“SPICE 2013” Summer at the University of Erfurt, Germany

The following items are required from each applicant:

1. Complete exchange program application
2. Current official/unofficial transcript (min. overall GPA: 2.85)
3. Statement of purpose
4. Interview with a faculty coordinator from the Gaylord College
5. SPACE LIMITED! ONLY 10 STUDENTS FROM OU WILL BE ADMITTED!
6. Cost of the 2013 SPICE program: $3250 (includes tuition and fees for 6 credit hours; books; on-campus housing for 8 weeks in Erfurt, Germany AND a trip to Berlin!)

EARLY DEADLINE: December 1, 2012

Final Deadline: Please submit your complete application by January 31, 2013.

STUDENTS EITHER MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT OR HAVE APPLIED FOR ONE AT THE TIME THEY SUBMIT THEIR STUDY ABROAD APPLICATIONS. For instructions on how to apply, please visit the U.S. Department of State’s web site: http://travel.state.gov

Interview
The interview will assess your general competence and readiness to do a short summer abroad study. Please remember that while your classes will be taught in English, you will be immersed into German European culture.

Statement of Purpose
On a separate sheet of paper, briefly describe why you feel you want to participate in this study abroad program and how you plan to integrate this experience into your personal and career development. Please mention any previous experiences you have had abroad.

President’s International Travel Fellowship Applicants: All students accepted to participate on an exchange program are eligible to apply for a PITF award. An application for the PITF is included in this packet. If you wish to be considered for the award, submit it with the exchange application. If you do not wish to apply for the PITF, please initial this paragraph and omit the form. _____ Initials

After students are accepted to the SPICE program, they also must apply through OU Study Abroad to receive OU travel abroad medical insurance (additional cost, not included in the $3250 cost of the program).

Additional information about financial aid and scholarships to study abroad can be found at:
http://www.ou.edu/content/cis/education_abroad/funding_study_abroad.html
SPICE Program Application

Last Name: __________________ First: ___________ M.I.: ___ OU ID #: ____________

Local Address: ____________________________  City: ____________  State: ___  Zip: ______

Permanent Address: ________________________  City: ____________  State: ___  Zip: ______

Local Phone: (     ) ____________  Home Phone: (     ) ____________  OU Email: ____________

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____  Country of Birth: _____________  Citizenship: ______

Sex: M_ F_  College: __________  Major(s) ____________  Minor(s) ____________  G.P.A.: ______

Passport #: ____________  (If no passport yet, submit copy of receipt showing you have applied.)

Classification:  Fr. __ Soph. __ Jr. __ Sr. __ Grad. __  Anticipated Graduation Date: ____________

Have you applied for a program before? Yes _ No _  Are you receiving financial aid? Yes _ No _

Please specify any financial aid or scholarships you are receiving (e.g. Nat’l Merit, Pell, etc.):

________________________________________________________________________________

List any honors, recognition or achievements, campus or extracurricular activities, hobbies, and previous travel experience:

________________________________________________________________________________

List the courses you are currently enrolled in:

1. ____________________________  4. ____________________________
2. ____________________________  5. ____________________________
3. ____________________________  6. ____________________________

Please read carefully:

All applications must be received by Dr. Tsetsura by January 31, 2013. Applicants will be notified of the admission decision on or before February 15, 2013. A non-refundable deposit of $1000 will be required by the University of Erfurt by February 15, 2013. Please make check payable to SPICE-OU. The remaining payment will be due no later than March 15, 2013. All payments and fees will be nonrefundable after March 15, 2013. Participants will also be required to obtain the approval from their academic advisor in the program to meet the deadlines and requirements of the summer study abroad and fill the online study abroad application form through OU Study Abroad office. Gaylord College allows students to transfer up to 9 (nine) credit hours of JMC electives from the SPICE program. It is each participant’s responsibility to make sure that all credits for classes can be properly transferred to OU from the University of Erfurt. I have read and understood the program information and the policies associated with participation in this program.
Signature: __________________________   Date: __________________________

List the name and e-mail of your academic reference. The reference should be a professor with whom you took a class and who can speak about your abilities.
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SPICE SUMMER PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION
(APPLICANTS: THIS IS FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY - DO NOT COMPLETE)

Name of Applicant: ______________________

Name of Interviewer: ______________________   Date: __________________________

Recommendation from the academic reference:

This section to be completed by interviewer

1. I will / will not recommend this student to study in the SPICE program, based on the interview.
2. Please explain your answer.

Please comment specifically on the applicant’s motivation, emotional maturity and stability, self-reliance and independence, academic abilities, and professional goals as they relate to study abroad. Your impressions of the student’s ability to adapt to a different cultural environment, his/her linguistic preparation, and any other factors which you believe may have a bearing on the candidate’s successful experience overseas would also be useful.

Interviewer’s Signature: __________________________   Date: __________________________

This form is due by the program’s application deadline. For specific dates, check program information on page 1 of the application. Return to Dr. Katerina Tsutsura, SPICE Program coordinator, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, 395 W. Lindsey St., Norman, OK 73019-3061. EMAIL: tsetsura@ou.edu

This form is due by January 31, 2013 VIA EMAIL. Please submit this form for the 2013 SPICE program along with supporting materials to Dr. Katerina Tsutsura via email: tsetsura@ou.edu.
Financial Aid and Scholarships to Study Abroad
OU Study Abroad Office offers a variety of scholarships. Please visit the OU Study Abroad Website for more information and deadlines:
http://www.ou.edu/ipc/home/audience_navigation/students/education_abroad_scholarships.html

STUDENTS MUST APPLY FOR THIS FELLOWSHIP SEPARATELY
THE FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY
PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP 2013

VISIT THIS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY:
http://www.ou.edu/content/cis/education_abroad/funding_study_abroad/ou_travel_fellowship.html

Awards will be given on a competitive basis to qualified undergraduate and graduate students whose programmatic and financial needs are not being met by other channels. Priority will be given to applicants who participate in semester or year-long programs at institutions abroad with which The University of Oklahoma has exchange programs. PITF recipients, upon returning to OU, will be obligated to one or more of the following: 1) Promoting study abroad programs in classroom presentations, Study Abroad Fairs and information sessions. 2) Assisting OU students in their consideration of and preparation for study abroad, including participation in candidate interviews and pre-departure orientations. 3) Participating in programs that demonstrate the University’s support of International students on campus, such as OU Cousins, International Awareness Month, assistance to new international exchange students, etc. Graduate students who apply for funds to do research abroad should submit this form with their request. It will be considered separately from a supervising professor’s faculty PITF application.

DEADLINE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP 2013 for Summer 2013 is February 22, 2013