**2017 Lee & Sunny Allen International Experience Travel Scholarship**

1. **Who** can apply?

* Current undergraduate students at the **University of Maine** (Orono) enrolled in a School of Forest Resources program (FTY, FBB, PRT, or EES-Forest Ecosystems Option), or graduate students with an SFR advisor.
* To be considered, scholarship funds must be used for **forest resources-based international travel**, including study abroad, may/winter term course, volunteer experience, internship, workshop, conference, or research project.
* International travel between May 2017 and May 2018.

1. What should my **application** include?

* Completed cover page (see below)
* A short essay, up to 800 words, typewritten, that addresses the following:
* A description of the planned international travel experience
* Why do you want to participate on this trip?
* What do you expect to **gain from participating on this trip** (e.g. cultural awareness, intercultural competency, global awareness, learn/be exposed to a non-native language, enhance international perspectives)?
* How will the experience help you attain your professional goals?
* How might the international travel experience benefit the School of Forest Resources?

Your essay will be carefully read for **content and grammar**.

* Completed budget worksheet in the attached format listing the expected expenses, and a description of how you plan to cover the other costs for the trip (if any). Providing information on additional funds (i.e. matching funds) will increase your likelihood of receiving the scholarship.

1. How much funding is **available**?

Please be mindful that the maximum support per proposal is US$1,500. Smaller award amounts can be requested and will enable more awards to be given!

1. How can I **share** my international travel experience upon returning to UMaine?

Students who receive the funding will provide a **written report and photos/maps** that can be used on our website, and give a 20 minute **oral presentation** to share their international travel experience with others on campus.

Applications should be sent electronically to

Sandra De Urioste-Stone at [sandra.de@maine.edu](mailto:sandra.de@maine.edu) by 5pm on **April 14th 2017**.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Scoring Criteria for 2017 Lee & Sunny Allen International Experience Travel Scholarship**

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| **Criterion** | **Score Percent** | **Select one** | | | | |
| **Very Low** | **Below Average** | **Average** | **Above Average** | **Very High** |
| Professional development likely and experience is forest resources-based (e.g. acquire new skills or research experience, expand professional network) | 25% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Personal development likely to expand cultural/international perspectives, cultural awareness, and intercultural competency (e.g. experience another culture, direct interaction with locals) | 20% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Personal development via exposure to a non-native language | 15% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Strength of travel planning | 10% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Writing quality (grammar, spelling, structure) | 5% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Duration of the educational program (time spent abroad) | 5% | 1  (Less than a week) | 2  (1 week) | 3  (2-3 weeks) | 4  (4-7 weeks) | 5  (8 weeks or longer) |
| Potential to benefit SFR | 10% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Portion of total travel cost being requested | 10% | 1  (81-100%) | 2  (61-80%) | 3  (41-60%) | 4  (21-40%) | 5  (1-20%) |

**Cover Page**

Majors included: FTY, FBB, PRT, EES-Forest Ecology

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Mainestreet ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Class level starting Fall 2016:

First year Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

1. Name of advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of credits earned at UMaine (not including current semester): \_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Current UMaine GPA: \_\_\_\_
4. Expected UMaine graduation (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

1. Destination (country and city/region): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Purpose of your travel

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Conference/workshop |  | Study abroad |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Internship |  | Research |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | May/winter term course |  | Volunteer |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Other (please specify): |  |  |

1. Program/organization/contact information (name and email/website): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Duration of educational trip: \_\_\_\_\_\_ day(s)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ week(s)

1. Student’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay (800 words maximum)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the planned international travel experience.
2. Why do you want to **participate** on this trip?
3. What do you expect to **gain from participating on this trip** (e.g. cultural awareness, intercultural competency, global awareness, learn/be exposed to a non-native language, enhance international perspectives)?
4. How will the experience help you attain your **professional goals**?
5. How might the international travel experience benefit the School of Forest Resources?

**Budget**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Detailed expenses

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| --- | --- |
| **Expense type** | **Total cost per expense type (US$)** |
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| Airfare |  |
| Ground transportation |  |
| Lodging (e.g., hotel) |  |
| Meals |  |
| Conference/workshop fee |  |
| Tuition |  |
| Books/supplies |  |
| Visa/immunizations/medications |  |
| Other/Misc. (explain) |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |

1. Additional funds you will raise to support your international travel experience (US$) if needed:

Another scholarship. Please specify amount and funding source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Personal Funds. Please specify amount: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other. Please specify amount and source of funding: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Total funds requested (US$): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed US$1,500).