholarship committee, or in a college or university‐wide venue.

**Application Deadlines:** Nov. 11 for Spring 2017, and March 1, 2017 for Summer 2017!

The earlier the applications are received, the likelier they will be eligible for funding.

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