Guidelines for applying for Gaudino Fellowship for Winter Study 2016

1) Deadline for proposals is October 1st, 2015.

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 (Lois Banta in the Biology Department; lbbanta@williams.edu) prior to submitting their proposal. This meeting should take place in September.

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 cannot stay together. They should meet regularly while there but need to 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, 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 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 Uncomfortable Learning: Gaudino Fellowship

The Gaudino Fund is offering Gaudino Fellowships for a group of 2 to 4 students during Winter Study 2016, based upon a proposed foreign or domestic collaborative project to be held in the same general location, reflecting values identified in the Gaudino Mission Statement, including separate home stays for each fellow, 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.

Students should form teams of 2 to 4 individuals and organize their projects around two main components: direct encounter with otherness and self-reflection. The Gaudino Board is particularly interested in projects that encourage students to confront their own personal beliefs, values or views regarding the subject and that also develop the “habits of mind” of applying conceptual thinking and intellectual analysis to a challenging experience. The Gaudino Board is looking for projects that address specific intellectual problems through direct experience, undertaken preferably in a social milieu that is previously unfamiliar or even uncomfortable to the applicant. For example, proposed projects could address issues of socioeconomic class, race, public health, environmental degradation, human rights, religion, sexuality, violence or migration.

Each team is expected to meet with the Gaudino Scholar in late September and submit their group application by October 1st. The Scholar along with a group of Gaudino Trustees will pick one or possibly two projects to award the Gaudino Fellowship.

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 home stays as part of their project and overall experience. In fact, a home/family stay is required at the location. Simply encountering people or cultures that differ from those of the applicant is not sufficient. We are looking for something closer to total immersion, actually living and participating in an unfamiliar culture. The intent is to open the student to an understanding (of both the familiar and unfamiliar) that could not be achieved otherwise.