



**The National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
ARTHUR LEAL MEMORIAL STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP
(Application deadline: March 1, 2025)**

The **Arthur Leal Memorial Study Abroad Scholarship** has been established in honor of the late Dr. Arthur Leal, who was a well-known, influential young agricultural communications faculty member at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Leal, too early in his career, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 36. As a student at the University of Arkansas and at the University of Florida, Dr. Leal studied abroad several times and was passionate about encouraging his own students to participate in international experiences. This scholarship fund was established by Dr. Leal's family and friends through the National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship, please write a check made payable to **NATIONAL ACT**, write "**Leal Scholarship**" in the MEMO line and mail your check to

Arthur Leal Memorial Study Abroad Scholarship
c/o Dr. Jefferson Miller
National ACT
University of Arkansas
AFLS D-06
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Scholarship Criteria

- Dr. Leal valued learning of all kinds, but his favorite way to learn was through experiences. Therefore, students seeking to participate in experiential learning opportunities are encouraged to apply.
- Students must be participating in university-sponsored study abroad opportunities, which may include (but are not limited to) coursework abroad, exchange programs, study tours, international research projects, and internships. Evidence of acceptance into a study abroad program must be provided in order to receive funds.
- Students must have completed at least one full semester of coursework in an academic program by the start of their international experience to be eligible to apply. The scholarship is open to students at all stages of their academic careers—undergraduate through doctoral students are eligible.
- Students must be dues-paying of National ACT in the academic year of application.
- Students must submit a statement of purpose that includes clearly stated goals related to their proposed study abroad experience.
- Students whose study abroad experiences focus on the discipline/profession of agricultural communications will receive preference, but all types of study abroad programs will be considered.

Scoring Rubric (100 points)

Academic accomplishments to date

College GPA (freshmen include high school GPA)

Leadership and service

Academic/leadership recognitions

Quality of proposed program	25
University-sponsored	
Well organized	
Academically focused	
Quality of written statement of purpose	50
Potential impact of experience	
Connection to agricultural communications	
Experiential learning opportunities	
Well-written, concise, and easy to read	

Application Procedures

To apply, **email** the following items to the address below by the deadline stated above:

1. Resume (2-page limit; must include accurate email, mailing address, and phone number)
2. Statement of purpose for study abroad program (500-word limit)

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Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated by the Arthur Leal Foundation board, which will notify the National ACT Advisor and president of the winners. Winners will be notified of their award by National ACT. Upon notification, winners must provide indisputable proof of acceptance into their study abroad program.

Project Deliverables

Students who receive awards will be asked to document their experiences through photography and writing using blog posts and/or social media posts shared with National ACT throughout the duration of their study abroad experiences.