

Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership Summer 2018 Scholarship Application

Part 1: Scholarship Background and Information:

The Vira I. Heinz (VIH) Program for Women in Global Leadership prepares women for tomorrow's global challenges by offering a unique opportunity for international experiences, leadership development and community service. Universities and colleges across Pennsylvania participate in the VIH Program. Three young women from each of the participating institutions are admitted into the program and receive a scholarship to apply toward the cost of an international experience of their choosing.

The VIH Program has three principal components: the international experience, the Community Engagement Experience and two weekend-long, intensive leadership development retreats. During the spring semester prior to and the fall semester following their international experiences, the awardees meet in Pittsburgh, PA. This training provides the awardees with a foundation of skills necessary to maximize cultural learnings while abroad and, upon their return, to engage their leadership skills in their own communities.

The curriculum of the retreats is designed so that the participants explore the fundamentals of leadership: self-knowledge, integrity, accountability, valuing others and global perspectives. Participants learn to challenge current mental models and deeply-held assumptions related to gender, race, class and religion, as well as to cultivate an in-depth understanding of how these vary in different regions and cultural settings. The VIH Program is guided by the following parameters: effective leadership requires intercultural competency; leadership development incorporates self-knowledge and personal growth; leadership competencies include knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are strengthened through experience and reflection; and, leadership development is a life-long endeavor.

The objective of the first retreat is to enhance intercultural competencies and global perspectives. The focus of the second retreat is three-fold: first, students go through the process of reflecting on their international experiences to then transform them into developmental experiences; second, students explore the intersection of gender and leadership; third, VIH awardees are guided to embrace a personal ethic of social responsibility in diverse communities that will find its expression in the Community Engagement Experience (CEE). The CEE takes place at the student's home institution during the fall semester following her international experience.

VIH awardees are mentored by their Campus Coordinators as they further develop their leadership skills and complete the components of the VIH Program. As new cohorts are admitted into the program, the active involvement of the prior cadre of awardees is retained through the latter's senior year. The opportunities available to the program participants throughout their college years and beyond provide a forum for the young women to continue to strengthen the fundamentals of leadership.

Ultimately, the goal of the VIH Program is to "prepare women leaders for tomorrow's global challenges." This unique model develops leadership and intercultural competency skills and instills passion for life-long learning and civic engagement. More importantly, it is shaping an annual cohort of young women whose decisions and actions as future leaders will have a far-reaching impact locally and potentially globally.

Eligibility Requirements:

Women admitted to the VIH Program meet the following criteria:

- Undergraduate woman of sophomore or junior status at one of the VIH institutions
- U.S. citizen
- Full time student status for at least two terms with a Baccalaureate degree in progress
- QPA of not less than 3.0
- Will return to your university / college as a full time student during the fall semester following the study abroad experience
- International experience must take place in one country (no multi-country experiences); it must be accredited and last for at least 28 days
- Be available to attend all activities during two mandatory weekend retreats: one during the spring term prior to studying abroad and one during the fall following the study abroad experience
- Commit to meeting all requirements of the VIH Program, including, but not limited to:
 - a) submitting an Experience Report;
 - b) completing a CEE & submitting a CEE Report;
 - c) completing all assignments for the two retreats;
 - d) assisting with marketing the VIH Program on your campus

The Heinz Endowments stipulate that women admitted to the VIH Program at each of the VIH institutions cannot have any international experience for any reason (study or personal travel) prior to the international experience funded by the VIH Program. The only exceptions to this are the Arcadia freshman 'Preview Program' and travel to Canada. It is preferred at least one of the three women admitted into the VIH Program at each of the institutions fall within one of the five indicators of diversity as designated by the Heinz Endowments: GLBTQ, disability, STEM field major, racial or ethnic minority, and/or financial need as defined by receiving a Pell Grant.

Need-Based Aid

Students who receive a Pell Grant may submit their Student Aid Report (SAR) and the financial aid award letter they received from their college or university along with their application in order to be automatically considered for additional funding. The additional funding may cover up to 100 percent of the total cost of their program.

Additional \$1,000 Non-Western VIH Scholarship

All students who choose to study in Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Oceania, or Eastern Europe/Nordic States will automatically be awarded an additional scholarship of \$1,000. The Heinz Endowments encourages awardees to study in less-traditional locations. See map on Applications page of the VIH website.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017 by 4pm.

Incomplete, handwritten, or late applications will not be accepted. You must submit all components of the application to the Campus Coordinator of your institution. University of Pittsburgh students will apply online at abroad.pitt.edu. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Finalists will be chosen and contacted by their Campus Coordinator for an interview. If you have any questions about this application process, please contact the VIH Director. All contact information can be found on the VIH website at: <http://www.viraheinz.pitt.edu/>

*Please retain cover sheets (pages 1-2) for your reference.
These do not need to be submitted with your application.*

Part 2: Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Application

Name _____ **Student ID** _____

VIH Program Application Checklist:

- Completed Application
- Answers to Required Questions & Paragraph 'Bio'
- Official Transcript (*verify academic level*)
- One Academic Letter of Reference and One Personal Letter of Reference each in its own sealed and signed envelope. A personal reference is someone who knows you well and is able to judge your character, motivation and qualifications. Examples of personal references include, but are not limited to: mentors, employers and advisors.
- Financial Aid Materials (only for those students receiving a Pell Grant)
The Student Aid Report (SAR)
The Financial Aid Award Letter to your institution
- This Checklist
- I have reviewed my institution's supplemental application material(s) and instructions(s) at www.viraheinz.pitt.edu.
- I have never travelled to a foreign country (with the exceptions of Canada and the Arcadia Preview Program) nor will I travel to a foreign country prior to my VIH-funded international experience.

Are you a sophomore? Yes No

Are you a junior? Yes No

Expected graduation date: _____

By signing below, I confirm that the answers I have given on this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of Applicant) _____ / ____ / ____
(Date)

(Applicant Name – Printed)

Please enter all questions completely and legibly in the space provided.

Name: _____

College / University _____

University Email: _____

Other Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Current Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Birth: (optional) _____

Major(s): _____

Certificate(s) or Minor(s) _____

QPA: _____ How did you find out about the VIH Program? _____

Tuition Status: In-State Out-of-State

Are you applying for other scholarships? Yes No

If so, what scholarships: _____

What scholarship(s) have you already been awarded and in what amount(s)?

Do you receive a Pell Grant? Yes No

Are you studying in a country outside of Western Europe? In other words, are you studying in: Asia, Eastern Europe or a Nordic State, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America or Oceania (If you study outside of Western Europe, you will receive an automatic \$1,000 scholarship).

Yes No

Name _____

Please select your race. (optional – mark all that apply)

Black/African American White Native American/American Indian

Hispanic/Latino Asian / Pacific Islander Bi-racial/Multiracial

Other: _____

Preferred Gender Identity:

Female Male Trans

Queer/non-binary Agender Other: _____

Are you: (please check all that apply):

Heterosexual

Gay or Lesbian

Bisexual

Transgender

Gender Non-conforming

Other:

Do you major in a STEM field?

Yes No

Would you like to participate in a Mentoring Program?

Yes No

Are you registered with the Disability Resource Services Office at your institution?(optional)

Yes No

Do you require any kind of special accommodations?

List any courses you have taken that you feel have prepared you to study abroad. Use only the space provided.

Name _____

List the most significant leadership activities, community service, education training, etc. that you have completed. Use only the space provided.

Please answer each of the following questions in the space provided. Be sure to proofread for grammar, spelling, punctuation and clarity of expression.

QUESTION 1: Write a paragraph 'bio' between 6-10 sentences in third person. Your bio should give the reader a good idea of who you are and what you enjoy doing. If you are admitted into the VIH Program, your bio may be posted on the VIH website and used as a networking tool within and between cohorts. For examples of bios, refer to the VIH website. Use only the space provided.

QUESTION 2: Choose one of the following Heinz Programming Areas: Arts & Culture; Children, Youth and Families; Economic Opportunity; Education; or the Environment. What is the relationship between your Heinz Programming Area, your major, your goals for your study abroad experience, your ideas for your possible future Community Engagement Experience (CEE) and your future career goals? For a detailed explanation of both the Heinz Programming Areas and the CEE, go to: www.viraheinz.pitt.edu Use only the space provided.

Name _____

QUESTION 3: What is a Global Perspective? How will you go about developing your Global Perspective while you are in the VIH Program? Use only the space provided.

QUESTION 4: Why are you interested in applying to the VIH Program? What do you hope to contribute to the VIH Program? Use only the space provided.

Name _____

QUESTION 5: What does leadership mean to you? Briefly discuss a time when you demonstrated leadership qualities. Use only the space provided.

I will be available to attend the entirety of the two weekend retreats to take place March 23-25, 2018 and September 14-16, 2018.

Yes No

I agree to submit an Experience Report to my VIH e-portfolio by September 14, 2018.

<http://www.viraheinz.pitt.edu/experiencereports.html>

Yes No

I agree to complete a Community Engagement Experience (CEE) and submit a CEE Report by January 30, 2019. Upon doing so, I will receive the final \$1,000 of my scholarship.

Yes No

I agree to assist my Campus Coordinator by marketing the VIH Program for no less than 12 hours.

Yes No

Name _____

Applicants are encouraged to work with their campus coordinator in making their program selection decision. If you have already chosen your program and destination, complete these additional pages and return with your application. If you have NOT chosen a program and in the event that you are selected as a VIH awardee, you will have up to ten days to make your selection and complete these additional pages.

City where you will study abroad: _____

Country where you will study abroad: _____

Study Abroad Program Provider: _____

Foreign institution where your program is housed: _____

Program start and end dates: _____

PLEASE DETAIL ALL THE COSTS OF YOUR PROGRAM

Program Tuition: \$ _____

Room: \$ _____

Board: \$ _____

Airfare: \$ _____

Books: \$ _____

Passport / Visa \$ _____

Study Abroad Fees \$ _____

*Personal Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

*Personal expenses include: medicine, toiletries and incidentals. This does not include personal travel or souvenirs. For a four week program, your personal expenses should not exceed \$400.

**Additional funding may be available for those students who receive a Pell Grant and who have additional financial need. If you have a Pell Grant and wish to be considered for additional funding, include your Student Aid Report (SAR) and your Institutional Financial Aid Award Letter with your application. In the event that you are admitted to the VIH Program, your application, SAR and Award Letter will be reviewed by the administrators of the VIH Program, and additional funding will be determined. Depending on your demonstrable financial aid, you could receive an amount up to the total program cost listed above.

Name _____

QUESTION 6: Why have you chosen this study abroad site and provider? How will studying abroad advance your academic and career goals? Use only the space provided.