

Hajim International Experience Scholarship Summer/Fall 2026

The Hajim International Experience Scholarship funded by The Hajim Dean's Office offers grants for undergraduate students to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented and research internships abroad. Such international exchange is intended to better prepare Hajim students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

International experience is critically important in the educational and career development of Hajim students, but it can also require a substantial financial investment. The Hajim International Experience Scholarship is designed to encourage the student population that studies and interns abroad by supporting undergraduates who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints. The Hajim Deans Office International Experience Scholarship aims to support Hajim School students who have been traditionally under-represented in education abroad, including but not limited to, students with high financial need, and students with diverse ethnic backgrounds. Award recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and must use the award to defray eligible study, research or intern abroad costs. These costs include program tuition, room and board, books, local transportation, insurance and international airfare.

Hajim International Experience Scholarship Service Project Requirement:

Just as important and life-changing as time abroad can be for a student, so too can sharing that experience be life changing for others. To help expand the impact of the Hajim International Experience Scholarship, all Hajim International Scholars are required to carry out a Service Project upon their return from abroad that help to inspire other students to pursue their own experiences abroad and promote international education.

Award Amount:

- Scholarships of \$500.00 will be awarded per recipient
- Successful applicants will receive award once they have been accepted by their program of choice and have committed to going.
- Award recipients will be notified 4 weeks from the application due date

The following types of experience qualify for this scholarship:

- All UR Study Abroad Programs
- International Research Opportunities
- International Internship
- Short Term faculty led programs.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in a Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences major
- In good academic standing
- Have applied or intend to apply to one of the listed qualifying experiences
- Complete an application and statement of purpose essay (see next page).

Application Deadline:

- All applications are due by **April 30, 2026. 5:00pm**
- Application should be turned in at **Center for Education Abroad Office 2-131 Dewey Hall**
- Late applications will not be considered

Statement of Purpose Essay

The Statement of Purpose Essay is your chance to personalize your application. When composing the Statement of Purpose Essay, it is important to address the impact that your study abroad program or internship will have on your academic, professional, and personal goals. You should also address the impact that receiving the Hajim international Experience Scholarship would have on your achievement of these goals. **Essay must be a minimum of 500 words. Grammar and spelling will be considered** (*Please utilize the services of the Writing Center*). Some key points to keep in mind are:

- Why do you wish to study or intern abroad and what factors led you to this decision? What do you hope to gain from and what do you anticipate will be the impact of your experience abroad? What impact will your choice of country have on your experience abroad? What initially inspired you to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn this language? What factors led to your choice of country of study?
- Describe your study or intern abroad program. What factors led you to select this program and length of study?
- Why have you chosen your country of study? What factors led you to select this country?
- How will this study or intern abroad program and the coursework you take abroad impact your academic and future professional goals?
- Are there any distinctive components to this program, beyond coursework, that will impact your overall learning experience abroad? (i.e. home-stays, internships, field research, volunteer activities, extra-curricular activities, etc.)
- What challenges, if any, did you face in your decision to study or intern abroad? How did you meet these challenges and what impact do you foresee them having on your experience abroad? These could include, but are not limited to, being a parent, being a non-traditional student, having a learning or physical disability, being in a field of study for which it is difficult to incorporate study abroad, etc.

Hajim Service Project Ideas

- a) Development of a study abroad information page for the department website that lists a suggested academic timeline encouraging students to incorporate study abroad into their degree
- b) Serving as a mentor/peer advisor to potential study abroad students in your field of study
Working with the Hajim Dean's Office to help promote and encourage study abroad opportunities through presentations to student clubs and organizations and through Hajim Dean's office organized events
- c) Serving as an HSEAS representative at campus fairs and events by sharing information on study abroad
- d) Doing a student profile about your experience abroad.
- e) Suggest your own Project.

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**Hajim International Experience Scholarship Application
Summer/Fall 2026**

Date: _____

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Major: _____ **Class Year:** _____ **GPA:** _____

Select type of international experience (check all that apply):

- UR Affiliated Study Abroad Programs
- International Research Opportunities
- International Internship
- Short Term faculty led programs.

List Location of all the Programs that you are applying for:

Select a Hajim Service Project:

- Serving as a mentor/peer advisor to potential study abroad students in your field of study
- Working with the Hajim Dean's Office to help promote and encourage study abroad opportunities through presentations to student clubs and organizations and through Hajim Dean's office organized events
- Serving as an HSEAS representative at campus fairs and events by sharing information on study abroad
- Doing a student profile about your experience abroad.

List any other scholarships you have applied for or will apply for:

**Please Attach Statement of Purpose Essay
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