

**Washington University – Russian Studies
WU Summer Trip to Russia - Summer 2010**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Requirements:

- 1) Data Sheet
- 2) Answer to short essay question
- 3) Signed Statement of Personal Responsibility

For applicants who have not taken a class with Mikhail Palatnik or Nicole Svobodny:

- 4) One (1) Letter of Recommendation

For current students only:

- 5) Transcript (student generated internal record is sufficient)

Application Deadline:

December 1, 2009.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by the Program Director and interviews may be a required part of the selection process. Applicants will be notified no later than January 19, 2010.

Program costs:

The fee for the 2010 Trip to Russia (which covers air and ground transportation, lodging, most meals, guided excursions, and special activities) is \$3800. Students selected for the trip will need to secure their place with a \$500 deposit by February 1, 2010.

Questions:

Please consult with Nicole Svobodny (nsvobodn@artsci.wustl.edu) or Mikhail Palatnik (palatnik@wustl.edu).

Submit all application materials to:

Nicole Svobodny
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Washington University
St. Louis, MO 63130

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DATA SHEET

Please print in ink.

Period of intended study abroad: Summer: 2010

Program Choice: Country

Foreign Institution or Program Name

RUSSIA

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Personal Data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Female Male

WU Student No. (SSN for non-WU): _____ Birth date (mm/dd/yr): ___/___/___

US citizen? Yes No Place of birth (US city, state or foreign city, country): _____

If not US citizen, nationality: _____ and residency/visa status: _____

Telephone number: _____ and e-mail: _____@_____

WU Students Only: After confirming WebSTAC includes your current local address and telephone number, check here

Permanent (home) address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Country

Parents or Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____

Complete Address: same as permanent address same as permanent address same as other

(List full address of both if different) _____

Telephone: home: _____ home: _____

work: _____ work: _____

E-mail: _____

Educational Information (For Current Students Only):

WU College or School: A&S Arch. Art Bus. Engn. Other: _____

If not a WU student, name of your college or university: _____

On-campus activities: Please list the organizations, teams, or clubs in which you are actively involved:

Reference: Name

Department

E-mail Address

1. _____

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SHORT ESSAY QUESTION

Applicant: Last name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____		
Period of intended study abroad: Summer: 2010		
<u>RUSSIA</u>	<u>WU SUMMER TRIP TO RUSSIA</u>	
Country	Foreign Institution or Program Name	
Email Address: _____		

Please answer on a separate sheet of paper. Your typed response should be 1 page double-spaced with 1 inch margins using 12pt. font. Make sure to include your name and the program name.

Question: What is your preparation and expectation for the Wash U trip to Russia?

Some issues you might address in your essay:

1. Describe your personal goals for the Wash U trip to Russia.
2. Have you lived or traveled outside the U.S. before? If so, where and for how long?
3. Travelling abroad always requires you to tolerate ambiguity, show respect for differing opinions and values, and demonstrate independence and flexibility. Please describe specific experiences that show your ability to handle these challenges.
4. Describe an important cross-cultural experience you have had and its impact on your preparation for the Wash U trip to Russia.

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STATEMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Behavioral and academic standards: Admission to study abroad may be denied or rescinded due to behavioral or academic concerns. Your WU judicial and academic records will be subject to review. As a participant, you will be expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with the behavioral standards of the WU Judicial Code. Disruptive behavior, academic dishonesty, and other improprieties will not be tolerated. Also, you must comply with the rules and regulations of any host institution and with the local laws and regulations in the foreign country or countries where you reside or travel during the program, including times when you are engaged in independent activities. Your participation in the program may be terminated by WU for violation of these standards, along with forfeiture of program fees and loss of academic credit for the program. You may have to return to WU at your own expense to appeal a disciplinary decision.

Drug use and other illegal activities: The possession or use of any quantity of marijuana, cocaine, or other illegal substance is strictly prohibited for the duration of the program. This prohibition applies not only while you are in the company of fellow participants, but also while you are alone or with people not associated with the program. The consequences of substance abuse or other illegal activity at any time during the program include immediate expulsion from the program, forfeiture of all program fees, and loss of academic credit for the program. Furthermore, U.S. citizens in a foreign country are subject to the laws of that country. Neither the U.S. Embassy nor Washington University can obtain your release from jail; they can only aid in obtaining legal assistance for you.

Inherent conditions, hazards, and risks: Washington University acts only to provide the opportunity for foreign study and does not guarantee your satisfaction with the program or your well being. You will not be closely supervised while you are abroad. You are responsible for using good judgment to ensure your own health, safety, and welfare. There are certain inherent conditions, hazards, and risks associated with international travel and living abroad for which the University cannot and will not assume responsibility. These include, but are not limited to, inclement weather, natural disasters, labor disputes, riots, terrorism, delays or disruption of travel or accommodations, accidents, and disease. During the period of your participation in the program, and while you are en route to or returning from the program, WU will not be responsible for any injury or damage to you or your property or for any personal liability sustained or incurred by you.

Medical needs and health insurance: You are responsible for assessing your own medical needs. Physical or emotional problems may be exacerbated by stresses associated with study abroad. You must be medically able and prepared to participate in the program, including appropriate immunizations. Some foreign institutions and/or national health systems provide limited health care for visiting students, but access to free or low cost medical care is not assured and may not be readily available. You are responsible for verifying that you will have adequate health insurance coverage and that it will remain effective for the duration of the program. Also, you are responsible for complying with the appropriate claims procedures and deadlines. Students participating in summer study abroad programs are covered by mandatory WU student health insurance, which provides worldwide coverage for partial reimbursement of medical expenses plus the services of Assist America, including medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. Simultaneously, you may be covered by a family or private health insurance plan and/or by mandatory host country student health insurance.

Authorization for emergency medical treatment: Washington University representation is not available at all program sites. Nevertheless, by signing the following statement, you are granting permission to WU and any person acting on behalf of the University to authorize emergency medical treatment for you when deemed necessary, and you are agreeing that neither the University nor the person acting on behalf of the University can be held responsible for any injury or damage that may arise out of or in connection with such authorization.

Statement: I understand and accept the stated conditions of participation in a WU sponsored or approved study abroad program. I understand and accept my responsibilities, and I understand and assume the potential risks, as described above. I authorize WU to contact my parent or guardian about my physical or mental health while I am abroad if deemed advisable to do so. I am eighteen years of age and fully competent to sign this statement, and I am signing it as my own free act.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

WU Student No. (SSN for non-WU)

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ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Applicant (please print):
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____
E-mail address: _____@_____ Campus or Home Phone: _____
Period of intended study abroad: Summer: 2010
Program student is applying to:
Country Foreign Institution or Program Name
RUSSIA WU SUMMER TRIP TO RUSSIA

Name of Reference: _____ **Title:** _____
Date this form was given to Reference: _____ **Due date:** _____

Statement: I hereby request a letter of recommendation in support of my application for study abroad.
Please mark your preference for viewing the letter now or in the future: waive _____ do not waive _____

Applicant's Signature

* This recommendation should come from a professor, instructor, or advisor (for non-students: a colleague or supervisor) who is familiar with your work. Be sure to discuss your study abroad goals and expectations before requesting the letter of reference.

Faculty Reference:

- We would be grateful if you could submit the recommendation by December 1.
- Please prepare a letter evaluating this applicant with respect to:
 - a. Academic ability and preparation for participation in the program listed above.
 - b. Personal suitability for travel abroad, including the applicant's adaptability, maturity, and motivation.
- Please write your recommendation letter "To Whom It May Concern" on letterhead stationery.
- Please send this form and the signed and dated letter directly to:

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