

Institutional Study Abroad Scholarship Service Requirement

As a study abroad scholarship recipient, you are required to serve as Study Abroad Ambassador while you are abroad and for the semester directly following your program. **Study Abroad Ambassadors must complete a minimum of one service project and participate in a minimum in one study abroad event in the semester they return to Towson University.** If you are studying abroad during your final semester or otherwise do not plan to return to TU the semester following your study abroad program, you may complete your requirements while you are abroad.

The goal of your service requirements is to share your experience and help promote Study Abroad to other TU students. You have several options to fulfill your obligations. Please choose **one from each section** and certainly feel free to do more if you're so inclined! If you have questions about any of these options, please contact our office.

Projects:

1. Takeover one of our social media accounts for a day (or more) OR Submit 8 eye catching photos for sharing on social media. You can post them on your account and tag @towsonuabroad or you can email them to studyabroad@towson.edu with captions. Send the highest resolution possible; TU student email may not support large attachments, so you may send through Gmail or another server.
2. Submit a post for our [office blog](#).
 - a. Write your own story reflecting on a memory or your experience. Send the story (with photos) to studyabroad@towson.edu and we will review, make any edits as needed, and publish.
 - b. Answer a brief Q&A, questions included below. We will draft the post based on your answers.
 - i. Name, major, grad year, hometown, destination abroad, term abroad, program abroad.
 - ii. Provide 3-5 photos of your experience with captions. You're welcome to include photos that you're in, or landscapes of the places you've been. Bonus points if you capture a photo that is academic in nature (i.e. classroom setting, research project, intern placement, a picture of you studying).
 - iii. How did you choose your location for study abroad?
 - iv. Did your experiences abroad met your expectations? Exceeded them?
 - v. Talk about your favorite spot in your home away from home. Where? Why?
 - vi. You could hardly believe your eyes when you saw ... What? Why?
 - vii. What challenged you while you were abroad? Why?
 - viii. What would you say to students worried / concerned / afraid of studying abroad?
 - b. Create a brief (1-2 minute) and engaging video to illustrate your experience. The video may be shared on social media.

Events / Participation:

1. Volunteer for office events. These include but are not limited to the Study Abroad Fair, Open House events, information sessions, tabling, etc. We may put a call out via email for volunteers, but you are welcome to reach out with an idea on how you can help.
2. Sit on a student panel during International Education Week or at a Career Services event.
3. Work with a professor to give a classroom presentation on your experience. We'll need to see an email from the professor to confirm.
4. Contact a student group to give a presentation on your experience. We'll need to see an email from a member of the executive board of the group to confirm.
5. Do your own thing! We welcome all creative ideas. Make your own video, write for the Towerlight, make us a poster, whatever you'd like to do to share your experience. If your idea is something other than the four listed here, please contact our office to chat about your plans.

* New and creative ideas are welcomed and encouraged! Have an interest in doing something not listed above? Email studyabroad@towson.edu for approval of additional service requirement activities!