



**Association of American
Study Abroad Programmes
United Kingdom**

THE AASAP/UK LORD ACTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2012 AASAP/UK launched the Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship named in honour of its first Honorary President. The association is pleased to open applications for the 2013-2014 scholarship.

Lord Acton

Lord Acton was AASAP/UK's first Honorary President, serving in this capacity from 2006 until his untimely death in 2010. His professional career included work as a banker, barrister, human rights campaigner, writer and politician. He sat in the House of Lords as both a life and hereditary peer on the Labour benches. He was a champion of international educational and cultural exchange, and offered invaluable assistance and guidance to AASAP/UK.

Scholarship

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 to promote and support academic standards. The £1,000 merit-based scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who 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 academic and personal ambitions. The first scholarship recipient was Lucia Joseph from Tufts University, who attended University College London for the 2012/2013 academic year.

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 the financial support. In addition, the scholarship recipient must provide a final written reflection that 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 one semester/term
- d. Minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA
- e. Willingness to share their experiences abroad with the AASAP/UK community: to produce a reflective piece on the impact of the scholarship, and to attend a meeting and present on the goals and objectives that have been achieved as a result of the financial support.

Important Dates

12 April 2013 - Application Deadline (midnight Greenwich Mean Time)

31 May 2013 - Winner Announced

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AASAP/UK Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship Application Information

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIAL

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

TO BE SENT BY THE APPLICANT

- Scanned Application Form with all fields completed (next page)
- Scanned official transcript showing GPA (3.00 minimum)
- Resume (maximum length ONE page)
- Statement (maximum length TWO pages)

TO BE SENT SEPARATELY

- Two References (refer to the Reference Information Sheet for details)

STATEMENT

The statement length is limited to a maximum of two typed, double-spaced pages (roughly 500 words). Longer statements will not be presented to screening committees. Use 1" margins all around and Times Roman 12 pt. Font. At the top of the Word Document, in the upper left-hand corner, type your *name, institution, semester & dates of study abroad, and name and location of study abroad programme.*

The 'Statement' should answer all of the following:

- I. Complete the statement: *Studying abroad in the UK is important to me because...*
- II. What is your motivation for studying abroad?
- III. Explain the objectives you have set for yourself both academically and personally for your time abroad.
- IV. How might this scholarship help you achieve these goals?

REFERENCES

Two references must be emailed **independently of your application** by the deadline. You should forward the Referee Information Sheet to each of your referees so they are aware of the requirements. You are also strongly advised to give them a copy of your resume and statement.

SUBMISSION

Please submit your complete application via a single email to the following address – scholarship@asapuk.org. Referees should submit their letter of reference directly to the address above.

DEADLINE

Friday, 12th April 2013, at midnight (GMT). The scholarship winner will be notified by 31st May 2013.



AASAP/UK Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship Application Form

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name _____

U.S. Institution Name _____

U.S. Contact Address _____

Email _____

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

GPA: _____

Academic Level: _____ (e.g. BA)

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME NAME

LOCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

SEMESTER/TERM

START AND END DATES (DDMMYY-DDMMYY)

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Referees 1: _____
NAME RELATION TO APPLICANT

2: _____
NAME RELATION TO APPLICANT

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 executive committee to fulfil these obligations.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____