MCC International Fellowship Study Abroad

Application Information

India – Due 10/15/15
China – Due 11/15/16
UK-Ireland – Due 11/15/16

To Apply:

www.middlesex.mass.edu/fellowships

The MCC Fellowships support the Multicultural & Global Literacy, Written & Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking Institutional Student Learning Outcomes.

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Middlesex Community College is committed to educating students about global issues and broadening their perspective of the world community. In this interdependent global economy, the College recognizes that our students need to understand other cultures and appreciate global relationships so that they can enhance their capacity to participate in a global marketplace.

The MCC International Fellowship Study Abroad courses are academic opportunities for students to study about the culture, history, and language of a particular country. Students who are accepted for a Fellowship enroll and actively participate in a three credit course which may be used as either a Humanities or a Social Science elective, and in one fellowship a science elective.

Applicants may apply to more than one Fellowship program but only participate in one.

2016-2017 INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

INDIA: Application due 10/15/16. The India Fellowship provides funding for two MCC students to participate in the 3 credit UML Principles of Entrepreneurship and Innovation course Dec. 26, 2016 – Jan. 13, 2017. Students will travel to Hubli, India with Professor Ashwin Mehta and Professor Deb Finch to KLE Technological University to learn alongside KLE students. The 19 day course will cover different forms of entrepreneurship such as small businesses, growth ventures, corporate and social entrepreneurship and turning innovation into reality. Students will work in teams to bring product ideas to market. Business and Engineering students will be given preference. Two spots for MCC students have already been reserved in the course.

- [Info 2016 packet](#), [India 2016 Report](#) and [Blog](#)
- Blog on the 2015 experience
- Article on the 2014 experience
- Video of the 2014 study abroad experience

CHINA: Application due 11/15/16. The China Fellowship provides funding for a three-credit course the HUM/SOC 121 China Experience starting mid-spring on the culture, literature, language, and history of China. There is also a required on-campus retreat prior to departure. The two week in-country study abroad during May/June 2017 includes an immersive cultural and academic focus in Shanghai, Mt Tai, Xi’an, and Beijing. Students who are interested in this Fellowship are encouraged to take the spring LAN 191/192 Beginning Chinese. [Student 2016 e-portfolios](#)

UK-Ireland: Application due 11/15/16. The HUM/SOC 120 UK-Ireland Experience is an on-campus and study abroad experience in the UK and Ireland that focuses on traditional and contemporary British and Irish cultures. Academic and study tour components place an emphasis on situating contemporary England, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland in a literary, historical, and social context. The readings for the course include selections designed to provide comparisons between in-country and American cultural values. This course satisfies a Behavioral Science Elective or Social Science Elective and a Multicultural/Global Awareness Intensive Value.
Students are expected to:

- attend all classes
- complete requirements of the course, including readings and essays
- participate in team building exercises led by International/Multicultural Affairs staff
- travel in-country
- complete a multi-media reflective e-portfolio
- share what they have learned with the college community after the course

Costs to participants:

- non-refundable program fee of $500 for India, China, and UK-Ireland
- payment is the responsibility of the student
- all payments must be submitted before traveling overseas
- a participant is responsible for his/her passport, visa if needed, medical shots, additional health insurance, course materials, optional excursions, and personal expenses (approximately $600). Note: visa application includes background check

Costs covered:

- roundtrip airfare, in-country transportation, accommodations, some meals, and tuition for the course

The Application Process:

Spaces for Fellowship programs are extremely limited (2-10 spots). Students who apply must meet the following requirements:

- be currently enrolled in a degree program at MCC for the fall 2016 semester
- complete at least 12 credits of course work at MCC by December 31, 2016
- be at least 18 years old
- have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0
- submit a completed application

Applicants Must Submit the Following:

- application form and 500-700 word essay by due date
- unofficial transcript of grades obtained from the Student Information Center
- confirm faculty and/or staff recommendations have been submitted by due date

Faculty and/or Staff Recommendations:

- two recommendation forms completed by at least one (1) MCC faculty by due date
Essay Guidelines

Please respond to the fellowship questions in a statement of purpose essay of 500-700 words. It is important to address the impact that the Fellowship study abroad will have on your academic, professional, and personal goals. You should also address the impact that receiving the Fellowship would have on your achievement of these goals. Some key points to keep in mind are:

1. Why do you wish to study abroad and what factors led you to this decision? What do you hope to gain from and what do you anticipate will be the impact of your experience abroad?

2. Why have you chosen this specific Fellowship to apply for? What specific interest led you to select this particular Fellowship?

3. How will this study abroad and the coursework you take, impact your academic and future professional goals?

4. Describe yourself, including what challenges, if any, did you face in your decision to apply for the study abroad Fellowship? How did you meet these challenges and what impact do you foresee them having on your experience abroad?

5. To help expand the impact of the Fellowship study abroad, all selected applicants are required to keep a reflective multi-media e-portfolio and upon their return from abroad help to promote international education and the Fellowships. How will you integrate the impact of your experiences abroad into your e-portfolio and what, if any, campus departments, student organizations, and/or community organizations will you collaborate with in promoting international education? Have you already made contact with these groups?

The Selection Process

Candidates are chosen by a Selection Committee. Committee members read each student application and rate it independently. Committee members rate the applicants on a basis of 1 to 10 on each of the following factors:

1. **Academic Excellence**: How capable is the student academically? Has the student taken academically rigorous courses that would demonstrate he/she is able to complete the Fellowship course and requirements?

2. **Ability to contribute to the college after the Fellowship**: How is the applicant able to contribute to and represent the College after the Fellowship experience?

3. **Connection of the Fellowship opportunity to current field of study**: Does the applicant express a sincere interest in participating in the program? In what ways will the Fellowship further the applicant’s program of study?
4. **Level of emotional maturity, responsibility, and ability to function effectively in a group setting:** How do the recommendations, student’s application, and possible interview underscore these qualities?

5. **Overall quality of the application:** Based on all aspects of the application, what is the quality of this application?

**The Interview:**

Every effort will be made to interview students who rank in the upper 30% of the candidates’ pool based on the scores of Committee members during the process of the application review. Those students who are asked to meet Committee members for an interview will be rated on a scale of 1 to 10 based on the following factors:

1. **Academic Excellence and connection of program of study to Fellowship:** How will this study abroad and the coursework impact the applicant’s academic and future professional goals?

2. **Evidence of effective communication and ability to serve as a responsible representative of the college community:** Can the applicant communicate effectively? Can the applicant effectively represent the college in a foreign country and upon return home?

3. **Interest in the Fellowship program:** Why does the applicant wish to study abroad and what factors have led him/her to this decision? What does the applicant hope to gain from and what does the applicant anticipate will be the impact of the experience abroad?

4. **Ability to contribute to the group experience:** Does the applicant, based on the interview, have the experience and background necessary to enhance the group experience and function in a group setting? Does the applicant, based on the interview, appear to be flexible, emotionally mature, and able to function effectively in a group setting?

5. **Overall quality of the applicant:** Based on the interview, would the applicant be a good choice for the Fellowship study abroad?

The top candidates, based on the applications and interviews, will be selected, and individual scores will not be disclosed.

**Selected applicants should be aware that the Committee reserves the right to withdraw an offer of acceptance for the Fellowship study abroad at any time prior to the trip itself if the Committee learns additional information about the candidate which might adversely affect the committee’s perception of the candidate’s ability to function effectively in the program.**