

Application to become a Study Abroad Ambassador

Program Description

The Study Abroad Ambassadors are a group of Loyola student who have previously studied abroad and have been selected by the Office of International Programs to represent and promote study abroad programs at Loyola. Study Abroad Ambassadors are dedicated to promoting interest, assisting in preparation, offering support and providing a platform for communication regarding all aspects of the study abroad experience. Study Abroad alumni who are selected to participate in the program will assist the Office of International Programs in promoting study abroad opportunities through interest meetings, classroom presentations, and assistance at various events the office hosts throughout the semester. The training sessions provided by the OIP are designed to expand ambassadors' knowledge of Loyola's study abroad opportunities, enhance public speaking skills and increase confidence so that ambassadors are prepared to share their passion for study abroad and their personal study abroad experiences with the Loyola community.

What you will gain by participating in this program:

1. Membership in a close-knit community of students who share a passion for study abroad
2. Opportunities to share your study abroad experience in a variety of contexts and venues
3. Enhanced public speaking skills
4. Networking with professors and offices throughout the University

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must fulfill the following requirements in order to be considered for the Study Abroad Ambassador Program:

1. Have participated in at least one study abroad program, exchange, or study tour through Loyola
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Have been recommended by a study abroad program director
4. Enrolled as a full-time student for the intended academic year of participation
5. No history of serious disciplinary problems

Requirements and expectations

Becoming a Study Abroad Ambassador is a distinction, as you are recognized as an official student representative of the Office of International Programs and liaison between the OIP and the student body. With this distinction comes several responsibilities including:

1. Attending the mandatory SAA training at beginning of semester
2. Attending mandatory monthly group meetings
3. Serving as an Ambassador at a minimum of **4 events per semester** (info sessions, interest meetings, info tables, classroom visits, etc.)
4. Serving on at least one SAA committee
5. Maintaining good academic and disciplinary standing

Procedure for application

In order to be considered for the position of Study Abroad Ambassador, you must complete the following:

1. Submit application form by deadline of the semester for which you wish to enter (**January 1** for spring semester entrance, **August 1** for fall semester entrance).
2. After review of applications, the strongest candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview during the first two weeks of the semester.
3. The number of new ambassadors accepted each semester will vary depending on program enrollment and the current needs of the organization.

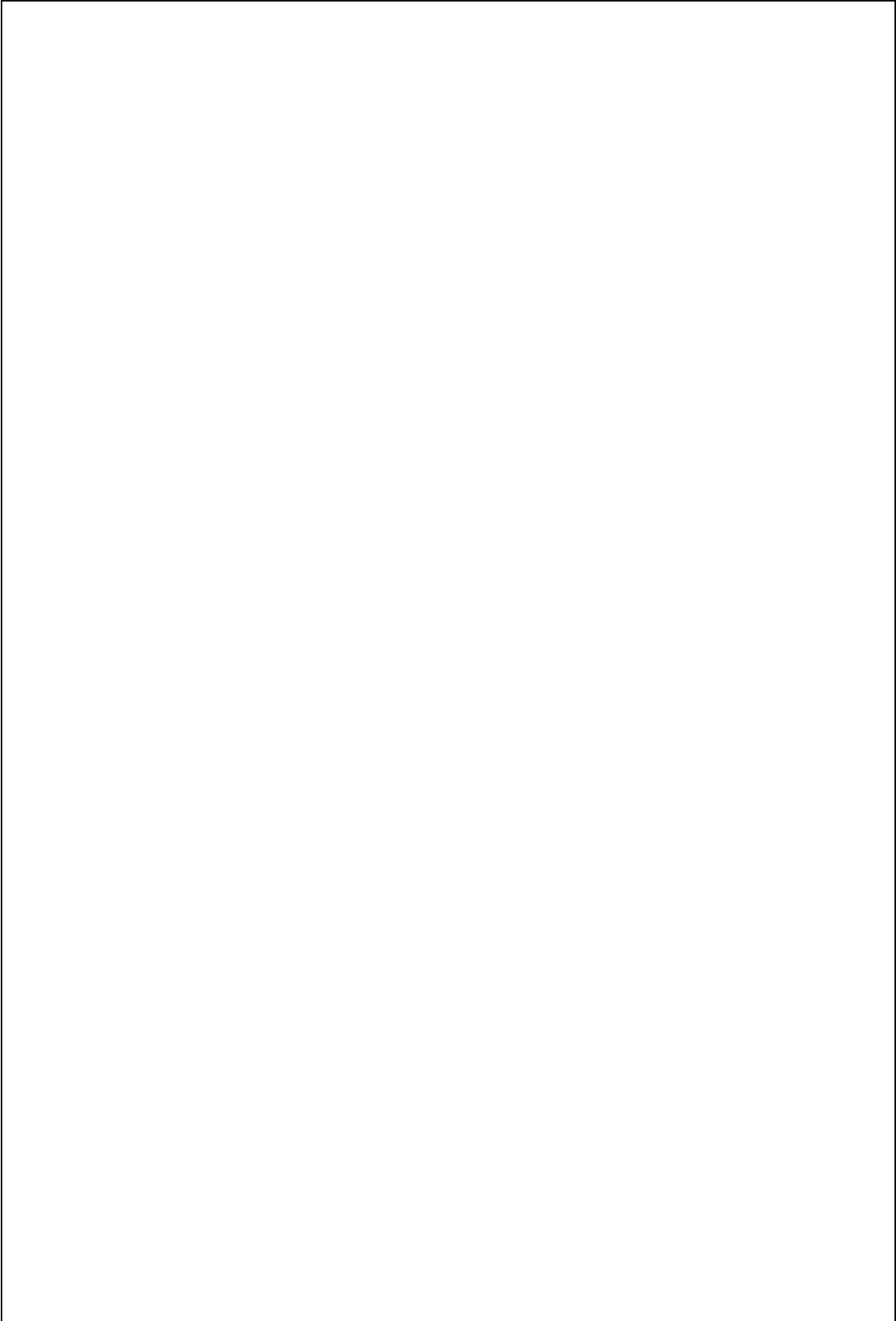
Please complete the following application and return it to Study Abroad Ambassadors at saa@loyola.edu by August 1 or January 1.

I. Personal Information	
Name	
Loyola ID #	
Loyola e-mail address	
Phone number	
Year in school	
Major 1	
Major 2 (if applicable)	
Minor 1	
Minor 2 (if applicable)	
Country of study 1	
Term (Fall / spring / academic year / summer)	
Year	
Country of study 2 (if applicable)	
Term (Fall / spring / academic year / summer)	
Year	
Please list one faculty reference who we may contact (must be Loyola faculty who was not your program director)	

II. Personal Statement

In the space below or on a separate sheet, please respond to the following questions thoughtfully and concisely in short-answer/essay format (maximum of 500 words total).

- a. How did your study abroad experience fit into your course of study, future career plans, and overall college experience?
- b. How do you think you have changed as a result of your study abroad experience?
- c. Why do you wish to serve as a Study Abroad Ambassador? What unique qualities and experience would you contribute to this organization?



III. Activities and interests

In the space below, please list any extracurricular activities, skills, languages, experience or other interesting things about yourself.

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V. Availability

Please mark the following schedule to indicate your availability on a weekly basis by putting an “X” in all the hours that you are regularly **unavailable** this upcoming semester due to classes, practice, or other activities.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00-10:00							
10:00-11:00							
11:00-12:00							
12:00-1:00							
1:00-2:00							
2:00-3:00							
3:00-4:00							
4:00-5:00							
5:00-6:00							
6:00-7:00							
7:00-8:00							
8:00-9:00							

VI. Agreement and signature	
By submitting this application, I agree to adhere to the previously stated SAA responsibilities and expectations if I am offered a position as a Study Abroad Ambassador.	
Name (print)	
Signature (electronic signature acceptable)	
Date	

Please e-mail completed application to Study Abroad Ambassador at saa@loyola.edu by August 1 or January 1.