



Brad Henry International Scholarship Program

Background

The Brad Henry International Scholarship Program was established by Governor Brad Henry in 2008 as a special program to provide an opportunity to undergraduate students attending Oklahoma regional universities to participate in a semester of study abroad. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) and the Oklahoma regional universities partnered with Swansea University in Wales to establish this study abroad program.

The scholarship pays for tuition, fees, and accommodations. Food, textbooks, airfare, passports, and any other expenses are the student's responsibility; however, the OSRHE provides each student a \$1,500 stipend to help with these expenses.

General Provisions

Each regional university will have an opportunity to nominate one student each academic year for participation in the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program during the spring semester. Nominations must be made by the university president.

Recipients will be selected from the available nominations by a committee of State Regents' staff. Recipients selected for this award will have shown:

1. excellent academic performance
2. outstanding writing and communication skills
3. exemplary character
4. exceptional leadership, maturity, and judgement

Academic credit for courses taken as part of the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program will be awarded as resident credit by the Oklahoma regional university. Credit for this program must be coordinated with the Oklahoma regional university prior to the beginning of the semester of study abroad.

Scholarship Eligibility

Brad Henry International Scholars must meet the following criteria at the time of nomination and at the time of participation:

- be at least 18 years of age;
- be an undergraduate student from an Oklahoma regional university;
- be an Oklahoma resident;
- be enrolled full-time;
- be in good academic standing;
- have completed at least 30 hours of college coursework/credits; and
- have submitted information, documents, acknowledgments, releases and authorizations as required by the State Regents.



Fiscal Aspects of the Program

Funds made available to the student as part of the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program shall be paid directly to the regional university in which the student is enrolled, in trust for the student and on behalf of the student. Swansea University will invoice the regional university for the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, to be paid from the recipient's award amount. Upon payment of these costs, the regional university will distribute the remainder of the award to the recipient.

The program shall provide recipients a scholarship in an amount not to exceed the average costs of Swansea University tuition, fees, room and board, required textbooks and materials, and travel expenses relating to the study abroad program.

The number and amount of scholarships will be determined at the sole discretion of the State Regents by the amount of funds allocated to the program each year.

The Brad Henry International Scholarship Program will provide a scholarship to study abroad at Swansea University for the spring semester only. This provision allows the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to more accurately maximize the number of scholarships that can be awarded in the fiscal year.