Katherine Reed

Study Abroad Scholars Scholarship Recipient

Katherine’s Major: Zoology and Life Sciences Communication

Program: UW Intensive Chinese Language, Summer

How did you hear about the scholarship? I heard about the scholarship through the program cost page on the IAP Study Abroad website.

What did the application process entail? This scholarship asked for a basic application and an essay describing my future goals and how my study abroad program would help me attain them. After my time abroad, I filled out a returned student profile, which asked about 5 questions regarding my experience. In addition, it required a project relating to studying abroad, and the possibilities for this project were numerous and rather easy and fun to complete.

How did the scholarship help you study abroad? This scholarship provided funding that I put towards the total program cost and for my plane ticket.

In addition to your scholarship, what other resources did you use to fund your study abroad experience? In addition to the Study Abroad Scholars award, I received the FLAS scholarship and used financial aid. I also saved up a lot of extra spending money by cutting out a lot of unnecessary extra costs at home, such as weekly Starbucks runs and lunchtime ice cream scoops. Though it didn’t seem like a lot, the amount I saved really added up and let me enjoy my time abroad.

“Apply to as many [scholarships] as you can, and take the time to really write a meaningful essay. Let the scholarship committee get to know you through what you write.”