Cultural Ecology of Ireland Study Abroad Application Packet

Sláinte and welcome to Hawaii Community College’s Cultural Ecology of Ireland (GEOG 297). Your application package is attached. Please use the checklist provided to ensure that you are turning in a complete application.

There are several expenses that will be a part of this program: tuition, program fees, airfare, and travel medical insurance. It is your responsibility to pay these in a timely manner; many of the fees will be non-refundable.

The cost of this program is $1500 which will be paid in three (3) $500 deposits made directly to our Irish partners through an online payment system. Payments will be due Monday, November 23, 2015; Monday January 25, 2016; and Monday, April 4, 2016. The second and last deposits will be refundable only upon cancellation of the trip.

In addition to the program costs you are required to purchase a travel medical plan through an approved provider. This plan will cost $15-50 (variable with age at time of travel) for the duration of the trip; you will receive information on this after acceptance into the program.

You are responsible for your own flights. The program will begin at 7am on May 16, 2016 and you will need to be in Dublin Airport (DUB) at or before that time. The program will end in the morning of May 26, 2016. We will have sample itineraries available to you upon acceptance in the program. Flights must be arranged by January 11, 2016 and copies of your itinerary submitted, however, we encourage you to finalize your flights before this deadline.

GEOG 297 will be run as a summer course and all participants are required to enroll in this course as soon as possible. You will be alerted when it is possible to register for the course. Your application includes a $200 tuition deposit that will only be refunded in the case that the course does not fill or if you receive financial aid for your tuition.

To apply, submit a copy of the Study Abroad Application sheet (pg 3) along with your $200 deposit to the Hawaii Community College Business Office then submit your entire application packet with a copy of your receipt to Pamela Scheffler 3393-124 by the deadlines outlined on the checklist. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pamela Scheffler (pamela.scheffler@hawaii.edu; 934-2622) or Carrie Mospens (mospens@hawaii.edu, 934-2588).

We look forward to exploring new islands with you.
Cultural Ecology of Ireland Study Abroad Program Checklist
May 16-26, 2016

Priority deadline for application is Monday, October 19, 2015
Late Deadline: Monday, November 16, 2015
Application payments should be made in person at the Hawaii CC Business Office and applications
(with proof of payment) submitted directly to Pamela Scheffler, 3393-124, Manono campus

Application Materials
Your application will not be reviewed until we receive all of the following materials:

☐ Application form with name and contact information of a faculty member who will be
   writing your recommendation (Inform them of the due dates). Submit one copy with your
   deposit fee, and the other with your completed application

☐ Receipt for $200 deposit (will be applied towards tuition: 3 credits summer tuition = $744
   Resident, $1071 Non-resident*). This deposit is only refundable upon course cancellation or
   non-acceptance to the program. Payable by check, money order, or credit card (Visa,
   Mastercard, Discover Card, and JCB card) at Hawaii CC Business Office

☐ Emergency Information Form

☐ Signed and dated Risk and Release form

☐ Copy of Passport (if you do not yet have one, apply immediately and submit the copy as
   soon as it is received)

☐ Copy of Transcript (participation is limited to those who do not have outstanding financial
   obligations).

☐ Essay: One-page typed essay explaining why you would like to participate and what you
   hope to gain from this experience.

☐ Pre-trip Survey

If you have any questions, please contact:
Pamela Scheffler
Hawaii Community College, 200 W. Kawili St, Hilo, HI 96720
Bldg 3393-124; Phone: (808) 934-2622

* Note: Subject to change: summer tuition rates will be determined in Spring 2016
# Study Abroad Application

**Program of Choice:**
- Cultural Ecology of Ireland

**Biographical Data:**
1. Name:
   - Last/Family
   - First/Given
   - Middle Name/Initial

2. Address:
   - Permanent Street Address
   - City
   - State/Province
   - Zip Code
   - Telephone Number

3. Date of Birth:
   - Month/Day/Year

4. Country of Citizenship:

5. Passport #:
   - Expiration date:

6. Hawai‘i Resident:☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Faculty who will write Recommendation:
   - Name
   - Title
   - City
   - State/Province
   - Zip Code
   - Telephone Number
   - Email

**Academic Background:**
1. Are you currently a student in the UH system?
   - If yes, UH# ________________
   - Current home campus:
     - Institution
     - # of credits completed
     - GPA

   If ‘no’, you must also fill out an HawCC application. Go to:
   [http://www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/future-students/how-to-apply.php](http://www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/future-students/how-to-apply.php) (Note – you will also need to get a TB test.)

2. Language study:
   - Institution
   - Highest level completed (by travel date)

**Miscellaneous:**
1. Other travel/living abroad experience:
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________

2. Allergies/food restrictions:
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________

3. How do you plan to finance this trip?
   - __________________________________________
   - __________________________________________

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I certify that the information given above is true and complete. I authorize the University of Hawai‘i - Hawaii Community College to review any information in the custody of the University of Hawai‘i system, for the purpose of determining my eligibility for this program. Further, I agree to release any and all records and transcripts held by any institution to the University of Hawai‘i - Hawaii Community College and any other parties deemed appropriate, as necessary for my participation in this program.

If accepted as a participant in this program, I shall be subject to certain rules and requirements of this University and of cooperating Universities in the U.S. and overseas, which I agree to fulfill in all respects, subject to immediate dismissal from the program if I do not do so, and I agree to assume financial responsibility for the program fees as indicated.

**Signature** __________________________   **Date** __________________________
Emergency Information for Hawaii Community College Ireland Study Abroad

Please complete your name as shown on your passport and submit a copy of your passport with the application.

Name (Last, First, MI) _____________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) __/__/____    HawCC Student ID number: __________________________

Address: ________________________________

______________________________________

Phone: Home: (____)_______________ Cell: (____)_______________ Other: (____)_______________

Preferred email address: ________________________________

In Case of Emergency Please Notify:

Name: ________________________________ Relationship to you: ______________________________

Address: ________________________________

Phone: Home: (____)_______________ Cell: (____)_______________ Other: (____)_______________

Preferred email address: ________________________________

If First person listed is not available, please contact:

Name: ________________________________ Relationship to you: ______________________________

Address: ________________________________

Phone: Home: (____)_______________ Cell: (____)_______________ Other: (____)_______________

Preferred email address: ________________________________
Thank you for agreeing to provide a letter of recommendation for this Cultural Ecology of Ireland applicant. The deadline for receipt of recommendations for priority applications is Monday, October 19, 2015. After that, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of Monday, November 16, 2015.

Please fill out the document and submit to Pamela Scheffler. If submitting by campus mail, please address to Pamela Scheffler, Manono Campus (3393-124) and if by US Mail to Pamela Scheffler, Hawaii Community College, 200 W. Kawili St., Hilo, HI 96720. You may also attach the scan the signed form and email to pamela.scheffler@hawaii.edu with the subject line CEI-Application.

Feel free to add additional pages if needed.

This recommendation will be used for admissions purposes only. It will not be made part of the student's educational record and no reference will be made to it for educational purposes after a decision has been made on the applicant's admissibility. Therefore, this recommendation is not subject to the provisions of the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The applicant will not have legal access to this recommendation.

If you have any questions about the application process please contact Pamela Scheffler (Pamela.scheffler@hawaii.edu, 934-2622) or Carrie Mospens (Mospens@hawaii.edu, 934-2588)
Cultural Ecology of Ireland Program
Faculty Recommendation Form

Part I (to be filled out by applicant)

Applicant’s Name: _____________________________________________________________

Last   First   Middle

College Attending or Employer: _______________________________________________

Recommender’s Name: ___________________________  Appointment: ___________________

Phone number: ______________________   Email: __________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________
**Cultural Ecology of Ireland Program**

**Faculty Recommendation Form**

Part II: Recommendation

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1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

2. If you were conducting an overseas program would you be eager, willing, or reluctant to have this applicant participate? Why?

3. Additional comments regarding this applicant

______________________________   ______________________________
Signature       Date
1. I, the undersigned, as a participant in a Hawaii Community College Summer Program (herein referred to as "the Program") for good and sufficient consideration,, receipt of which is acknowledged, DO HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE all claims against the state of Hawai`i, the University of Hawai`i, Hawaii Community College, and their agents, arising from or in any way connected with the following:
   a. Injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from or connected with
      (1) the use by the Program of any vehicle or other mode of transportation or services;
      (2) any strikes, war, terrorism, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, act of God, or any other like reason;
      (3) any act or omission of any steamship or other water transport, airline, railroad, bus company, taxi service, bicycle or motorcycle, sightseeing, hotel or other lodging, restaurant, institute, school or university other than the University of Hawai`i, or any other firm, company, individual, or agency;
   b. Any intentional or unintentional injury, whether or not resulting in death to me or to any other person or persons, caused, in whole or in part, by me, whether alone or together with or in association with others;
   c. Any intentional or unintentional damage or injury to property, whether personal, real or mixed, owned or in the custody or possession of me, or any other, caused, in whole or in part, by me, whether alone or together with or in association with others;
   d. Any financial and other obligations or liabilities that I may personally incur during the duration of the Program, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any obligations or liabilities incurred by me in any country in which the Program is conducted; and,
   e. Any injury or loss whatsoever suffered by me during the periods of independent travel (which I understand are unsupervised) or during any absence from the Program's activities, be they supervised or unsupervised.

2. I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the State of Hawai`i, the University of Hawai`i, and any of their agents, from any and all claims, costs, expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with any of the matters described in paragraph 1 above.

3. Health and Safety. I hereby grant, to the University of Hawai`i, Hawaii Community College and any of its agents, full authority to take whatever action they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety, and I fully release each of them from any liability for such decision or actions as may be taken in connection therewith. I authorize the University of Hawai`i and its agents, at their discretion, to place me, at my own (or parents'/guardians') expense, in a hospital within or outside the United States for medical services and treatment, or, if no hospital is readily available, to place me in the hands of a local medical doctor for treatment. If deemed necessary or desirable by the University of Hawai`i or its agents, I authorize them to transport me back to Hawai`i by commercial airline or otherwise at my own (or parents'/guardians') expense for medical treatment. In the event the University of Hawai`i or its agents advance or loan any money to me or incur special expenses on my behalf while I am abroad, I (and my parents) agree to make immediate repayment upon my return to Hawai`i.

4. Standards of Conduct. I will comply with the University of Hawai`i Student Conduct Code (www.hawaii.edu/student/conduct/) and LCC Study Abroad Program's rules, standards and instructions for student behavior. I hereby waive and release all claims against the University of Hawai`i, Hawaii Community College and its agents arising at the time when I am not under the direct supervision of the Program or its agents or arising out of my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards and instructions; and I agree to indemnify the University of Hawai`i, Hawaii Community College and its agents against any consequences thereof.

I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm the University`s relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by,
all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the Program.

I agree that the Program shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct, and that it may at any time terminate my participation in the Program for failure to maintain these standards or for any actions or conduct which the Program considers to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of the Program and the other students. If my participation is terminated, I consent to being sent back to Hawai‘i at my own (or parents'/guardians') expense with no refund of fees.

5. Alteration of Program. I understand and agree that the Program reserves the right to make cancellations, substitutions or changes in cases of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of each group. I understand and agree that if the performance of the conditions agreements stated in the Program brochure must be altered because of war, strikes, weather, government restrictions or cancellation of part or all of the Program as the University of Hawai‘i and Hawaii Community College, in its sole discretion, deems necessary, and that only those funds not actually used or committed will be refunded to me. The amount of any refund in each case shall be determined by the University of Hawai‘i at its sole discretion.

6. Visas. I understand and accept that it is my personal responsibility to obtain all visas and documents in order to enter all countries on the Program, and including personal travel to countries outside of the Program. Further, I shall hold the University of Hawai‘i and Hawaii Community College harmless in the case where I may not obtain the necessary documents for participation in the Program. I understand that the inability to obtain these visas and other documents does not constitute grounds for withdrawal with refund.

7. Refunds. I understand and agree that the provisions of this Agreement and Release, rather than the provisions of any other University of Hawai‘i publications, concerning cancellation penalties shall control refunds.

8. Miscellaneous. All references in this Agreement and Release to "the State of Hawai‘i," "the University of Hawai‘i," "Hawaii Community College," "the Program," and "its agents" shall include the State of Hawai‘i, the University of Hawai‘i, Hawaii Community College, the Program, and all of their employees, volunteers, and agents. All references herein to the "parents" of the applicant shall include legal guardian or other adult responsible for the applicant.

9. Duration. I understand and agree that this Agreement and Release apply to my entire enrollment in the Program including any extensions.

10. Model Release. I hereby release my interests in photographs taken of me during my participation in the Program for the purpose of publicity and advertisements, and acknowledge that no payment has been paid to me.

Agreement. I have read and agree to all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and Release and the Program brochure and understand that they constitute a part of my agreement with the University of Hawai‘i and Hawaii Community College.

Dated this _______ day of ________________, ________.
Month Year

Name of Applicant (Please print)    Signature of Applicant

Name of Witness (Please print)    Signature of Witness
Study Abroad Learning Assessment  
(pre-departure)

The purpose of assigning these questions is multifold. First and foremost is a chance for you to reflect on your study abroad experience (before, during, and after) and think about areas of growth as part of your study abroad experience. Second, it is a means for the college to gauge the importance of study abroad opportunities in individual student development. Lastly, feedback from these assessments will be used to improve future study abroad programs at Hawaii CC. Please answer all questions fully and honestly, and use this opportunity for reflection to help guide your own learning during this program.

Please rank yourself regarding the traits below (1 = not at all/lowest ranking, 5 = very/highest ranking):

1. Able to communicate orally in a language other than English: 1 2 3 4 5
2. Comfortable interacting with people from different cultural backgrounds: 1 2 3 4 5
3. Able to adjust to unfamiliar living conditions: 1 2 3 4 5
4. Knowledgeable of global politics and current events: 1 2 3 4 5
5. Feel connected to a “world community” larger than Hawaii or the United States: 1 2 3 4 5

6. List the three most important reasons that you decided to participate in this program abroad:
7. What do you expect to learn during your study abroad experience?

8. What are you most looking forward to?

9. What are you most nervous or concerned about?

10. List your three most important goals for this study abroad experience. Below each one write the steps or actions you will take to meet that goal.