

## Scholarship Mission and Vision

The Global Opportunity (GO) scholarship will provide 30 recipients annually with a comprehensive system of support and planning scholarship that addresses the barriers and obstacles that prevent under-represented students from low socio-economic backgrounds from participating in an Education Abroad program. All students that participate in the GO scholarship will complete an education abroad program and serve as outreach ambassadors to promote education abroad for underrepresented students on campus, further diversifying and universally increasing participation in Education Abroad for students on campus.

## Student initial eligibility requirements:

- Must be First Year student at CU boulder
- Must demonstrate unmet financial need
- Must participate in a [LEAD Alliance](#) program or affiliate
- Must complete a GO scholarship application and submit by December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019
- Must maintain good academic standing with their respective colleges
- Must commit to participate in the GO Scholars Retreat on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Scholarship Essay questions:

### 1. Financing your CU Education (100 words)

Financial need is one of the key determining factors in the GO scholarship, Do you take out loans to pay for college but not get any financial aid, you will still be considered for this scholarship. You can use the financial aid page on my cuinfo to get an accurate representation of your personal financial aid package.

### 2. What do you think is the value of an education abroad experience? (100 words)

Why is study abroad important? Why is it meaningful to you? When did you first learn about study abroad and decide this is for me? Why do you think it's important that students learn about other cultures, peoples, and places outside of the U.S.

### 3. Your Goals (200 words)

Write an essay explaining how being a GO scholar and participating in an education abroad program would relate to your academic, career, and our personal goals. Identify your unique goals, beyond just visiting XYZ country. Do you hope to develop in a language, do you want to participate in an internship. How will this experience affect your life 5 years from now? 10 years from now?

### 4. Follow on Service Project proposal

The follow on service project is how you will give back by inspiring others to pursue their own experiences abroad. Think about a population that is under-represented in Education Abroad in CU Boulder. Some examples of students underrepresented in study abroad are: First Gen Students, Students of Color, Athletes, Veterans, LGBTQIA students, Students with Disabilities, Engineers, etc... Think about communities you are already involved in, such as your LEAD alliance program. Why might those students benefit from study abroad and how would you help them see the worth that it brings.

## Making a more competitive scholarship application:

- **Consider the mission of the scholarship:** As you are applying to any scholarship be aware of the purpose of the scholarship. What does the organization value? How are you going to be an ambassador for this organization when they invest in you?
- **Dedicate time to this:** A well written GO scholarship application should take some time and effort to draft, edit, review, and finalize. Give yourself enough time to work on this over several days, instead of cramming it in the night before the deadline.
- **Hook the reader from the beginning.** Scholarship reviewers read hundreds of essays from students who are all writing about study abroad. Catch their attention with an interesting, short anecdote or quote, or start with information about why you are unique.
- **Think of it as one long essay instead of three individual ones:** Align your essays, and think of them as all together being your story. Be careful about being repetitive across the three essays .
- **Revise before you submit:** Have someone look over your essays to check spelling and grammar. Thoroughly address all questions asked. Don't let easily fixed spelling and grammar mistakes distract from the content of your writing
- **Save your essays:** The GO scholarship purposefully draws upon other scholarship applications in the field of education abroad. If you complete this application this year, you will already have the backbone to a strong study abroad application in the future.