

VIRA I. HEINZ PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP (VIH) SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEMPLE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Application Process & Study Abroad Program Advising

Although not required for the application, all applicants are strongly encouraged to have chosen a summer study abroad program that will help you achieve your academic, personal and long-term goals. Having a strong purpose for participating in the program will help make you a stronger candidate for VIH.

- At minimum, all Temple applicants must **attend a Study Abroad Foundations Information Session** prior to applying to VIH. To sign up for a session, visit <http://studyabroad.temple.edu/information-session-registration>.
- It is also strongly encouraged that you **meet with Belinda Christensen, Temple's VIH Coordinator**, after you have attended the Study Abroad Foundations Information Session and met with your academic advisor. Please schedule your appointment with Belinda well in advance of the deadline by stopping by Education Abroad in 200 Tuttleman, calling 215-204-0720 or sending an e-mail to study.abroad@temple.edu.

Eligibility Notes

- **GPA Requirement:** The 3.0 QPA requirement is cumulative, meaning you must factor in all coursework completed to date (including coursework completed at other colleges/universities).
- **Previous International Travel:** Women admitted to the VIH Program cannot have any international experience, regardless of reason, age or length of time abroad, prior to the international experience funded by VIH. Study abroad, personal travel, having been born abroad and having spent very short periods abroad (such as going to another country for a day as part of a cruise) are all examples of international experience. The only exceptions to this are the Arcadia freshman 'Preview Program' and travel to Canada. If you have any questions about this, please contact Belinda Christensen prior to applying.

Transcript Request

It is recommended that you order your *official* Temple transcript from the [Registrar](#) well before the VIH deadline and request to pick it up in person. If you have attended any other college/university, you must submit a transcript from that institution as part of your application (this can be an unofficial transcript).

Essay Questions

We strongly recommend utilizing the resources at the [Writing Center](#) when working on your essays. Be sure to thoroughly proofread your essays. If you have difficulty formatting your essays using the fillable PDF that is part of the VIH application, you may attach a separate page with your typed essay questions, but please be sure to include the actual question above every answer.

References

As part of your application, you are required to submit 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. Contact your references early, and provide them with information about the VIH program, so that they are best equipped to write quality recommendations.

Budget

If you have any additional expenses that do not fit into the budget categories, such as immunizations, please note them on the side and be sure to calculate them in your total.

Interview Availability

Please complete the Interview Time Availability chart and submit it with your application. If you are selected for an interview, you will be called in for one of the times you indicated on the chart, so please keep your calendar open for any dates and times you indicate.

Vira Heinz Interview Time Availability

Selected candidates will be contacted to attend an interview to discuss their applications with a review committee. **Please check ALL times you are available** on the chart below and submit with your application.

Name: _____

Tuesday, November 14th		Thursday, November 16th		Friday, November 17th	
9:00-9:15am		2:00-2:15pm		3:40-3:55pm	
9:20-9:35am		2:20-2:35pm		4:00-4:15pm	
9:40-9:55am		2:40-2:55pm		4:20-4:35pm	
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