

Adventure Learning Grant Information Sheet

Purpose

The purposes of the Adventure Learning Grants are to challenge students' perspectives, enrich their education, expose them to intellectual risk, and help embody challenge and adventure as integral to a Fairhaven education. The grants will enable Fairhaven students to have extended experiences with cultures outside of the United States and to integrate those experiences into Fairhaven College.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed at least two quarters at Fairhaven by the end of fall quarter, 2011, and must be committed to returning to Fairhaven for three quarters following the period of the Adventure Learning Grant.

Important Dates

Spring through October 2011	Dissemination of information regarding Adventure Learning Grants; Preparation of applications; Solicitation of letters of recommendation.
November 3, 2011	Applications due
November 7-10, 2011	Proposals read by committee
November 10, 2011	Announce finalists
November 16-17, 2011	Interview finalists
November 21, 2010	Grant recipients announced
Winter and Spring 2012	Independent study preparation for Adventure Learning Grant
Summer or Fall 2012	Adventure Learning Grant begins!

Selection Criteria

- Creativity and ingenuity of proposed project
- Likelihood that proposed experience will challenge student's perspective
- Extent to which culture(s) the student will experience differs from that of the United States or other cultures with which student is intimately familiar.
- Student's commitment to integrating the Adventure Learning experience into the Fairhaven community.
- Probability that students will make full use of opportunities provided by the Adventure Learning Grant.
- Student's awareness of the importance of learning respectfully from the people and the culture(s) visited.

Expectation of Grant Recipients

- Use the two quarters prior to the Adventure Learning Grant experience to prepare to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the grant.
- Remain outside of the United States (and home country if different from the U.S.) for the full 10 months of the grant period, returning to the U.S. during that period only in the case of a substantial emergency and with prior approval of the Fairhaven Dean. A student who returns without prior approval forfeits the remainder of the grant.
- Pursue the proposed project with curiosity and enthusiasm, making changes in consultation with advisor to take advantages of new opportunities
- Submit brief quarterly reports of activities and financial accounting.
- Participate in a program of regular communication with Fairhaven College so that other students can share in and learn from your experiences and insights.
- Submit final report of activities and financial accounting within 30 days of return.
- Return to Fairhaven for a minimum of three academic quarters and conduct a program (lectures, slideshow, performances, teaching a class, etc.) to share experience in depth with other students. Failure to comply with this expectation without consent of the Dean of Fairhaven will result in expenditures from the Adventure Learning Grant becoming a debt owed to Fairhaven College.
- Conduct oneself in a responsible manner and avoid all illegal activities during the grant period.

For more information about the Adventure Learning Grant, see Frequently Asked Questions.

To discuss your particular project ideas or other questions about the application and selection process, contact Professor Kathryn Anderson, Adventure Learning Grant Coordinator, Room 327, 360-650-4910 or Kathryn.Anderson@wwu.edu