

Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership Summer 2010 Scholarship Application

(This application is to be used for University of Pittsburgh at Titusville applicants only).

PART 1. Scholarship Background and Information:

Mrs. Vira I. Heinz, Pittsburgh philanthropist, was married to the company founder H. J. Heinz's second-oldest son Clifford. After his death from pneumonia in 1935, she traveled regularly to far corners of the world and returned to Pittsburgh where she regaled friends with travel stories and discoveries. One was Helen Pool Rush, the University of Pittsburgh's Dean of Women. It was she who encouraged Vira Heinz to help outstanding undergraduate women share in the life-changing experience of international travel. In the 1950's, Mrs. Vira I. Heinz began writing out a \$1,000 check each fall to a junior woman to pay for a summer in Europe. Her purpose was to enhance young women's self-confidence and motivate them to succeed in life. The fortunate recipients came initially from the ranks of tour guides at the University's Nationality Rooms.

Over time, news of the distinctive travel opportunity spread to other college campuses, where Vira Heinz began making awards. By 1980, awards were made at ten campuses plus the University of Pittsburgh's main campus where annual competitions were held for junior female students. The award had increased to \$4,000. Following travel, awardees submitted a brief written report about their project. The program also included an opportunity for new awardees and those just returned from travel to meet at an annual spring meeting in Pittsburgh.

Since 2001, the Study Abroad Office at the University Center for International Studies at the University of Pittsburgh has been providing coordination and program oversight of the Vira I Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership. The Program's goal is to ensure quality travel and study opportunities and track the individual awardees' progress as they complete various components of the program. The scholarship is now \$5,000 per student; \$4,000 is given prior to the study abroad experience and \$1,000 given upon completion of the community engagement experience. Each campus is eligible to receive 3 awards. There are now 15 institutions participating; these include the four regional campuses of the University of Pittsburgh.

The program's core components are the following:

- Each of the 15 campuses holds an annual competition.
- Students apply for scholarship early in fall semester.
- Established scholarship committees at each campus interview nominees.
- Scholarship committee selects three awardees from the pool of applicants.
- During the later part of the fall semester, the University of Pittsburgh verifies awardees.
- During spring semester, awardees attend two mandatory weekend retreats.
- Vira I. Heinz Endowment sends individual grants off to each campus by mid-spring.
- Study Abroad experience takes place the summer after sophomore year (rising juniors).
- A debriefing event takes place during the fall semester following the study abroad experience.
- A community engagement experience is to be completed either the spring or summer semester of the junior year.
- A final portfolio is submitted.
- A graduation/certification of completion event takes place the senior year.

*** Note: This scholarship is not designed to cover all expenses, rather to provide an international experience and cultivate an environment to develop global citizens.*

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Eligibility Requirements:**(Please read carefully –****You must meet these specific requirements in order to be eligible for this scholarship):**

**** Due to the financial constraints of many of our students and to the limited availability of funds, should you apply for and be awarded more than one of the University of Pittsburgh scholarships listed below, you are permitted to accept only one: Nationality Rooms Scholarship, Pitt in China Scholarship, Vira I. Heinz Scholarship, Ticket around the World/Show them the World Scholarship. Note that this list is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation.**

- Be an undergraduate woman of sophomore status.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Be a full-time student at the University of Pittsburgh Titusville Campus
- Not already hold a baccalaureate degree.
- Have a QPA of not less than 3.0.
- Have been registered as a full-time student for two (2) terms and be returning to the University of Pittsburgh as a full-time student immediately after his study abroad experience.
- Participate in summer study abroad program for at least **4 weeks (28 days or more)** in the international host country and are participating in a program for **academic credit**.
- Construct a study proposal that reflects one or more of the five major programming areas of the Heinz Endowments (Arts and Culture; Children ,Youth, and families; Economic Opportunity; Education; and the Environment)
- Express interest in employment or graduate study in Southwestern Pennsylvania after graduation.
- Be available to attend the mandatory weekend retreats during the Spring term, a debriefing event in the Fall following the study abroad experience, and complete an internship/ community engagement experience during the Spring or Summer terms after completion of the study abroad program.
- Submit a detailed follow-up report, expense report, and photo journal of the experience.
- Women who have not had an overseas experience or who may not otherwise have such experiences due to financial, academic, or personal reasons are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Awards Are Based on the Following Criteria:

- Quality of study proposal and how it relates to one or more of the five programming areas of the Heinz Endowments.
- Academic performance.
- Interview with the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Selection Committee (note: **not all applicants are granted an interview**).

Application Deadline and Important Information:

Deadline: Friday- November 6, 2009 at 4:00 PM for Summer 2010

- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted- you must submit all requested information in order for your application to be considered valid.
- You are responsible for collecting ALL pieces of the application and submitting them in ONE packet to the Study Abroad Office by the established deadline. DO NOT submit applications that are incomplete. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Submit original, completed applications to:

The Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership Selection Committee

Tammy Knapp
UPT Vira Heinz coordinator
204 McKinney Hall
Titusville, PA 16354
814.827.4429

INTERVIEWING PROCESS:

Shortly after the application deadline, the applications will be reviewed and finalists will be chosen by the Selection Committee to be interviewed. These women will be contacted to arrange an interview. Interviews will be conducted by the Selection Committee. A letter indicating the Committee's decision will be sent to all applicants.

***Please retain cover sheets (pages 1-4) for your reference.
These do not need to be submitted with your application.***

If you have any questions about this application process, please contact:

Tammy E. Knapp – University of Pittsburgh at Titusville Campus Program Coordinator
Vira I Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership
teknapp@pitt.edu
814.827.4429

Name: _____ PeopleSoft ID # _____

VIRA I. HEINZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP 2010 APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

_____ PART 2 – Completed Application

_____ PART 3 – Official Transcript (*Verify academic level*)

_____ PART 4 – One Academic Letter of Reference and One Personal Letter of Reference in a sealed and signed envelope.

_____ PART 5 – Study Proposal

All applicants must submit a typed, maximum 5 page, study proposal detailing:

- Please select one of the five major programming areas of the Heinz Endowments and express how the study abroad experience will complement it:
 - Arts and Culture
 - Children, Youth and Families
 - Economic Opportunity
 - Education
 - Environment
- Why you have chosen the select study abroad site.
- How this study abroad experience will complement or fulfill major requirements at home university.
- Detail how this international experience will complement or serve as a springboard for future leadership opportunities.
- A detailed budget must be submitted with the proposal and must include the following (where applicable):
 - Cost of program
 - Airfare
 - Housing
 - Books
 - Meals
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - Other expenses

Please complete and submit this checklist sheet with your completed application.

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PART 2 – VIRA I. HEINZ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

Name: Miss Mrs. Ms. _____ Social Security # _____
(last) (first) (middle initial)

Study Abroad program for which you are applying: _____

Current Address: _____

Valid until: _____ Pitt Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Race/Ethnic Group: ☐ Black ☐ White ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic
(optional – mark all that apply) ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other: _____

Do you identify as a GLBT student? (optional) ☐ yes ☐ no

Do you identify as a student with a disability? (optional) ☐ yes ☐ no

School or College (e.g. CAS, CBA, Engineering): _____

Current Major in Department: _____

Cumulative QPA: _____ GPA in Major: _____

Name and sponsoring institution of your Study Abroad Program (see following page for examples):

Location of Study Abroad Program: _____ - _____
(city) (country)

PLEASE DETAIL THE COST OF YOUR PROGRAM:

Program tuition: \$ _____
Room: \$ _____
Board: \$ _____
Airfare: \$ _____
Books/Materials: \$ _____
Personal Expenses: \$ _____
Passport and/or /visa \$ _____

Are you working on an Area-Studies and/or International
Studies Certificate? ☐ yes ☐ no
If so, which certificate? _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Are you applying for other forms of financial aid or
Scholarships? ☐ yes ☐ no
If so, which forms: _____

Tuition Status: ☐ In-State ☐ Out-of-State

What scholarships have you already been awarded and in
What amount? _____

Name: _____ PeopleSoft ID #: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____/_____/_____

Have you ever studied abroad? _____ If "Yes", when, where, and for how long and what reasons?

List any courses you have taken about the country of intended study abroad experience: (feel free to include an attachment)

List any leadership activities, community service, global education training, etc.: (feel free to include an attachment)

I will be available to attend the weekend retreat to take place March 26-28, 2010.

Yes _____ No _____

I will be available to attend the debriefing event in the fall of 2010?

Yes _____ No _____

I agree to complete a community engagement experience with a global focus prior to my senior year.

Yes _____ No _____

I agree to submit a detailed experience report with budget on a CD to the Vira I. Heinz Campus Coordinator.

Yes _____ No _____

I agree to spend a total of twelve hours assisting with the marketing of the Scholarship. This includes, but is not limited to, information sessions, study abroad fairs, and administrative tasks, etc.

Yes _____ No _____

I agree to conduct myself in a professional and responsible manner in written correspondence and in person.

Yes _____ No _____

The answers I have given on this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I confirm this and will adhere to all of the policies and requirements set forth by the program. This includes the release of all content included in my E-portfolio to be used for promotional/marketing of the program if selected as a recipient.

(Signature of applicant)

_____/_____/_____
(Date)

(Applicant Name – Printed)

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