Study Abroad and National Student Exchange Request for Spring 2019: Due by December 1, 2018

The deadline to request the use of Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship funding towards study abroad or National Student Exchange for Spring 2019 is coming up quickly. The deadline to request funding is December 1, 2018.

To request that scholarship funds be applied towards one of these educational opportunities off-campus, Thompson Scholars must complete an online form which is located on the UNK TSLC website under Special Request Forms. Students should read all of the eligibility information and complete the form, then submit it to the Susan T. Buffett Foundation for consideration. Students will be notified by the NU Scholarship Director on behalf of the Susan T. Buffett Foundation when/if approved for funding support. Students can link to the online form at: https://app.buffettscholarships.org/request/StudyAbroad

To learn more about Study Abroad Programs offered at UNK, contact Anne Marie Park at UNK Study Abroad at 308-865-8944, or visit their website at: http://www.unk.edu/international/study_abroad/index.php

If you are interested in learning more about National Student Exchange Program, you can contact the UNK NSE Coordinator, Lee Ann Amm at the UNK Admissions Office at 308-865-8526 to set up an appointment, or learn more information about the program at the website: http://www.nse.org/

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 6th OR Wednesday, November 7th: Résumé Writing Workshop for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars. 6:30-8:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130. Scholars will need to attend one of the two sessions.

Sunday, November 18th–Thursday, November 22nd: No TSLC Study Hours due to Thanksgiving Break.

November 21st-23rd: UNK Thanksgiving Break- No Classes. UNK offices are also closed November 22nd and 23rd.

Sunday, December 2nd: 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars must complete three Financial Avenue courses online by 11:59 PM. Courses required are Psychology of Money, Foundations of Money, and Earning Money.

Wednesday, December 5th: TSLC Bowling for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars at The Big Apple Fun Center in Kearney from 7:00-9:00 PM.

December 10th-13th: UNK Finals Week.

December 13th: UNK TSLC Graduation Reception From 1:30-2:30 PM in the Nebraskan Student Union. All Thompson Scholars are invited to come celebrate our December graduates!

Friday, December 14th: UNK Winter Commencement Ceremony at 10:00 AM in the UNK Health and Sports Center.

Tools/Tips for Students:
Whenever Possible, Communicate Face-to-Face.

As a society, it has become very easy to communicate using electronic means for convenience sake. While there are appropriate times to use available technology to communicate, there are certain instances where face-to-face communication is best.

If there is a situation to discuss that is multi-layered, such as academic decision making or conflict resolution, it is best to set up a time to talk face-to-face. In-person communication shows respect for others and allows non-verbal communication to play a vital role. This type of communication also provides the opportunity to have authentic discussions that may develop relationships, which will be of key importance when you need personal references or a trusted advisor.

Your social skills, network, and confidence grow when you learn how to communicate well, so think about how you communicate and seek out opportunities for personal development.
Using Your Academic Resources

Your academic progress as a student is your responsibility; with only six weeks left of the semester to reach your academic goals, it is important to be proactive and seek out resources if necessary.

- Talk with your instructors about your goals and what is attainable at this point in time. They can help you figure out what you need to do for the rest of the semester to reach academic goals; there is no one more familiar with the syllabus and the points you have left for the rest of the term.
- Use free resources. Form productive study groups with other students in your academic classes if you haven’t already done so. The Learning Commons is a great place to seek out specific assistance, whether it be from the Writing Center or the tutors. Success Coaches at the Learning Commons and UNK Counseling and UNK Health can provide support regarding test anxiety, time management, note taking, and more academic skills. Advisors at Academic and Career Services are also available to assist. Free online academic support tools such as khanacademy.org or academic lectures on YouTube may also provide additional lectures or practice options for active learning outside the classroom.
- If you feel unsure about material in a class, figure out at what point you last understood the material, and write questions about what you find confusing. This will help others, such as professors and tutors, to be able to quickly identify how to help you and what concepts to focus on as you review class material.
- Seek out your advisors. Academic advisors are great sounding boards as you consider your current classes in relation to your future goals. If you are thinking of a change in major/minor, the Office of Academic and Career Services has advisors who are available to meet with you to discuss your options. Alterations in majors & minors after you have registered for Spring classes may necessitate additional schedule changes to keep you on track academically.
- Talk with a TSLC Staff Member about your concerns. We will work to help you refocus and get to the right resources; sometimes setting up a game plan helps students feel more in control of their academic progress.

Student of the Week

Name: Skylar Herrick
Hometown: North Platte, NE
Major: Communication Disorders

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part of being a Thompson Scholar is all the benefits it brings. I love that through this scholarship I not only got money for my education, but I also got my lifetime friends. I also receive great tips on how to help me get through college successfully. Without this scholarship I honestly don’t know where I would be in my college career.

Why were you given your name and does it have a special meaning? I got my name off of the movie Good Will Hunting. My dad chose this name for me while watching it one night which is why it is special to me.

What’s the biggest challenge you have ever faced? On the first day of my senior year, I lost my dad. This was a huge challenge for me due to him and I being so close.

If you could time-travel, where would you go? I would go back during the Civil Rights Movements, so I could see how things actually went down and get a greater appreciation of what our ancestors fought for. This was a huge piece of history that helped shape who we are today as a society. Being able to go back and be a part of it would be super cool to me!

What are you obsessed with? My biggest obsession is by far Pugs. They are a super cute dog that has a ton of wrinkles and a little curly tail. Their tails and little snorts while breathing remind me of a pig which is what I love.