Thomas M. and Sandra W. Hines Annual and Endowed Travel Abroad Fund

Description and Eligibility

This study abroad travel award fund was established in 2012 by Samford Professor Emeritus of French, Thomas M. Hines (Ph.D) and his wife, Instructor of Spanish at Samford, Sandra W. Hines (M.A.), to make possible study abroad opportunities for the purpose of enhancing intercultural knowledge and improving linguistic competency for highly qualified students who are either majors or minors in French and/or Spanish.

Students will be selected to receive the Hines Travel Abroad Award who have demonstrated a sincere commitment to language study and who have exemplified Christian values in their academic and personal lives.

Addenda: The Hines Travel Award may only be used only for the following programs and/or courses: (1) French-language or Spanish-language study abroad programs that are approved either by the Global Engagement Office at Samford or by the Department of World Languages and Cultures (WLAC); (2) French-for-Missions (FREN 360) or Spanish-for-Missions (SPAN 360) internships in a French- or Spanish-speaking country that are mentored by WLAC faculty; and (3) Language and World Trade International internships (FREN/SPAN 470) in a French- or Spanish-speaking country that are mentored by WLAC faculty.

Students whose tuition costs are defrayed by Samford’s Employee Tuition Benefit (ETB) plan are not eligible to apply for the Hines Travel Abroad Award. The minimum overall student GPA required to apply is 2.5. Recipients of the Hines Travel Abroad Award shall be selected by the Scholarship and Awards Committee (French/Spanish) of the World Languages Department at Samford. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Half of the annual allocation will be given to students who will be studying in primarily a French-speaking country and the other half will be given to students who will be studying in a primarily Spanish-speaking country. Award amounts will be placed in the student recipient’s account and be applied toward the costs associated with the study abroad program selected. The student awardee is responsible for any remaining tuition and fees that are required.

Application

Name_______________________________________________
SU #_________________________
Email address ____________________________________________
Primary phone ___________________________
Home Address
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Select one: Spanish Major _______ Spanish Minor ________
Spanish Upper-level ____________
Spanish courses already taken
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Select one: French Major ________  French Minor __________________
French Upper-level ____________
French courses already taken
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Estimated graduation month and year ____________________________
Class rank: _____ freshman _____ sophomore _____ junior _____ senior
Please list any financial aid that you are receiving
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List participation in extra-curricular French/Spanish activities, such as
French/Spanish Club, Sigma Delta Pi/Hispanic Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi/Société Honoraire de Français, language lab assistant, WLAC student worker, tutoring, etc.
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Describe any previous experience in Spanish-speaking or French-speaking countries: the reason for the trip(s), length of stay, and when you went.

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Please list three references:

1. Samford Spanish or French Faculty Member
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2. Samford Faculty Member from another discipline
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3. Non-Samford reference ________________________________________
   Relationship ________________________
   Email _____________________________
   Phone ____________________________

Separately, please write a 1½-2-page essay that explains why you have chosen to study French or Spanish at Samford beyond the lower-level course (100 and 200 courses) and briefly how Christian values guide your academic and personal life here at Samford.

The essay should be written on a computer, double-spaced and with 1" margins, using Times New Roman or Arial 12-point font. You may submit your application and essay in hard copy or as an email attachment (pdf file) to Dr. Marigene Chamberlain (mchambe@samford.edu, Russell 111-D). The deadline to receive the applications is **12:00pm on March 21, 2022.**

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Overall GPA __________________ Spanish GPA ________