

## Purchase Exchange Program Scholarship (PEPS) for Purchase or SUNY Semester Programs Only

This scholarship is a merit-based scholarship for programs offered for the Fall and Spring semesters abroad. To qualify, you **must** have a **cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher**. Awards are capped at \$1,500, therefore students should not anticipate awards to cover the total cost of the program fee. To apply, please complete the following and submit them to the Office of International Programs and Services:

- ⇒ The **application form** on the back of this page
- ⇒ An **application essay**: In about 500 words, please answer the following essay prompts:
  - *How do you anticipate your study abroad program will further your personal, academic and professional goals?*
  - *What do we need to know about you and why you are studying abroad that we cannot determine from your transcript and academic record alone?*
- ⇒ **Faculty Recommendation Form** (attached) – Please have your recommender return the recommendation form to you in a sealed envelope with a signature across the closure.
- ⇒ **Unofficial transcript**: You can download and print this from MyHeliotrope or your DPR
- ⇒ Your **original application essay** for the proposed Purchase or SUNY semester program

Scholarship awards are not guaranteed and will be based on the following criteria:

- Your PEPS application essay
- Faculty recommendation
- Your academic record (unofficial transcript)
- Your original application essay for the Purchase or SUNY semester program

All scholarship awardees are required to complete (2) volunteer opportunities with the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) before they graduate. Volunteer Opportunities include:

- Writing a letter of thanks to the donors who fund the Purchase Exchange Program Scholarship
- Attending a Study Abroad information session, the Fall Study Abroad Fair, or the Spring Study Abroad Fair to share your overseas experience
- Providing OIPS with at least (3) pictures of your trip abroad, stating the term abroad, location, and a memory/description (2-3 sentences) associated with the picture. Please note that these pictures and captions/quotes may be used on our website and social media platforms.

### Application Deadlines

**October 1** (for Spring Session Study)

**March 1** (for Fall Session Study)

# Application Form:

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home / Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed the most recent FAFSA (if applicable)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status Academic Year: First-year \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative College GPA (can be found on MyHeliotrope): \_\_\_\_\_

Host Institution Abroad, Term (spring, fall) and Year:

Have you received an official acceptance into your program yet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## RETURN APPLICATION TO:

The Office of International Programs and Services, Student Services Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
or via email attachment to [study.abroad@purchase.edu](mailto:study.abroad@purchase.edu)

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Date Submitted:	Received By:
SFS/Committee Notes (if Applicable):	
Award Granted:	
Committee Members Present:	
Notification Sent:	

**To the Student :**

This academic reference should be given to a professor, faculty advisor or internship coordinator who knows you well and is able to judge your academic qualifications for study/research abroad. It will become part of the application package given to the Dean for Global Strategy and International Programs.

Your name:

Your study abroad program:

**To the Reference:** *Please place this form in a sealed envelope and return it to the student to submit with their application OR email it to [study.abroad@purchase.edu](mailto:study.abroad@purchase.edu).*

The student named above is applying for Purchase's Overseas Study Fall Scholarship. We would appreciate your assessment of the applicant's strengths.

Your Name:

Has this student enrolled in your classes or department? Yes

No

Please describe how have you known the student named above?

**Academic attributes**

Competence in major or specialization

Academic interest and motivation

Capacity for independent study

Resourcefulness

Reliability

**Non-academic attributes**

Level of maturity

Ability to adapt to unstructured circumstances

Ability to relate well to others and contribute positively to a group dynamic

Willingness to engage with new people, circumstances or events

Integrity

**How do you envision their academic career after having studied abroad? You may attach a letter of recommendation or use the space below and on the reverse side of this page to provide your comments.**

Reference Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_