



Association of American
Study Abroad Programmes
United Kingdom

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2024/2025 APPLICATION PACKET

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide a deserving study abroad student with financial support to pursue academic study in the United Kingdom. By offering the scholarship, AASAP/UK is fulfilling one of its purposes – the promotion and support of academic standards. The merit-based scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who BEST demonstrates an understanding and appreciation of the value of an international educational experience and who agrees to share with AASAP/UK members the ways in which the scholarship has helped to fulfil their academic and personal ambitions. The award will be £1,000 for a student whose programme lasts at least eight weeks.

The winning student will be required to attend an AASAP/UK meeting to meet the membership, receive the award, and give a short presentation on the goals and objectives that will be made possible through this financial support. In addition, the scholarship recipient must provide a final written reflection on the impact of the scholarship on their study abroad experience, which will be uploaded to the Association website.

Eligibility Requirements for candidates:

- a. Enrolment in full-time education
- b. Undergraduate status at a university or college based in the United States
- c. Acceptance on a study abroad programme offered by an AASAP/UK **Full or Associate** Member with a minimum length of eight weeks. See [here](#) for a list of current members
- d. Minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA
- e. Willingness to share their experiences abroad with the AASAP/UK community in person at the beginning and through a reflective written piece at the end of their study abroad experience.

Important Dates

March 2024 – Application window opens

28th May 2024 – Application Deadline (11:59pm British Summer Time)

1st July 2024 – Winner will be announced

Student Checklist:

- ✓ Make sure you are enrolled in an eligible UK study abroad programme.
- ✓ Contact at least one person who could provide an academic reference letter directly to AASAP/UK. (They cannot be related to you.) Forward the Reference Information Sheet to the referee so they are aware of the requirements and deadline.
- ✓ Obtain an Official Transcript from your university.
- ✓ Compile your application according to instructions found in this packet. You are encouraged to share these materials with your referee.
- ✓ Scan your completed Application Form and Transcript and send, along with Resume and Statement, to info@asapuk.org before the deadline.

Questions? Please contact info@asapuk.org

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- ✓ The Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship is open only to students studying abroad with an AASAP/UK Full or Associate Member.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

TO BE SENT BY THE APPLICANT:

- Scanned Application Form with all fields completed
- Scanned Official Transcript showing GPA (3.00 minimum)
- Resume (maximum length ONE page)
- Statement (suggested length 500-750 words)

TO BE SENT SEPARATELY BY THE REFEREE:

- One academic reference (please see the Reference Information Sheet for details)

STATEMENT

The Statement length should be 500-750 words. Longer Statements will not be presented to the screening committee. The document must be double-spaced with 1" margins and Times New Roman, 12 pt. font. Please submit as a Word or PDF file. The following must be typed in the upper left-hand corner of the page(s): name, university, semester/term, dates of study abroad, name and location of your study abroad programme, and the number of the topic (below) that you are addressing.

Your Statement should address **one** of the following topics – choose **one** to write about:

- 1) We are interested in learning what excites you about studying in the UK, about your educational and personal motivations for studying abroad, and the particular ways in which you plan to satisfy them. How have you prepared or will you prepare yourself for getting the most out of your time in the UK? How will this experience contribute to your larger academic and professional goals?
- 2) Studying abroad can be rewarding but also challenging. What do you anticipate will be some challenges of studying in the UK? (Please discuss at least three.) How has your education and experiences prepared you to address these? What might you gain, and how might you develop, from facing these challenges?
- 3) For many students, the opportunity to study abroad is a component of their plans for the future, academically, professionally, and/or personally. How does studying in the UK fit into your larger ambitions and goals for the future? What do you hope to gain from your experience? How do you anticipate using that experience to pursue your educational and/or professional objectives?
- 4) Cultural immersion is often a goal of students studying abroad. Please describe three ways you anticipate engaging with the larger community outside of the classroom. How do you anticipate these interactions will impact your world perspective? How do you think these engagements will support your wider academic experience?



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At least one academic reference letter must be submitted independently of your application by the same deadline. Please forward the Reference Information Sheet to your referee(s) so they are aware of the requirements and deadline. You are also strongly advised to give them a copy of your Resume and Statement.

SUBMISSION

Submit your complete application via a single email to the following address: info@aaapuk.org. Referees should submit their letters of reference directly to this address.

DEADLINE: 28th May 2024, 11:59PM (British Summer Time). The winner will be notified by 1st July 2024.

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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Name

U.S. Institution Name

U.S. Contact Address

Email

(_____) _____ - _____
U.S. Phone number

Cumulative GPA _____

Academic Level _____ (e.g. BA)

Study Abroad Programme Name

Location in the United Kingdom

Semester/Term dates (DD/MM/YY - DD/MM/YY)

AASAP/UK Member

Reference Information

Confirmed Referee:

1: _____
Name Relation to Applicant

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Declaration

I confirm that all information included in this application is accurate and truthful. I understand that in order to receive this award I must attend the study abroad programme listed above. I also accept the obligation to make a short presentation about my goals and objectives to an AASAP/UK meeting during my time in the UK and to submit a final reflective piece on the impact of the scholarship. I agree to cooperate with members of the AASAP/UK Board to fulfil these obligations.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR REFEREES

All applicants must have at least one reference in support of their application for the AASAP/UK Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship. This must be an academic reference.

References must be submitted independently from the core application. Please adhere to the instructions below to ensure that the material is submitted correctly and by the deadline. We strongly urge the applicant to provide you with a copy of their application so that you have all pertinent information.

Guidelines for writing your reference:

- References are submitted by referees independent of the application submitted by the student. Each scholarship application must include at least one reference completed by an academic who is familiar with the applicant's work.
- Your reference should be no more than one single-spaced page, Times New Roman, 12pt font.
- At the top of the Word Document, in the upper left-hand corner, please type:
Applicant: name, university,
Referee: name, contact information.
- You are requested to address the following in your reference:
 - Your relationship to the applicant and how long you have known them
 - Exceptional attributes of the applicant, particularly noting how such attributes may enhance their experience on a study abroad programme
 - The likelihood of the student achieving their goals for study abroad as outlined in their application
- Your reference should be emailed to info@aaapuk.org by 11:59pm BST on 28th May 2024. The subject header should be 'REFERENCE: [APPLICANT NAME]'
- Your reference must be emailed from an account owned by you. References emailed by the student on your behalf will not be accepted.

Address for submission: info@aaapuk.org

Email subject line: REFERENCE [APPLICANT NAME]

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