

2015 STAR OF THE WEST INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

There are 3 main components to be considered for the SOTW Scholarship. Applicants must **submit online**: a narrative proposal, detailed budget, and two letters of recommendation, both of which must come from a Citadel faculty member. Note: a faculty member cannot write a letter of recommendation if that applicant is going on a program led by that faculty member! An additional letter (optional) may come from a reference off-campus. Only full-time cadets are eligible for this award.

Narrative Proposal Instructions: The Narrative proposal is a one-page document that outlines the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of what you are proposing for your SOTW summer. In all cases project proposals present a clear connection between the summer experience and their goals after graduation. You will choose the option on the Application Form that best describes your proposed international experience, either a formal study abroad program or independent study/travel. You only need to upload one narrative proposal. Once you have completed the application form you will need to save the form at the bottom of the page.

- **NARRATIVE PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS:** For applicants who will be taking classes under a Citadel (or another university's) study abroad program: summarize the program, exactly what classes you will be taking, etc. Include how you will benefit from living in that country (eg living with a host family). Format: single spaced, 12 point Times New Roman, 1 inch margins.
- **NARRATIVE PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY/TRAVEL:** If you are considering an independent study/travel experience (ie, not going on a Citadel study abroad program, or a program from another university), then your Statement of Grant Purpose should address the following points:
 1. Where do you propose to conduct your study or research?
 2. What do you propose to do?
 3. What is innovative about the research?
 4. What are the specific research goals and methodologies?
 5. Why do you want to undertake this project?
 6. What are your qualifications for carrying out this project?

If you are conducting an independent study, it must be approved by a department and carry a 3- hour course equivalent for credit. Developing a strong, feasible and compelling project is the most important aspect of a successful application. If you have any questions about a research award, please contact Professor Sparks. Format: single spaced, 12 point Times New Roman, 1 inch margins.

Letters of Recommendation: Once you have identified who your letters of recommendation will come from you will complete and send both of the SOTW recommendation forms to your referees and **be sure to email them a copy of your Narrative Proposal for their review**. Keep in mind both letters must come from a Citadel faculty member. Note: a faculty member cannot write a letter of recommendation if that applicant is going on a program led by that faculty member! An additional letter (optional) may come from a reference off-campus; you can find the Optional Recommendation Form in the "online forms" section on your My Applications tab of your abroad office account.