



## MERIT-BASED FINANCIAL AWARD APPLICATION

CIMBA offers a limited number of merit-based awards to program participants. To be eligible for a merit-based award, you must (1) have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher, (2) complete a short essay, and (3) submit a letter of recommendation from a professor or teaching assistant explaining why you are a good candidate for a merit-based CIMBA award.

If you are a UI student who is also applying for the UI Office for Study Abroad Merit-Based Award, you may use one of the same letters of recommendation submitted for it. However, please request that the referee submit a copy of the letter directly to the CIMBA Office.

For all students, you are **not** required to be accepted to the CIMBA program before you apply for our financial awards. Award applications must be submitted to the CIMBA office by the following deadlines:

Fall Semester	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Semester	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Undergraduate	March 15 <sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home University: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:            Fall            Spring            Summer            Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete a short essay, not to exceed one page, including responses to the following:*

- 1) Describe how you expect CIMBA and your time abroad to contribute to your academic and personal goals.
- 2) Explain why you believe you are a good candidate for a merit-based CIMBA award. This statement should deal with your personal history, family background, intellectual interests, educational achievements, cultural opportunities to which you have been exposed, and the ways in which these experiences have affected you. Include information about awards or recognition you have received, participation in extracurricular activities, and special interests and abilities.

Provide the name and address of the professor/teaching assistant you have asked to submit a letter of recommendation. If CIMBA does not receive your letter within 2 weeks of award application deadline, you will not be considered for the award.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## REQUEST FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CIMBA ITALY MERIT-BASED FINANCIAL AWARD

To be completed by applicant:

Name of Applicant:

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Name of Referee:

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Department:

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Under the provisions of United States federal law (Section 438 of Public Law 90-247 as amended), students are permitted access to certain educational records. Section 438 (a) (2) (B) provides that a student may waive the right to inspect confidential letters of recommendation. Many applicants have concluded that the effectiveness of recommendation letters may be enhanced by having it made clear that such letters are written in confidence. If you waive the right to inspect the letter requested by this form, please sign:

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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To the referee:

On an attached sheet, please explain why you believe this student should receive an award for study abroad. In addition, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. We would appreciate your candid appraisal of the applicant's academic and personal suitability for the CIMBA Italy Program and of the program to the applicant's academic program. Please send this form with your letter of reference to **CIMBA Italy Program, University of Iowa, 108 PBB-C300, Iowa City, IA 52242** by application deadline. Letters may also be emailed to [cimba-italy@uiowa.edu](mailto:cimba-italy@uiowa.edu) or faxed to (319) 384-1937.