French Embassy – AUCC Travel Grant

Introduction

The French Embassy – AUCC Travel Grant provides full-time Canadian undergraduate students with the opportunity to pursue for-credit university exchange programs or for-credit internships in France. Successful applicants will receive support to spend up to four months in France as part of their academic program. This grant allows Canadian students to further their academic growth while gaining valuable international experience in a French-speaking environment.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the French Embassy – AUCC Travel Grant, applicants must:

- Be enrolled full time at a Canadian university
- Be 18 years of age or older by the proposed date of departure
- Be in the second, third or fourth year of a Bachelor program
- Be pursuing a for-credit academic exchange or for-credit internship in France as a part of their Bachelor program with a duration of four months in 2014

Please note that students enrolled in a major in science, engineering, mathematics or management and for whom French is a second language are particularly encouraged to apply. Candidates are required to apply to their programs in France independently (this is usually done through their university’s international office).

Further Information on the French Embassy – AUCC Travel Grant

The French Embassy – AUCC Travel Grant provides successful applicants with:

- A stipend of up to $1500 CAD
- The opportunity to travel to France as part of their academic program in 2014
- Access to the network of Travel Grant Alumni

Selection Criteria

Successful applicants will be selected on the basis of:

- Academic excellence as reflected by cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and reference letter
- Academic, professional and/or personal benefits to student as a result of experience in France
- Motivation

Grant Administration

The French Embassy will assess grant applications and determine successful applicants. AUCC will disburse funds directly to successful applicants. In order for successful applicants to receive the grant, proof of enrollment in a relevant program will need to be provided (this process will be explained to successful applicants).
Application Package

Applicants must provide the following printed documents:

1. The Application Form (2 pages – attached below).

2. The Approval Form (1 page) signed by both the academic referee and by the Study Abroad Advisor (or the appropriate university staff member).

3. One reference letter from an academic referee. Academic referees must be professors who are familiar with the applicant’s academic work. The reference letter must answer the following questions: Why would you recommend this student for the grant? How would you describe the applicant’s level of commitment to his or her academic and professional goals?

4. A transcript of all courses taken to date. Please note an official transcript is not required. This transcript can be issued directly to the student.

Deadline

- Applications are due on Monday, May 19, 2014.
- Successful applicants will be contacted beginning on Friday, June 20, 2014.

Submission Details

Applications must be sent by mail to the following address:

Ambassade de France
Frederic BESSAT
464 Wilbrod St.
Ottawa, ON
K1N 6M8

The application package must be submitted by the applicant’s academic referee or Study Abroad Advisor (or the appropriate university staff member). Applicants may not submit the application package directly.

Please note the following instructions regarding the submission of French Embassy – AUCC Travel Grant applications:

Application Form: The application form must be completed by the student, but as noted above, must be submitted by either the academic referee or Study Abroad Advisor (or the appropriate university staff member).

Approval Form: All signatures must be present.

Reference Letter: The Reference letter should be no more than 1 page, single-spaced, printed on university letterhead, and signed.

For any questions, please feel free to e-mail the French Embassy at frederic.bessat@diplomatie.gouv.fr.
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Application Form

Student Information

Last Name: 
First Name: 
Middle Initial: 

Date of Birth (DD-MM-YYYY): 

Male □ Female □

Country of Birth: 
Country of Citizenship: 

Permanent Mailing Address:

Current School Year Mailing Address (if different):

Phone Number (including area code): 
Email:

Academic Information

University: 
Province: 
Current Year of Study: 

Major: 
Second Major or Minor: 

Did you complete your high school studies in French Immersion? Yes □ No □

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (e.g. 3.5 out of 4.0, 7.0 out of 10.0, etc…):

Expected Graduation Date:

Academic Referee
Name of Referee: 
Discipline: 
Email: 
Phone Number (including area code):
Travel and Budget Information

1. Date(s) of travel (DD-MM-YYYY):
   
   Purpose of travel:  
   - Academic Exchange  
   - For-Credit Internship

2. Please identify the name of your host institution and program in France:

3. Please provide a detailed budget for all costs related to your proposed time in France. This budget should include:
   a) Estimated costs of travelling to and from France
   b) Estimated costs of the for-credit activities
   c) Estimated housing costs
   d) Estimated living costs

Rationale and Motivation

1. Please describe the for-credit academic program or activity that you hope to undertake in France through this grant (400 words maximum).

2. Please describe your academic, professional and personal goals, and indicate how this program will help you to achieve those goals (300 words maximum).