

Department of French & Italian ♦ Study Abroad Scholarships

Mayrene Bentley Scholarship

For study in France or a Francophone Country/Region

AWARD: Each spring, the Department receives a list from the Office of Overseas Study of students studying in France the following Summer, Fall and Academic Year, then welcomes them to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. A faculty committee evaluates the applicants and chooses one recipient per year.

BACKGROUND: Mayrene Bentley received a PhD in Linguistics from IU-Bloomington in 1995. She was a student of French as well, and spent a summer studying in Quebec. In 2015, she began making donations to the IU Foundation so the Department of French and Italian could give scholarships to undergraduate students studying French. Since 2016, the Department has used this funding to support study abroad in France, for students both on IU and non-IU programs.

Marjorie & Francis Gravit Scholarship

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BACKGROUND: Francis West Gravit was a professor in Indiana University's Department of French and Italian from 1948 through 1975 and was known for his research on French seventeenth-century literature. He and his wife Marjorie (Smith) Gravit were gracious hosts to generations of students and colleagues and shared a love of French culture as well as good food and wine. The fund in their names was established in 2008 to support students studying French at IU or abroad, and since 2018 the Department has used the funds for an undergraduate study-abroad scholarship.

Carol Brush Hofstadter Memorial Scholarship

For study on the Bologna Consortial Studies Program through IU

AWARD: The Carol Brush Hofstadter Memorial Scholarship supports excellent Indiana University students who have been accepted into the Bologna overseas study program for a semester or full academic year. Applicants to the Indiana University Bologna program are automatically considered for this scholarship each spring by a committee of Italian faculty. The award amount is generally between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

BACKGROUND: Carol Brush studied Italian and art history at Indiana University and in 1977 spent a summer in Bologna, Italy, through an Indiana University exchange program. She adored Italy—its people, culture, and language—and in 1993, she and her husband Doug chose to spend Doug's sabbatical year in Trento with their two young children, Danny and Monica. After just three months there, Carol died very unexpectedly. Despite the tragedy, Doug and the children remained in Trento for the rest of the sabbatical year, and as a consequence Danny and Monica became fluent in Italian—a gift from their mother. In the wake of Carol's death, her family and friends created a scholarship in her memory, so that more students could discover and learn to love Bologna.

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