



The George Liston Seay '62

Student International Initiatives Fund

a small grant program for projects abroad

SIIF encourages students to dig deeper into the culture they are exploring by focusing special studies on topics of interest to them, and provides students with structured outlets to share their experiences.

SIIF provides small grants to motivated students to undertake projects abroad that build upon their own interests or that augment their existing course of study.

SIIF projects should 1) deepen and enrich the off-campus experience by helping the student explore a topic of interest, and 2) enrich and edify the wider on-campus community.

SIIF requirements are flexible in order to encourage students to “think outside of the box” in finding innovative ways to explore their host-countries. Media of exploration include writing, photography, art, but also video, radio or poetry.

Award of SIIF Grants will be by competitive application from individual students or groups and will be accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants may submit their “first draft” proposals to the post or email addresses listed below or may bring them directly to the PGE office on the 3rd floor of Trinity Hall.

The SIIF administrator works with applicants in preparing the final proposal; previous successful SIIF grantees have found that this project results in a better project outcome. Applicants should keep this in mind and use this “first draft” to demonstrate their ideas, imagination and motivation. Appearance, spelling and grammar are still important; always put your best foot forward!

Each SIIF application must include the following:

A 1-2 Page project description outlining the rationale of the project, how it fits the two SIIF criteria, and your goals and expected outcomes.

A list of all students participating in the project (please designate one individual as the primary contact person) along with the following information for each participant: year and major, campus address and phone, email address, off-campus program participating in.

A proposed budget.

Please submit applications to: dreilly@hws.edu

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dig deeper
dream larger



On the Road to Drepung Monastery, Tibet Abe Holland

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George Liston Seay '62 is the host of *Dialogue*, an award-winning radio program sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, DC. Each week he explores the world of ideas through conversations with renowned public figures, scholars, journalists, and authors. *Dialogue* is also a television series that provides foreign perspectives on world affairs – with presidents, ambassadors, cabinet ministers and scholars as guests. Prior to his career as a moderator for discussions, seminars and conferences on public and international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson International Center, he lived and worked for ten years in Latin America serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, a foreign service officer, and a Ford Foundation executive. Fluent in Portuguese and Spanish, he was also a journalist in Brazil covering issues affecting tribal populations.

Seay credits an opportunity for foreign travel during his college years with transforming his life. Although there was no College program promoting international experiences, a Hobart College classmate's father owned a shipping fleet and offered George a chance to spend a summer traveling on one of the ships. Today he is interested in encouraging today's students with exploring how their international travel has had a transforming impact on their lives and to that end he has created the George Liston Seay '62 Student International Initiative Fund.