

Fairhaven College's *Adventure Learning Grant*

Purpose

The Adventure Learning Grant is designed to challenge students' perspectives, enrich their education, expose them to intellectual risk, and help embody challenge and adventure as integral to a Fairhaven education. The Grants will enable Fairhaven students to have extended experiences with cultures outside of the United States and to integrate those experiences into Fairhaven College upon their return.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed at least two quarters at Fairhaven and must be committed to returning to Fairhaven for three quarters following the period of the Adventure Learning Grant.

Important Dates

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| ♦Spring through October 2017 | Development of project concept; Preparation of applications; Solicitation of letters of recommendation. |
| ♦November 8, 2017 | Applications due |
| ♦November 8-15, 2017 | Proposals read by committee |
| ♦November 27 + 29, 2017 | Interview finalists |
| ♦December 1, 2017 | Grant recipients announced |
| ♦Winter through Spring 2017 | Independent preparation for Adventure Learning Grant |
| ♦Summer or early Fall 2018 | Adventure Learning Grant begins! |

Selection Criteria

- Creativity and ingenuity of the proposed project.
- Likelihood that the proposed experience will challenge the student's perspective.
- Extent to which the culture(s) the student will experience differs from that of the United States or other societies with which the student is intimately familiar.
- Student's awareness of the importance of learning respectfully from the people and the culture(s) visited.
- Student's commitment to integrating the Adventure Learning experience into the Fairhaven community.
- Probability that students will make full use of opportunities provided by the Adventure Learning Grant.

Expectation of Grant Recipients

- Use the two quarters prior to the Adventure Learning Grant experience to prepare to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the grant.
- Remain outside of the United States (and home country if different from the U.S.) for the full 10 months of the grant period, returning to the U.S. during that period only in the case of a substantial emergency and with prior approval of the Fairhaven Dean. A student who returns without prior approval forfeits the remainder of the grant.
- Pursue the proposed project with curiosity and enthusiasm, making changes in consultation with advisor to take advantages of new opportunities.
- Submit brief quarterly reports of activities and financial accounting.
- Participate in a program of regular communication with Fairhaven College so that other students can share in and learn from your experiences and insights.
- Submit final report of activities and financial accounting within 30 days of return.
- Return to Fairhaven for a minimum of three academic quarters and conduct a program (e.g. co-teaching a course, lectures, slideshows, or performances) to share experience in depth with other students. Failure to comply with this expectation without consent of the Dean of Fairhaven will result in expenditures from the Adventure Learning Grant becoming a debt owed to Fairhaven College.
- Conduct oneself in a responsible manner and avoid all illegal activities during the grant period.

For more information about the Adventure Learning Grant, see Frequently Asked Questions on the Fairhaven College web page: <http://www.wvu.edu/fairhaven/academics/alg/faq.shtml>

To discuss your particular project ideas or other questions about the application and selection process, contact Professor Niall O’Murchu, Adventure Learning Grant Coordinator, FA 333, 360-650-2144 or Andrew.Brown@wvu.edu