



2024-25 FACULTY AND STAFF
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Project/Program: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

GCC Position: _____ Department: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone _____

Please check which category best describes your project:

- Arts & Culture Athletics & Fitness Career & Work Training College Operations & Facilities
- Humanities/Social Sciences Science & Technology Other

Amount requested: \$ _____

Please attach a one- to two-page typed request that provides a comprehensive summary of your project/program and establishes the need. Please include the following:

- What do you propose to do?
- Who will be involved in the project/program?
- What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community?
- How does this project/program support the College's [Institutional Strategic Plan?](#)
- Timeline for the project/program.
- How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information.
- Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded.
- How will the Foundation's support be recognized?
- How do you plan to evaluate this project's success?
- If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward?

Please email this completed and signed form along with your proposal to zjacobs@glendale.edu

Submission Deadline – Thursday, May 30, 2024 by 5:00 PM PST

Your signature indicates approval of this request to the Glendale College Foundation

Applicant's signature

Chair or Department Head Signature

Print name of Chair or Department Head

Grant Review Committee comments and/or recommendations:

This grant was denied/approved on _____ The amount awarded is \$ _____

Armenia Summer 2025 Study Abroad Program Foundation STAFF Grant Request:
Director, Sevada Chamras; Faculty, Zohara Kaye

1. What do you propose to do?

We, the Armenia Summer 2025 Study Abroad team, want to create an equitable opportunity for GCC classified staff, faculty, and administrators to participate in our program. One of the main factors is to assist GCC employees by providing scholarships to offset some of the travel expenses.

2. Who will be involved in the project/program?

The Armenia Summer 2025 Study Abroad Program will involve the faculty teaching the course (Zohara Kaye), the on-site director (Sevada Chamras), GCC's Study Abroad Co-Directors (Darren Leaver and Kevin Mack), and all the students who sign up to participate and enroll in the class (Lib 48).

3. What are the benefits of this project to the students, college and the community?

The Armenia Study Abroad program will benefit the college by extending opportunities to college employees, including classified staff, faculty, and administrators. Providing means to offset the cost of the course will incentivize staff and faculty members to participate in Armenia 2025 program. This in turn, will help result in a heightened awareness and sensitivity of the cultural characteristics of our students who are of Armenian descent and/or who have forcefully been displaced from their ancestral lands due to the most recent ethnic cleansings in Armenia and Artsakh.

4. How does this request support the mission of the College?

The Armenia Summer 2025 Study Abroad Program aligns with GCCD's Mission, Vision, Values, and Learning Outcomes; in particular to [M-7], which supports general education and a holistic development of the student; Point 5 under Values espouses our commitment to student success, and points 5 and 6 under Learning Outcomes, focuses on Global Awareness and Appreciation, as well as Personal Responsibility. The nature of a study abroad program creates an innovative learning opportunity on a global scale, allowing students to learn about Armenia through the international field studies course, as well as a chance to explore how the life they lead in America is similar and different to what they observe in Armenia. In order to learn from multiple perspectives, we are utilizing classroom space and site visits that are connected to the course content, and purposeful dialogue with program related speakers at GCC and while abroad. As for Personal Responsibility, when travel is introduced into curriculum or life in general, many important skills

are honed, both on a personal level and as a group. Some of these skills include how to be responsible for one's self and the group as a whole, respecting time and space, as well as being open to new experiences, understanding one's limits and how to follow program guidelines to ensure a good outcome for all.

5. Timeline for the project.

We will start to advertise the scholarships when the applications open in fall of 2024. The scholarships would ideally be awarded after the applications are approved and before departure to Armenia in July 2025.

6. How do you propose to use the funds requested? Include specific budget information.

The cost to students is approximate \$1800 for the program plus \$1500 airfare (total cost of approximately \$3200 per student).

We anticipate 25 students, including faculty and staff who may be interested in this short duration program.

Since we have a separate grant request for regularly enrolled students, this grant would be limited to faculty or staff enrolled as students for this program.

We are requesting **\$3,000** to help reduce the costs of travel for GCC employees who enroll in the study abroad program. The scholarship amount per recipient will depend on total number interested participants who are college employees and limited to a maximum of \$400 per recipient.

7. Please list any other sources of funding you applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded.

N/A

The Foundation grant awarded to the Armenia 2023 study abroad program (\$10,000) provided scholarships to students who wouldn't have otherwise been able to participate; the overwhelmingly positive student experience suggests that these students benefitted greatly from the study abroad experience they would have otherwise missed out on had it not been for the scholarships provided thanks to the Foundation.

8. How will the Foundation's award be recognized?

The Foundation's generous support will be acknowledged within the Study Abroad office, within the group of students who will be participating, and other appropriate constituent groups and/or program related entities where recognizing this contribution is appropriate (e.g., study abroad presentations in classrooms, Board of Trustees meetings).

9. How do you plan to evaluate this project's success?

We hope to attract college employees who would otherwise not be able to financially afford it. Initial success can be measured by the number of employees who enroll as students knowing financial support is provided by the Foundation grant. The International Field Studies course will include assessment and survey tools, and the study abroad program includes evaluation forms administered at the end.

10. If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward?

The success of the Armenia 2023 program was largely due to the foundations grant we received, and we are grateful. The experience and feedback received from students from 2023 has made a significant impact on how to conduct future study abroad programs, including pedagogical implication. We are confident that the success of the 2025 program will further inform pedagogical practice moving forward.