PSP International Experience (PIE)
Scholarship Application Information and Guidelines

PHILOSOPHY
The President’s Scholarship Program (PSP) is philosophically committed to its scholars learning in the global environment, whether as part of study abroad, work abroad, service abroad, or other enriching international experiences. The PIE application is designed to ensure that funded experiences are meaningful and not merely tourism, e.g. not backpacking across Europe.

FUNDING
There are three sources of financial support for President’s Scholars (PS) through PIE Scholarships. PSs generally can assume $5,000 is available to them over their eight semesters at Georgia Tech, although in rare circumstances some PSs have received up to $8,000 to cover multiple valuable experiences. Stamps Scholars typically have about $8,000+ to use for international experiences over their eight semesters.

Reginald S. Fleet Scholarships provide funding for international educational experiences for non-Stamps President’s Scholars. Hundreds of President’s Scholars have traveled overseas during the past decade. The Fleet Scholarship Program was established by Julia Fleet, daughter of Reginald S. Fleet, a GT mechanical engineer from the Class of ’16. Mr. Fleet was one of the seven founders of a company whose sole product was WD-40.

President’s/Stamps Scholarship Stipends are available not just for fall and spring semester study in Atlanta, but can be used (as one of the eight semesters of guaranteed funding) at another university or Georgia Tech campus elsewhere, such as GT Lorraine. LBAT programs are also eligible. If such funds represent the third semester of funding for a particular student in a single year, they are approved for release contingent on availability of funds. Fund availability is known typically in February each academic year.

Stamps Enrichment Funds provide support for the same type of experiences as Fleet Scholarships, but they are only available to Stamps Leadership Scholars. The Stamps Leadership Scholars program was established as part of the PSP by Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV in 2006.

REQUIREMENTS & DUE DATES
President’s Scholars must complete the PIE Scholarship Application online to be considered for funding.
- Basic facts including official documentation of the cost of the trip, how it will be covered financially, and an essay outlining the purpose of the proposed international experience must be submitted.
- Factors such as year in school, amount previously received, GPA, program involvement, and prior travel all factor into the process. For example, seniors who have never travelled or received aid before have priority over sophomores who have already received funds.
- PSs must not be off scholarship due to grade issues and/or breach of contract (i.e. the PS Acceptance Agreement). This includes conduct issues and unexcused absences from retreats.
- During experiences students must post reflections and pictures through online media such as Facebook, blogs, or other relevant mechanisms. Details are sent to scholarship recipients before they travel abroad.
- At the conclusion of their experience, President’s Scholars may be required to present a poster session on their experience at the soon-to-be established PSP Symposium.
- Application due dates are as follows:
  - **November 1**: All winter break experiences or spring semester programs
  - **December 1**: Spring break experiences
  - **February 15**: “Maymesters” and summer programs
  - **April 1**: Fall and year-round programs
FINE PRINT
Funds available to PSs from the Fleet Fund are based on endowment performance, and can fluctuate from year to year. Thus, in a given year students should not assume they will receive $5,000 simply with submission of a competitive application. The amount of funds available for Stamps Scholars, however, is fixed by agreement with the Stamps Foundation and not subject to market fluctuation. For this reason, Stamps Scholars may not access Fleet Funds for any reason.

Very important: There are often deposits and fee deadlines that occur in advance of the semester or term in which you plan to travel. The PSP does not release funds in advance for you to pay these. You must commit (or not) to these programs in advance, pay the fees, and then hope we have funds confirmed for you. This is most common when deposits and such are due before February for a summer study term. We do our best to provide you with PIE Scholarships, including a third semester of funding, but can only guarantee those when we see our February income report. However, once you do get approval from the PSP office for funds, the letter/email we send you is often enough proof for the international program you seek to waive your deposit/fee. They see it as a guarantee of funds. That determination, however, is up to the program to which you are applying, not the PSP Office.

SAMPLE EXPERIENCES
The following have been funded in the past by PIE Scholarships:

- Georgia Tech Lorraine and GT Ireland
- Academic Search for Knowledge trips, e.g. ASK Balkans, ASK Argentina
- Pacific Program
- Oxford Summer Program
- Year abroad in Israel
- Various semester exchanges
- European Union Internships
- Language, Business and Technology (LBAT) programs
- Work Abroad in Germany
- Winter Break AMSA Medical Mission to India
- UGA Winter Break Antarctica Program
- International Alternative Service Break to Nicaragua