

INSTRUCTION SHEET
Africana Studies and the Africa Project
2004_05 Research Scholarship Program
Deadline: Open

This is NOT a program application. You must submit a separate application for your study abroad program to the NC State University Study Abroad Office or other external program.

Please read instructions carefully, and ensure that you have all the required pages:

1) Instruction Sheet, 2) Scholarship Criteria, 3) Application Form
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **BASIC INFORMATION:** Africana Studies and the Africa Project at NC State University offers scholarship support on a competitive basis to NC State University students in good academic standing who will be participating in study abroad programs in Africa or the African Diaspora¹ or *conducting research projects with significant African content*. The granting of scholarship awards are based on academic qualifications, the appropriateness and quality of planned study or research project in the designated country, and the availability of funds. Research scholarship recipients are expected to provide a final copy of their written research report no later than three-months after their return to the United States although other arrangements can be made if warranted. Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Craig C. Brookins (e-mail: craig_Brookins@ncsu.edu).
2. **APPLICATION FORM:** Please complete all information requested.
 - A. Personal data: Typing is not required, but handwritten information must be clearly legible.
 - B. Signature: Permission to announce the names of winners.
 - C. Essay Questions: On a separate sheet of paper, respond to each of the questions listed. This section should be limited to two pages total for all four questions, in no smaller than a 12 point font. Include your name on each page.
 - D. Evidence of Travel Arrangements: Please provide a letter indicating your acceptance into the designated study abroad program.
3. **TRANSCRIPT:** Obtain a computer printout (unofficial copy) of your NC State transcript (available, free of charge, in the Registration and Records Office, 1000 Harris Hall, or on the web at http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/reg_records/). If you are a recent transfer student to NC State, please submit a transcript from your previous university also.
4. **REFERENCE:** Request **one letter of reference** that addresses your academic and personal strengths and can knowledgeably speak to the research project being proposed. The reference should be from an NC State professor who has taught or mentored you. The professor should seal his or her completed reference form in an envelope, sign it across the flap, and return it to you.
5. Bring or Fax (919-515-1828) your completed scholarship packet to the Africana Studies office at 2806 Hillsborough Street. Applicants will be notified of the scholarship decision within two-weeks of the submission of their application packet.

¹ This includes programs in countries with a predominantly African descendent population or whose primary focus is on the African experience in those countries. The eligibility of a particularly program will ultimately be determined by Africana Studies and the Africa Project.

AFRICANA STUDIES AND THE AFRICA PROJECT 2004-05 RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

If you have questions about this application or the scholarship program, please call our office at 515-7518 or email us at afs@social.chass.ncsu.edu

SECTION A: Personal Data (please type or print)

Name _____ SS# _____

Name/Location of Country to be Visited _____

Have you already made travel arrangements? YES NO

Anticipated Term Of Travel Spring 2005 Summer 2005 Fall 2005 Year 2004-05

Local Mailing Address _____

Local Telephone _____ Email _____

Current Class FR SO JR SR OTHER Major _____ Cum. GPA _____

Number of Semesters Completed At NC State _____

I will return to NC State for at least one semester following my study abroad program YES NO

SECTION B: Signature for release of information

I certify that the information given above is correct. If I am the recipient of any scholarship included in this application,

I give permission for my name, the scholarship I received, and the name of my program to be released.

I give permission for my contact information (address, telephone number, email) to be released to other students interested in the study abroad program I have chosen.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION C: Essay Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following four questions:

Answers should be limited to no more than two pages TOTAL for all four questions, in no smaller than a 12 point font. Include your name on each page.

1. Briefly describe any previous experience (i.e., study, travel, work, residence) outside the United States.
2. Please describe your research project. Include why you have chosen this project, how it will contribute to further knowledge in this area, your research design, a brief description of the research site, and sponsor (if applicable)..
3. Please describe the personal benefit and value of your engagement in this research project in terms of your personal, educational, and/or career interests. Include how you think you can use the experience abroad on this campus upon your return.
4. Please provide a summary of your anticipated costs for participation in this research project, as well as the source of funds to pay these expenses. In particular, list the source and amount of funds you currently expect to receive as scholarships, financial aid, and/or travel grants; include merit scholarships you receive during the academic year.

Be specific about your level of financial need for conducting this research and feel free to include information about specific personal or family circumstances. Examples of specific circumstances may include but are not limited to: being one of several siblings currently in college, having unexpected expenses (medical, personal, etc) during the current academic year, being financially responsible for your own education, etc.

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL INFORMATION IS HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE!