Several international experience award funds are available to University of Waterloo undergraduate students who participate in an international study, work, or volunteer experience. Award selection is based on a variety of factors such as financial need, academic achievement, leadership, type of experience, destination, etc.

Complete this general application form to be considered for the majority of international experience awards listed in the Undergraduate Awards Database, unless otherwise indicated in the award profile. Please submit one application form only.

Note: if you are applying for a President's International Experience Award, please refer to the President's Upper Year Award page on the Student Awards & Financial Aid website for application instructions.

General Eligibility:

- These awards are intended to provide support to eligible undergraduate students for upcoming international experiences, not past experiences.
- Students who have completed their undergraduate degree are not eligible to apply. Graduate-level students should contact the Graduate Studies Office for information on available international experience awards.
- Students must be in good academic standing. Some awards require a specific level of academic achievement.
- The majority of international experience awards are based fully or partially on financial need. To maximize your eligibility for consideration, please complete the student budget on page 3. If you decide not to complete the budget, you will only be considered for a limited number of merit-based awards.
- Eligible international experiences include:
  - UW approved full-time study abroad/exchange programs
  - UW approved co-op work term (ideally 16 weeks per term, but not less than 12 weeks for extenuating circumstances)
  - international placements undertaken to fulfill a UW degree requirement (e.g., International Development fourth-year placement)
  - a full-term volunteer experience which is part of a UWaterloo sanctioned service learning program (e.g. Beyond Borders)
  - other documented full-term experiences may be considered
- Shorter experiences (excluding co-op positions) may be considered for a reduced award (minimum four weeks).
- Eligible students will normally only be considered for one international experience award per experience. Recipients of other funding (e.g. from your Faculty), may be considered for a reduced award.
- Award recipients may apply for consideration for a subsequent new international experience; however, some funding is limited to only one award per fiscal year (May-April).

Deadlines:
Submit completed application on or before deadline to Student Awards & Financial Aid, 2nd floor, Needles Hall. (If date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the preceding weekday).

Unless otherwise stated in the award description, award selection takes place each term. Please apply prior to your departure term by one of the following deadlines:

- Spring term abroad – March 15
- Fall term abroad – July 15
- Winter term abroad – November 15

Note: late applications may be considered from co-op students applying for a co-op term abroad, if the position was not finalized until after the above pre-term deadline. Late applications must be submitted by the end of the Co-op recruiting cycle.
Consideration of late applications is subject to funding availability.

Decisions:
It may take up to a month from the deadline date for decisions to be made. Students will be notified of the decision by email, and it will be sent to the uwaterloo.ca address.

(Do not include page one in your application package)
I am applying for the: ____________________________________________________________

and/or  □   Consider me for any available international experience awards that I may be eligible for.

Name: ___________________________________________ I.D. #: ___________________________

Program/plan: ___________________________ Academic level (e.g. 3A): ______________

Overall (cumulative) academic average: __________________________

Home address: _______________________________________________________________________

Citizenship:  □ Canadian  □ Permanent Resident  □ Study Permit

Term(s)/Year of international experience (e.g. Winter 2016): ____________________________

Start/end dates of intended international experience ______________________________________

Type of experience:  □ study abroad/exchange program □ official co-op work term

□ other volunteer/work experience □ field placement for degree requirements

Destination (city & country): _____________________________________________________________________

Name of school/organization/employer: _______________________________________________________

Application Requirements:

• Attach a letter that briefly describes: the international experience and why you chose this destination; why you require financial assistance (if applicable); and your eligibility based on any additional selection criteria referenced in the award description (if applicable).

• Documentation of the intended experience (only if required):
  o If the study, co-op, volunteer, or required placement term has been approved by the applicable UW department (e.g. Waterloo International, Cooperative Education & Career Action, SJU Beyond Borders, PACS, etc.), then no documentation is required with your award application.
  o For all other experiences, you must provide a letter or other documentation to substantiate the experience. For non-co-op work or volunteer experiences, this documentation must be from the employer or agency and it must include the location, start/end dates, as well as any salary and/or compensation that you will be receiving.

• Budget and financial need: refer to the instructions and complete the budget on Page 3.

Declaration and Consent:

I authorize the University to release a copy of this application to the appropriate awards committee and to the award donor as required. I confirm that the information provided on this application, on the budget and attached, is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all income, assets and other resources will be verified using my OSAP file, if applicable. I understand that details related to the international experience are subject to verification, as required. I agree to notify the University if additional award funding is made available to me for this international experience.

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
The majority of international experience awards are based fully or partially on financial need. To maximize your eligibility for consideration, please complete the following student budget and provide supporting documentation where indicated.

Requirements and considerations for all applicants completing the budget:

- Ensure that you have reported your income/resources and expenses from all sources for the international experience period as accurately as possible. Note that only actual and/or reasonable expenses will be considered. Information is subject verification as required.

- If your budget changes, e.g., additional resources income, etc., you are required to notify Student Awards & Financial Aid.

- Gross income received during pre-abroad period (16-week period before start of term abroad):
  
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  or

- I was in school full-time immediately prior to the term abroad

Additional requirements and reminders for study abroad or academic field placement applicants:

- Students are expected to utilize primary sources of assistance such as parental contributions, OSAP or other provincial aid programs, and employment income/savings.

- If you do not intend to apply for OSAP (or other provincial aid), explain your reasons in detail and provide a copy of your “parents’ most recent Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment in order to verify your family income. If you are married please attach a copy of your spouse's most recent Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment.

  **If you have been out of high school for more than four years and OSAP considers you to be independent, you do not need to provide your parent's information.**

- If you are receiving government student aid from any province other than Ontario, attach a copy of your provincial Notice of Assessment.

This budget applies to the following period: from ____________________________ to ____________________________

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*only include expenses once; i.e., if an expense is lumped into this category, do not count it elsewhere in the budget.*