

Guidelines for applying for Gaudino Fellowship for Winter Study 2017

This fellowship is designed to enable "uncomfortable" projects, domestic or international, that 1) challenge one's view of what it is to live a good life; 2) are based on immersion experiences (ideally a home-stay); 3) include joint or separate work/engagement internships; and 4) incorporate a structure to facilitate collaborative reflection, action and learning. Projects may be in any field, but require a focus on direct, immersive encounter with the unfamiliar and on self-reflection.

- 1) Deadline for proposals is October 10, 2016.
- 2) Individuals cannot apply for the Fellowship on their own; they must be a part of a group. Each group should have 2-4 students. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.
- 3) Each group must meet with the Gaudino Scholar (Professor Lois Banta; lbanta@williams.edu) prior to submitting their proposal.
- 4) Each project should include homestays at the location. The group cannot stay in a hotel. Domestic as well as international projects are welcomed. Prof. Banta can provide you with a list of contacts in many locations; these contacts are Gaudino alums who have offered to help students identify homestay hosts and work/internship placements in their local area.
- 5) The group can be in the same general geographical location but typically should not stay together. They should meet regularly while there but live with a local family.
- 6) The proposal should include:
 - a) 4 page description of the project, including explanations of how the project constitutes uncomfortable learning and why this project is potentially interesting and important for the group. It should also provide an overview of the work that will take place (e.g. internships, research, or volunteer work).
 - b) 1 page overview of the measures the students have taken to secure homestays at the location.
 - c) 1-2 page introduction of each group member and how this project will take each of them outside of their comfort zone.
- 7) The Gaudino Board will decide on the awardee(s) in the week following the submission deadline. The group(s) chosen will present to the Board at the weekend Board meeting in the spring (typically in April).
- 8) The group will also aim to have a campus presentation about their work once they return to Williams.
- 9) Students on Financial Aid will receive Gaudino funding from a minimum of 50% to a maximum of 90% of the budget for the project up to \$2,500 (possibly slightly more, if needed for the required travel), as determined by the Financial Aid office. No additional funding for students' projects will be provided by the College. The Group will register for PHLH 23 (see full course description below).

N.B. Due to College regulations, students who are not on financial aid do not receive funding for any aspect of the fellowship activities. However, they are still designated as "Gaudino Fellows."

PHLH 23 Gaudino Fellowship: Immersive Engagement and Reflection

The Gaudino Fund is offering Gaudino Fellowships for a group of 2 to 4 students during Winter Study 2017, based upon a proposed domestic or foreign collaborative project. Student teams should organize their proposed projects around two main components:

- direct encounter with otherness
- self-reflection

Projects will be evaluated on whether they subject the students to "uncomfortable learning", i.e. having an experience that challenges and perhaps alters one's view of what it is to live a good life and the group's commitment to incorporate separate home stays for each fellow as part of their project, either joint or separate work/engagement internships, and a structure to facilitate collaborative action and learning. The team selected will be guided and overseen by the Gaudino Scholar who will help assure successful arrangements and will conduct appropriate preparatory discussions and follow-up sessions to optimize and help students articulate lessons learned from the overall experience. The intent of the program is to open the student to an understanding (of both the familiar and unfamiliar), and to a development of empathy, that could not be achieved without the fellowship experience

N.B. Although this course is housed in PHLH, projects are not limited to public health.

Each prospective team needs to meet with the Gaudino Scholar as early as possible, but no later than September, and submit their group application by October 15th (ideally by October 10th). Application guidelines can be found at <http://gaudino.williams.edu/gaudino-fellowship/>.

Each student is expected to write a short (3-4 page) self-reflection before leaving for the WSP, keep a journal of their experience, as well as write a 8-10 page paper by the end of the Winter Study period reflecting on the WSP experiences and what has changed in the student's perceptions and beliefs from the opening essay. They will also meet the other members of the team on a weekly basis during Winter Study and regularly update the Gaudino Scholar by email and/or Skype calls. The team that receives the Gaudino Fellowship will give a brief presentation to the Board about their experience at the Board's spring meeting in April.

The team whose project is approved will receive the Gaudino Fellow designation. In addition, students on Financial Aid will receive Gaudino funding from a minimum of 50% to a maximum of 90% of the budget for the project up to \$2,500, as determined by the Financial Aid office. No additional funding for students' projects will be provided by the College.

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