



GEO Study Abroad Grant for Staff

The GEO Study Abroad Staff Grant supports UO staff who wish to participate in a site visit to select* GEO study abroad programs. The purpose of the grant is to:

1. Enable UO staff to participate in and contribute to UO's global education programs and internationalization mission;
2. Encourage creation of new GEO programming, when appropriate, in which staff might be more fully engaged;
3. Increase awareness of, and appreciation for, GEO study abroad programming among staff who may not regularly engage with the Division of Global Engagement;
4. Expand promotion of GEO programming through the involvement of a wider range of UO staff;
5. Enhance the global engagement mission of the University of Oregon.

Grant recipients will work closely with the GEO director, faculty leader or program coordinator to determine appropriate form of participation in the program both before and during the grant period. Form and extent of participation will vary depending on grant recipient background, experience, and interests; type and duration of study abroad program; faculty leader, program goals and expectations; program logistics.

The grant is intended to cover the cost of travel, lodging, some meals, and related fees (e.g. travel and supplement travel insurance) for the recipient. Individual grant amounts will vary as determined by the selection committee, but will not include salary or per diem compensation. One grant will be awarded in 2020.

**Each year a select group of GEO programs will be available for the GEO Study Abroad Staff Grant. In 2020, the following programs will be open for participation:*

London, England (GEO Center)

Segovia, Spain (GEO Center)

Oviedo, Spain (GEO Center)

Siena, Italy (GEO Center)

Faculty-led programs (with approval from participating faculty)

Application Details:

Applications are due on 3/15/2020. All application materials should be sent in one PDF or Microsoft Word document to GEO Executive Assistant Pam Duncan at pamd@uoregon.edu.

The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of UO faculty, plus GEO and OIA staff, with final selection made after interviews with relevant GEO staff, faculty program leaders, and program coordinators.

UO staff from all departments and classifications are encouraged to apply. Non-Tenure Track Faculty (NTTF) who have a FTE .5 or greater assigned to advising students and/or administration are also eligible. All other faculty are encouraged to consider [GEO Faculty Grants](#).



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Application Materials:

- GEO Study Abroad Grant for Staff Cover Sheet¹
- Statement of Purpose and Program Goals (2 pages max):
 - Describe why you wish to visit a GEO study abroad program and how you believe this participation will benefit you in your current UO position. Include in this statement suggestions for how you will incorporate promotion/advocacy for GEO study abroad into your current work duties (see “expectations” section, below).
 - Statement of Program Goals: Describe how you plan to use your professional and/or personal experiences, skills, and perspectives during your participation in the GEO study abroad program. Applicants are encouraged to consider how their specific skills and experience may be utilized to enhance the study abroad experience for the faculty/program leader and the student participants.

Applicants will be selected according to the following three criteria (ranked in order of weight)

1. Strength of statement of purpose and program goals.
2. Appropriate fit for proposed program, given applicant’s background, professional and/or volunteer experience, current UO position, etc.
3. Program and/or GEO Center needs.

Expectations Note:

Staff who apply for this grant should highlight in their application specific avenues for using the experience to serve as an advocate for GEO study abroad programming during the exercise of their day to day responsibilities. If possible, staff should propose specific activities or actions they will undertake upon completion of the trip that will help promote GEO study abroad and related international educational opportunities.