Scholarship Background

Carnegie Mellon University is proud to announce a new fund from Larry E. Jennings Jr. and Katherine Jennings to establish the Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund. The name and spirit behind the fund was drawn from the book, Brave Companions, written by Pittsburgh’s acclaimed writer, David McCollough. The stories included in the book are about forging ahead and finding success despite obstacles, naysayers and uncertainty.

Larry Jennings received his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and economics from the Mellon College of Science in 1984 and his master’s degree from the Tepper School of Business in 1987 where he concentrated in finance and strategy. Larry and Katherine have a strong sense of service and commitment to their community and have been active with, and supportive of, many community endeavors in Baltimore. Recently, Larry and his youngest daughter, June, returned from a trip to India inspiring him to create the Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund which provides students the opportunity to experience the culture and socio-economic issues facing a developing country and who otherwise might be unable to travel to such a destination due to personal financial constraints.

The donor’s primary goal in establishing this fund is to allow students to travel to developing countries during their summer breaks, to study, travel, conduct research, and/or participate in service work.

Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate sophomore or junior
- Open to all majors
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Full-time student status for two terms
- Baccalaureate degree in progress
- GPA of not less than 2.75
- Will return to Carnegie Mellon as a full time student in the fall semester following the summer abroad experience
- Travel to an underdeveloped country

Preference is given to students with ONE or more of the following:

- Students who have overcome obstacles such as socioeconomic or educational disadvantage or disabilities
- Students who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of groups that are historically underrepresented at the University, including African Americans, Native Americans or Hispanics Students who are the first generation in their family to attend college
- Students with demonstrated financial need
- Students who have not previously had a study or travel abroad experience
- Students who are interested in traveling to a developing country
Brave Companions’ Core Components

Locating TWO choices for a summer abroad opportunity, starting no later than January:

A. Meet with Chris Menand (cmenand@andrew.cmu.edu) or Jaycie King (jaycie@cmu.edu) of the Office of International Education (OIE)
B. Find study/travel abroad programs
C. Apply to study/travel abroad programs

- Abroad experience of at least 4 weeks (28 days or more) in the summer after sophomore or junior year.
- Awardees submit a preliminary Small Undergraduate Research Grant (SURG) outline (www.cmu.edu/uro) and meet by April 1 with Stephanie Wallach, Assistant Vice Provost (sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu)
- Awardees must attend a Pre-Departure Orientation Session hosted by the Office of International Education and complete ALL pre-departure registration materials before departing campus. Scholarship funds will not be released until this requirement has been met.
- Awardees complete a study abroad based research project by Spring semester 2018
- Awardees present at the annual research symposium, Meeting of the Minds, May 2018
- Awardees submit a detailed Experience Report/Blog by October 1 by email (including pictures, reflections of the experience and descriptions), submitted to the URO, 531 Warner Hall to be shared with the donor and other students and faculty
- Awardees participate in various events sponsored by the Office of International Education (OIE) and the Undergraduate Research Office (URO)
- Awardees sign a Letter of Agreement and submit it to the URO, 531 Warner Hall

Application Deadline & Important Information

Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2017

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted – you must submit all components of the application to the Undergraduate Research Office, 531 Warner Hall, in order for your application to be considered. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Notification:
An email will be sent indicating the Committee’s decision to all applicants.

Please retain cover sheets (pages 1-2) for your reference. These do not need to be submitted with your application.
Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund Application

Application Checklist:

☐ Completed Application

☐ Travel Abroad Programs: First and Second Choices, in consultation with Chris Menand or Jaycie King, OIE

☐ Personal Statement (see Page 7)

☐ Unofficial Transcript (verify academic level)

☐ One Letter of Reference from a faculty member, advisor, or student affairs representative. The letter should be in a sealed and signed envelope.

☐ Financial Aid Information: Please include your financial aid letter from Carnegie Mellon; let us know if you are a Pell Grant recipient/Work Study eligible/ or receive other types of aid.

☐ This checklist

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

Name: ______________________________

Student ID #: ______________________________

Telephone: ______________________________

University Email: ______________________________

Secondary Email: ______________________________

Current Address: ______________________________

Permanent Address: ______________________________

Permanent Phone: ______________________________

School or College: ______________________________

Current Major in Department: ______________________________

Cumulative QPA: ______________________________

QPA in Major: ______________________________

Expected Graduation Date: ______________________________
Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund Application  

Name:  

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

Date of Birth:  

Race/Ethnic Group (optional - mark all that apply)

- [ ] Black
- [ ] Caucasian
- [ ] American Indian
- [ ] Hispanic
- [ ] Asian/Pacific Islander
- [ ] Other

Do you identify as a GLBT Student? (optional)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Do you identify as a student with a disability? (optional)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Financial Information

Are you applying for other forms of Financial Aid or Scholarships?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If so, which ones?

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What scholarships have you applied for to go abroad (including campus programs, like Tartans Abroad, Global Engagement Scholarship, College of Engineering Travel Grant Program (see OIE website for more information), and off-campus programs, like NSEP Boren and Gilman)?

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Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund Application  Name:

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

What scholarships have you already been awarded for Summer and in what amount?

Have you ever studied abroad, traveled abroad or done a service learning project abroad?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If “Yes”, when, where, for how long and for what reasons?


Are you a first generation college student?

☐ Yes
☐ No

**TRAVEL/STUDY ABROAD Programs**

**Choice ONE:**

Location of Study/Travel Abroad Program

City

Country

Study/Travel Abroad Program Provider:

Type of Study/Travel Abroad Program:

☐ Academic
☐ Community Service
☐ Internship
☐ Intensive Language
☐ Research
☐ Other

Program start and end dates: ___ ___ ___ to ___ ___ ___

Date Deposit is DUE ___ ___ ___
Date Payment is DUE ___ ___ ___
Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

PLEASE DETAIL THE COSTS OF YOUR PROGRAM

Program tuition: $ _________________________________
Room: $ _________________________________
Board: $ _________________________________
Airfare: $ _________________________________
Books / Materials: $ _________________________________
Personal Expenses: $ _________________________________
Passport/visa: $ _________________________________
Other: $ _________________________________
TOTAL: $ _________________________________

Choice TWO:

Location of Study/Travel Abroad Program

City _________________________________
Country _________________________________

Study/Travel Abroad Program Provider: _________________________________

Type of Study/Travel Abroad Program:

☐ Academic
☐ Community Service
☐ Internship
☐ Intensive Language
☐ Research
☐ Other

Program start and end dates: _______ _______ to _______ _______

Date Deposit is DUE _______ _______
Date Payment is DUE _______ _______
Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund Application

Name:

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Books / Materials: $ __________________________
Personal Expenses: $ __________________________
Passport/visa: $ __________________________
Other: $ __________________________
TOTAL: $ __________________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

List any leadership activities, community service, global education training, etc. that you have completed (Feel free to include an attachment):

List any courses you have taken about the country of intended study/travel abroad experience:

I agree to submit an Experience Report/Blog by email (includes photos, reflections on the experience and descriptions) to the URO by October 1st

☐ Yes
☐ No

The answers I have given on this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I confirm this, and I will adhere to all of the policies and requirements set forth by the program. This includes the release of all content included in my Experience Report.

(Signature of Applicant)   (Date)

(Applicant Name – Printed)
Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

Please include a PERSONAL STATEMENT of up to 1000 words describing your background, family, and education. The purpose of this statement is to introduce yourself to the reader in ways that go beyond a resume or transcript. It is a narrative that personalizes the application. It is an opportunity to talk about your background, your family, your hobbies, your athletics, and/or other interests. Be sure to let the committee know the various reasons why you want to go abroad and why you chose these particular locations and programs.

Make certain to proofread for grammar, spelling, punctuation, and clarity of expression.