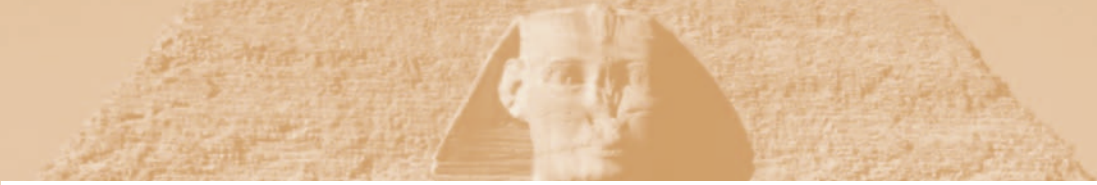


The Simpson Scholarship in Egyptology

Study
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at The
American
University
in Cairo



The Simpson Scholarships in Egyptology at the American University in Cairo (AUC) are available to study abroad students who wish to study the history and culture of ancient Egypt at AUC. Five thousand years ago the inhabitants of the Nile Valley created one of humankind's oldest and most distinctive civilizations — the Egypt of the Pharaohs. AUC offers those interested in Pharaonic Egypt an incomparable opportunity to study its history and personally engage with its extraordinary heritage of monumental and artistic remains. Located two blocks from the Nile on one of the busiest squares in Cairo, AUC gives students access to a wealth of educational opportunities. The Cairo Museum, the world's richest repository of pharaonic antiquities, is a short walk away, while the pyramids of Giza and the tombs of Saqqara are within an hour's drive. By train, plane or bus, the treasures of Alexandria to the north and Luxor to the south are only a few hours away.

AUC's undergraduate program covers all aspects of ancient Egyptian civilization, from language and religion to art, architecture and social structure. Our Egyptology faculty includes Fayza Haikal (PhD, Oxford, 1965), one of the world's foremost authorities on hieroglyphics and ancient Egyptian religion and literature, and Salima Ikram (PhD, Cambridge, 1992), an expert in faunal remains who has worked on digs throughout Egypt and who currently heads the Animal Mummies Project associated with the Cairo Museum. Also on faculty is Kent Weeks (PhD, Yale, 1970), director of the Theban Mapping Project. Weeks is currently on leave directing the excavation of Tomb KV5 in the Valley of the Kings, a project that has captured the attention of the world. While he will not be teaching classes at AUC, he will be available to students by appointment during those weeks when he is on campus.

THE SCHOLARSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

The Simpson Scholarships in Egyptology are open to outstanding undergraduate juniors or seniors who wish to concentrate their studies at AUC on the history and culture of ancient Egypt. The scholarships are intended for students who have little or no background in Egyptology as well as for those who have already begun formal study of ancient Egypt or the ancient world. Up to five scholarships per semester may be granted. Students may use the award as they wish to defray the expense of study at AUC. However, it is expected that the scholarships will first be applied toward the payment of all applicable AUC tuition and fees.

The Simpson Scholarship consists of an award of \$2500 for one semester of full-time, nondegree undergraduate study in the study abroad program at AUC. Interested students may apply for either:

- (1) a Simpson Scholarship of \$2500 for study in the fall semester
- (2) a Simpson Scholarship of \$2500 for study in the spring semester
- (3) a Simpson Scholarship of \$5000 for study for an academic year of two consecutive semesters

The awarding of Simpson Scholarships is competitive. The minimum qualifications for consideration are as follows:

- Completion of a minimum of two years of post-secondary studies at a recognized college or university
- Completion of introductory courses in your major
- A grade point average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 point scale) or its equivalent
- Permission from your home institution to participate in AUC's study abroad program

Applications for the Simpson Scholarship are open to students of all nationalities who are

juniors or seniors in a college or university outside of Egypt at the time they apply. Candidates must maintain their status as degree-seeking undergraduates at their home university while attending AUC. An exception may be made for particularly outstanding candidates who have recently completed BA or BS degrees and who have not yet enrolled in graduate programs. Such students will be required to enroll as full-time, nondegree undergraduate students at AUC should they receive awards.

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications for Simpson Scholarships and credentials, whether for fall-only, spring-only or full-year scholarships, must be received by March 15 of the academic year prior to enrollment at AUC. Applications will be reviewed and all scholarship winners announced by May 15. Applicants for Simpson Scholarships must have applied for admission to the study abroad program as full-time, nondegree undergraduate students at AUC and have been accepted in order to be eligible for consideration. This normally means that a student seeking a Simpson Scholarship will submit his or her application and all credentials for the study abroad program at AUC prior to March 15. Applicants to the study abroad program and the Simpson Scholarship must complete and submit the following documents:

1. AUC study abroad program application for admission with:
 - Three recent passport-size photographs with your name printed clearly on the back of each.
 - Personal essay on study abroad topic: Explain why you want to study at AUC. Include the steps that you have taken to prepare yourself for this experience, and how you anticipate that this experience will relate to your future goals.
 - A list of courses: Using a current catalog, select as many as eight courses per semester (five of which must be in

Egyptology) in which you would like to enroll while at AUC. Have your academic adviser or dean review this list and provide written approval of your tentative study plan.

- Official transcripts from each college attended.
 - TOEFL scores if English is not your native language and you are not enrolled at an English-language university.
 - Two confidential letters of recommendation from teachers or employers.
 - Completed International Student Data Form with a copy of the information page of your passport.
2. Simpson Scholarship Application with:
 - Scholarship essay: Describe (1) your reasons for wanting to study at AUC; (2) how the study of ancient Egypt will relate to and benefit your long-term career goals; (3) what experience you may have had living abroad.
 - A letter of recommendation that specifically supports your application for a Simpson Scholarship. NOTE: This is a third letter of reference. The applicants overall application will be substantially enhanced if all three letters comment thoroughly on (1) the applicant's aptitude for the study of ancient Egypt; (2) the student's ability to adjust to life in Cairo; and (3) the ways in which the student's study of ancient Egypt is likely to become a significant part of his or her career objectives.

Simpson Scholarships are not intended to replace grant or gift aid already awarded by or through the recipient's home university, sponsoring agency or home government. Any Simpson Scholarship winner who is receiving United States federal or state financial assistance through his or her home institution must submit at the time the award is accepted by the student a copy of his or her financial aid award letter for the concurrent year from his or her home college or university. Scholarship winners from countries other than the United States

who receive government tuition assistance must submit proof of support from their government. Scholarship winners receiving financial assistance from a sponsor must submit proof of their award.

RESTRICTIONS

Students who receive Simpson Scholarships must enroll at AUC in at least three Egyptology courses each semester they receive the scholarship. Students who have been awarded a full-year Simpson Scholarship must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.3 in their Egyptology courses during their first semester of study at AUC in order to receive a scholarship for the second semester. Failure to maintain a 3.3 grade point average may result in the loss of the scholarship for the second semester.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Simpson Scholarship applicants must complete and submit an AUC Study Abroad Application with the International Student Data Form and a Simpson Egyptology Scholarship Application. All applications and credentials for the Simpson Scholarship must be received by March 15. For copies of these forms as well as additional information on studying at AUC, contact:

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New York, NY 10018-2729
tel 212.730.8800
fax 212.730.1600
e-mail aucegypt@aucnyo.edu

SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP IN EGYPTOLOGY APPLICATION



You must complete this scholarship application along with the Study Abroad Program Admission Application to be considered for the Simpson Scholarship in Egyptology. The application form must be typed or printed clearly using black ink. Check all appropriate boxes. The required essay may be submitted on a separate sheet.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

Name:
First / Middle / Family
Citizenship: Second Citizenship (if dual national): National ID or SSN:
Gender: Male Female Birth Date: Birth Country:

II. ADDRESS INFORMATION

Current/Local Address (valid until): Permanent Address (leave blank if same as current)
Street-1: Street-1:
Street-2: Street-2:
District: Apt.: District: Apt.:
City: City:
State/Region: State/Region:
Postal/Zip Code: Country: Postal/Zip Code: Country:
Telephone: () Telephone: ()
Fax: () Fax: ()
E-mail: E-mail:

III. ADMISSION INFORMATION

For which term are you applying? Fall only Spring only Fall and spring Academic year 20-20
What is your anticipated length of study at AUC? One semester Two semesters

IV. CURRENT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name:
City: State: Country:
What is your major/field of study?
Total credit hours completed: Semester: Quarter: Year of university study:
Credits completed in major: Courses completed in major:

V. INTEREST IN EGYPTOLOGY

Are there one or more aspects of Egyptology in which you have a particular interest? No Yes
If yes, describe:

In which Egyptology courses at AUC would you like to enroll?

(The course catalog on the university's Web site includes a comprehensive listing of Egyptology courses by semester at www.aucegypt.edu)

First semester, Fall 20 Second semester, Spring 20
Number and title: Number and title:
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VI. CAREER PATH

Do you intend to enroll in graduate school following graduation? Yes No
If yes, indicate field of study:
Do you intend to obtain employment immediately following graduation? Yes No
If yes, indicate field of employment:
What is your eventual career goal:

VII. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In the space below, describe (1) your reasons for wanting to study at the American University in Cairo; (2) how the study of ancient Egypt will relate to and benefit your long-term career goals; and (3) what experience you may have had living abroad.

VIII. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided is complete and correct. I understand the terms of the scholarship.

Signature

Date

You must have submitted an application and all credentials for admission to the study abroad program at the American University in Cairo prior to March 15. This scholarship application may accompany the application for admission or be submitted separately with the required essay and supporting reference letter. It must be received at the address below by March 15.

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