**The Russian and American Foodways Program**

**Study Abroad Awards**

**Call for Applications**

**The application deadline is 4PM January 25, 2018.**

**The Russian and American Foodways Program** is a one-week study abroad opportunity for University of Arizona students to travel to Moscow, Russia in May 2018. The one-week study abroad program will take place during the Summer Pre-Session (tentative dates May 15-May 25). Students interested in earning credit for the study abroad should email Dr. Colleen Lucey (luceyc@email.arizona.edu).

Approximately eight study abroad awards will be granted; awards will fully fund airfare, lodging, and food stipends during the program’s dates in Russia. In order to be eligible for this award, students must be enrolled in RSSS 305: Russian and American Foodways. RSSS 305 is a seven-week II hybrid course offered in Spring 2018 (dates March 12-May 2) and meets on Fridays, 9-11:50AM. RSSS 305 provides an in-depth study of food culture, traditional cuisine, agriculture, and “locavore” movements in Russian and American (particularly Sonoran) contexts. Through a variety of readings, films, lectures, and experiential learning activities, students will investigate the foodways and cultures of our two countries, with additional emphasis on contemporary issues of sustainability, environmental impact, and global interconnectedness.

Applicants must be full time undergraduate or graduate students with a minimum 3.0 GPA, making satisfactory progress toward their degree, and enrolled in coursework in Russian and Slavic Studies at the University of Arizona. Incoming freshmen are not eligible to apply.

**Priority will be given to students majoring in Russian and Slavic Studies.**

An award committee comprised of Russian and Slavic Studies faculty will review and select recipients. The committee will evaluate each student based on academic merit and other relevant criteria. Financial need is not a criterion for the award.

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Applications consist of a complete student application dossier (see below). The student application dossier should be submitted to the Russian and American Foodways Program Award Coordinator, Holly Lysne (hblysne@email.arizona.edu, 3rd floor of the Learning Services Building).

The student application dossier should contain the following materials:

1. A completed **cover sheet** (see below).
2. **A statement of purpose**: This is a typed essay in English of 500 to 800 words in length.  The essay should be in Times New Roman 12 point font and should be double-spaced.  In your essay, explain your purpose(s) for studying Russian/Slavic language, literature, and culture. Explain how this study abroad opportunity fits into your intellectual interests, academic plans, and plans for life after graduation. **Note if you plan on continuing study abroad in Moscow during summer 2018.**
3. **University of Arizona transcript** (unofficial campus copy is acceptable)
4. **One letters of recommendation:** Recommenders must submit a completed copy of the Recommendation Form with their letter (see below). The recommendation must be submitted to the Award Coordinator (Holly Lysne, hblysne@email.arizona.edu, 3rd floor of the Learning Services Building) by the deadline indicated above.  If submitted in hard copy, recommendations must be submitted in sealed envelopes, with the author’s signature over the seal.

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**Study Abroad Award**

**Application Dossier Cover Sheet** *Please type or print clearly!*

1. Name and contact information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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UA e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Enrollment Information

 Current status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

 Majors / minors: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Course number and year of course(s) taken in RSSS (Example “RSSS101/2015”):

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3. Names of referee. List here the name of the referee writing the recommendation for this application and

 their departmental affiliation:

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4. Do you own a valid passport? Yes No

 Do you have two blank pages available in your passport? Yes No

 (this is a requirement for Russian visas)

 What is your passport expiration date? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you applying to do additional study abroad in Summer 2018? Yes No

 If you answered yes to #5, which study abroad program, where, and what are the dates?

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Signature of student applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Award Recommendation Form**

*To be completed by the applicant:*

Name of Student Applicant (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation Deadline \_\_\_\_\_\_ **4PM January 25, 2018** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, the above named student, hereby waive the right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*To be completed by the referee:*

Please answer the questions on this form and append to this form a signed letter with a descriptive evaluation of the applicant. In your written evaluation, please provide evidence of the student's intellectual abilities, academic achievement(s), engagement in Russian/Slavic studies, openness to different points of view, ability to work with others, and any other information you think relevant to consideration of this student's application for a Study Abroad Award. Please send your completed recommendation to the Award Coordinator, Holly Lysne [hblysne@email.arizona.edu] [301 Learning Services Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721], by the deadline indicated above, either in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal or in an email from your official academic email address.

1. Please mark the grid in accordance with your overall evaluation of the student's

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|  | Top 2% | Top 5% | Top 10% | Top 20% |
| Intellectual promise  |  |  |  |  |
| Motivation  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity |  |  |  |  |

2. Overall evaluation: (Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I very highly recommend this student

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I highly recommend this student

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this student

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this student

Name & title of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (work address, phone, e-mail address):

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_