



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

MARY UPJOHN MEADER STUDY ABROAD AWARD

Mary Upjohn Meader was an aviation pioneer and an ingenious photographer. As a young woman in 1937 during flights over South America and Africa she took numerous aerial photos that are still used by scholars today. Her passion for travel and study abroad has led to the Mary Upjohn Meader Department of Geography Student Award – Study Abroad.

There are two definitions of study abroad that are recognized when bestowing this award: 1) the traditional study abroad which is a WMU sponsored, at least one semester long study abroad program; 2) a WMU faculty-led field experience course for credit.

The Mary Upjohn Meader Study Abroad Award is based on the following criteria:

1. A geography, tourism & travel, or community and regional planning major OR geography graduate student at WMU
2. A minimum overall GPA of 3.3.
3. At least 15 credit hours in geography by the time of trip departure.

For the traditional study abroad experience up to five (5) awards at \$2000 each may be given. For the geography field experience course up to twelve (12) awards at \$1000 each may be given. All of these awards are contingent on the availability of the funds and qualified applicants. The award is credited directly to the student's account for tuition only. To apply for this scholarship please submit the following by **February 15**.

1. Application Form
2. 1-page Personal Statement (single spaced) focusing on:
 - a. When, where, and for how long this experience will last;
 - b. Why you are taking the course or doing the traditional study abroad program;
 - c. The expected benefits of this experience;
 - d. The relevance of this experience to your program.
3. Evidence of your enrollment or commitment to the course or study abroad program. This can be in the form of a letter from the Study Abroad office or professor offering the course.
4. Final Report of experience (1 page)

Applications may be submitted electronically (with letters of recommendations coming directly from the letter-writer) or hard copy to:

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