



Scholarship & Financial Aid Application

***Note: Deadline for submission of SPAN scholarship application:
Tuesday, February 14, 2017***

Through the generosity of the alumni of the Student Project for Amity among Nations (SPAN), students enrolled in the 2017 academic program are eligible to receive SPAN-funded scholarships. The scholarships help close the gap between a student's aspirations and the financial means he/she may have to travel and participate in an international research program.

The total amount of the SPAN scholarships that are awarded varies as it depends upon *how much money* alumni have contributed and *how many students* are participating in the 2017 program.

Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- The applicant's representation of the spirit of SPAN in promoting international understanding through research
- Quality of the responses to the SPAN scholarship Q&A
- Attendance and participation in required meetings of the Morocco and Russia study groups and the so-called All-SPAN Days
- Participation in program support activities, including the Thank-a-Thon
- An individual student's financial need, as evidenced by the Scholarship & Financial Aid Application
- The applicant's pursuit of non-SPAN awarded scholarships and other funding resources

The Ruth Elliff Memorial Scholarship, which is given to all SPAN students, requires the recipient to return the Elliff scholarship award if he/she does not complete and submit a SPAN research paper.

SPANners may receive more than one of the SPAN-funded scholarships. Upon award of the scholarship(s), students will be required to thank the donor or donors. When a SPANner completes the academic requirements of the program, he/she may also be asked to reflect on the value of his/her SPAN experience.

SPAN Scholarship Q & A

Please submit a one-page statement (approx. 350 words) addressing the following:

- Briefly describe your research topic and the methods you will use to conduct your field studies; explain why you chose the topic you have selected
- Indicate special concerns that may affect your ability to pay for travel and research
- Briefly share one of your more recent accomplishments of which you are most proud
- Describe yourself; list personal attributes which you feel contribute to your ongoing success

My 2017 Financial Aid Picture

This information is used only by SPAN and University of Minnesota Financial Aid representatives to assess financial need and to determine individual scholarship awards.

2017 SPAN destination country:

Name:

Address:

Email addresses (UMN and alternative):

Phone (cell and landline):

College and major:

Anticipated graduation date:

My proposed SPAN research topic:

1. Using the chart on the following page, please list, in general, the financial aid you are receiving for the current academic year (from your college, university, federal or state government, work study program, grant-in-aid, or other non-SPAN scholarships)
2. On average, the debt burden for a University of Minnesota student is approximately \$29,000. Please indicate the overall amount of your *outstanding* education-related loans (federal, state government, including the Federal Stafford, the Federal PLUS (parent) loan, etc.)
3. List and describe additional major financial obligations you currently face, such as outstanding credit card bills, living expenses, car payments, child support, etc.

4. Are you are employed? If so, name your occupation, your employer, and your estimated monthly income.

5. Are your parents/guardians providing financial support to you for educational expenses? Yes No

6. What percentage of your expenses (including your educational and your living expenses) do you assume?

My financial aid for 2016-2017 academic year	
GRANTS	AMOUNT
Federal Pell Grant	
Federal SEOG Grant	
State awarded monies	
College merit awards	
Other grants/work study	
LOANS	AMOUNT
Federal Subsidized (fixed interest rate)	
Federal Unsubsidized (fixed interest rate)	
Federal Perkins	
Federal PLUS (fixed interest rate)	
Institutional, credit union or bank loan	
Private loan	
SCHOLARSHIPS	AMOUNT
UMD-University Honors Study Abroad Scholarship	
Other non-SPAN awarded scholarship(s)	

I acknowledge the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my ability; upon request, I am willing to provide additional information for the purpose of verifying my eligibility for financial support from SPAN, the Student Project for Amity among Nations.

Signature:

Date: