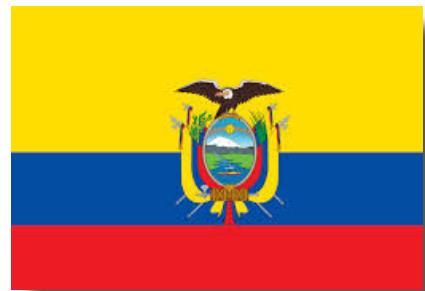


QUITO, ECUADOR

Lucas Rapisarda

Study Abroad Scholars Scholarship Recipient



Lucas's Major: Wildlife Ecology and Community and Environmental Sociology

Program: Ceiba Tropical Ecology

How did you hear about the scholarship? I heard about the scholarship at the Study Abroad Fair held very fall semester on campus. I had always dreamed about traveling abroad to South America, and was immediately drawn to the Ceiba program, because it combined my love of travel and ecology. The woman running the booth recommended that I look into the scholarships provided by the study abroad office. Thankfully, I took her advice and was lucky enough to be granted one of them.

How did the scholarship help you study abroad? The scholarship I received through the Study Abroad Scholars program allowed me to experience South America without any nagging financial fears. While the scholarship I was given did not completely cover the cost of my program, it significantly reduced the cost to a more manageable level that allowed me to pay it without the use of any loans. Because I was determined to pay for this program without the help of my parents, the scholarship definitely played an important influence in my decision to accept my admittance into my study abroad program.

What is your biggest piece of advice for other students applying for scholarships? My biggest piece of advice that I could offer...is to apply to any scholarships available to you. The process is very straightforward, does not take a long time, and only benefits you in the long run. The extra money provided by scholarships can significantly reduce the financial stress that can accompany study abroad programs, and can ultimately help you enjoy your program more. Beyond that, there are many different scholarship options that you may qualify for. Talk to someone in the study abroad office if you have any questions; they are extremely friendly and helpful!



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