Study Abroad Scholarship: Essay Writing Workshop

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| **Part I: You!****How do you identify? *Circle all that apply***First Generation College StudentRacial/Ethnic MinorityCommunity College TransferMarried / with ChildrenStudent with DisabilitySTEM StudentHigh Financial NeedVeteranNever Studied/Traveled AbroadAdditional:  | **Part II: Your Program****Where are you going?****Do they speak a critical language?****Length of program?****What classes will you take?** |
| **Part III: Your Goals****Academic:** *What do you want to achieve in school?***Professional:** *What do you want to achieve in the future?***Personal:** *What do you want to achieve for yourself?* |
| **Part IV: Essay Basics*** Maximum = 7,000 characters or 3.5 pages. Do NOT write less than 2.5 pages!
* Be specific; Be Transparent; Be Yourself
* Don’t Assume; Don’t “Vacation”; Don’t be Boring!

**Part V: Outline Suggestions****Paragraph 1: Introduction*** Introduce yourself! Discuss all of the ways you identify as a non-traditional or underrepresented student.
* Thesis Statement: As a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student, the opportunity to travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would allow me to achieve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* ***Working Thesis Statement:***

**Paragraph 2-3: Your Backstory*** Tell your story. Where are you from? What was your upbringing like?
* Talk about your past in relation to where you are now. How did your upbringing shape your personal/academic/professional goals?
* ***Notes for Backstory***

**Paragraph 3-4: Academic/Personal Goals*** Discuss Academic/Personal goals. Explain how this specific program in this specific country will help you achieve your goals at UGA.
* ***Notes for Academic/Personal Goals***

**Paragraph 5-6: Professional/Personal Goals*** Discuss Professional/Personal goals. Explain how this specific program in this specific country will help you achieve your long-term professional goals.
* Remember: It's okay to not be 100% sure about the future, but write as specifically as possible. No one will know if you change your mind!
* ***Notes for Professional/Personal Goals***

**Conclusion*** Sum up & thank your reader.
* Restate information about your background and about why only this program will fulfill your needs.
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