Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund for Mathematical Sciences

Application Spring 2016
Scholarship Background

Carnegie Mellon University is proud to announce a new fund from Larry E. Jennings Jr. and Katherine Jennings to establish the Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund for Mathematical Sciences. The name and spirit behind the fund was drawn from the book, Brave Companions, written by Pittsburgh’s acclaimed writer, David McCollough. The stories included in the book are about forging ahead and finding success despite obstacles, naysayers and uncertainty.

Larry Jennings received his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and economics from the Mellon College of Science in 1984 and his master’s degree from the Tepper School of Business in 1987 where he concentrated in finance and strategy. Larry and Katherine have a strong sense of service and commitment to their community and have been active with, and supportive of, many community endeavors in Baltimore.

The fund is intended to complement the Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund, established in 2009, as an expanded opportunity for students who are majoring in mathematics to travel internationally. Through this gift, the donor acknowledges both the value of the undergraduate mathematics degree, which results from a versatile program that focuses on problem solving and rigorous thinking, and thereby prepares students for success in a wide range of careers; and the importance of experiences afforded by travel abroad.

Eligibility Requirements

• Undergraduate sophomore or junior
• Open to mathematics majors and students pursuing an additional major in mathematics
• U.S. citizen or permanent resident
• Full-time student status for two terms
• Baccalaureate degree in progress
• GPA of not less than 3.0
• Will return to Carnegie Mellon as a full time student in the fall semester following the summer abroad experience

Preference is given to students with ONE or more of the following:
• Students who have overcome obstacles such as socioeconomic or educational disadvantage or disabilities
• Students who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of groups that are historically underrepresented at the University, including African Americans, Native Americans or Hispanics
• Students who are the first generation in their family to attend college
• Students with demonstrated financial need
• Students who have not previously had a study or travel abroad experience
Brave Companions’ Core Components

• Abroad experience of at least 4 weeks (28 days or more) in the summer after sophomore or junior year.
• If a research project is completed, awardees present at the annual research symposium, Meeting of the Minds, May 2017.
• Awardees submit a detailed Experience Report by October 1 on CD (including pictures, reflections of the experience and descriptions), submitted to the URO, 531 Warner Hall to be shared with the donor and other students and faculty.
• Awardees participate in various events sponsored by the Office of International Education (OIE) and the Undergraduate Research Office (URO).
• Awardees sign a Letter of Agreement and submit it to the URO, 531 Warner Hall.

Application Deadline & Important Information

Deadline: Friday, March 11, 2016

You must submit all components of the application to Deb Brandon, Wean 6122, in order for your application to be considered. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Notification:
An email will be sent indicating the Committee’s decision to all applicants.

Please retain cover sheets (pages 1-2) for your reference. These do not need to be submitted with your application.
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Application Checklist:

☐ Completed Application

☐ Travel Abroad Programs: In consultation with Deb Brandon

☐ Personal Statement (see Page 7)

☐ Official Transcript (verify academic level)

☐ One Letter of Reference from a faculty member, advisor, or student affairs representative. The letter should be in a sealed and signed envelope.

☐ Financial Aid Information: Please include your financial aid letter from Carnegie Mellon; let us know if you are a Pell Grant recipient/Work Study eligible/ or receive other types of aid.

☐ This checklist

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

Name: ________________________________

Student ID #: __________________________

Telephone: ____________________________

University Email: ______________________

Secondary Email: _______________________

Current Address: _______________________

Permanent Address: _____________________

Permanent Phone: ______________________

School or College: ______________________

Current Major in Department: ____________

Cumulative QPA: _______________________

QPA in Major: __________________________

Expected Graduation Date: _______________
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Name:

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

Date of Birth:

Race/Ethnic Group (optional - mark all that apply)

- [ ] Black
- [ ] Caucasian
- [ ] American Indian
- [ ] Hispanic
- [ ] Asian/Pacific Islander
- [ ] Other

Do you identify as a GLBT Student? (optional)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Do you identify as a student with a disability? (optional)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Financial Information

Are you applying for other forms of Financial Aid or Scholarships?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If so, which ones?

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What scholarships have you applied for to go abroad (including campus programs like Tartans Abroad and off-campus programs, like NSEP Boren and Gilman)?

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Name:

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

What scholarships have you already been awarded for Summer and in what amount?

Have you ever studied abroad, traveled abroad or done a service learning project abroad?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If “Yes”, when, where, for how long and for what reasons?


Are you a first generation college student?

☐ Yes
☐ No

TRAVEL/STUDY ABROAD Programs

Choice ONE:

Location of Study/Travel Abroad Program

City
Country

Study/Travel Abroad Program Provider:

Type of Study/Travel Abroad Program:

☐ Academic
☐ Community Service
☐ Internship
☐ Intensive Language
☐ Research
☐ Other

Program start and end dates: ______ to ______

Date Deposit is DUE: ______
Date Payment is DUE: ______
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Name: 

Please enter all information completely and legibly by typing or printing in ink.

PLEASE DETAIL THE COSTS OF YOUR PROGRAM

FIRST CHOICE

Program tuition: $ ____________________________
Room: $ ____________________________
Board: $ ____________________________
Airfare: $ ____________________________
Books / Materials: $ ____________________________
Personal Expenses: $ ____________________________
Passport/visa: $ ____________________________
Other: $ ____________________________
TOTAL: $ ____________________________

Choice TWO (optional):

Location of Study/Travel Abroad Program

City ____________________________
Country ____________________________

Study/Travel Abroad Program Provider: ____________________________

Type of Study/Travel Abroad Program:

☐ Academic
☐ Community Service
☐ Internship
☐ Intensive Language
☐ Research
☐ Other

Program start and end dates: _______ _______ to _______ _______

Date Deposit is DUE _______ _______ _______
Date Payment is DUE _______ _______ _______
Jennings Family Brave Companions Fund Application  Name:

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PLEASE DETAIL THE COSTS OF YOUR PROGRAM

SECOND CHOICE

Program tuition: $ ____________________________
Room: $ ____________________________
Board: $ ____________________________
Airfare: $ ____________________________
Books / Materials: $ ____________________________
Personal Expenses: $ ____________________________
Passport/visa: $ ____________________________
Other: $ ____________________________
TOTAL: $ ____________________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

List any leadership activities, community service, global education training, etc. that you have completed (Feel free to include an attachment):

I agree to submit an Experience Report on a CD (includes photos, reflections on the experience and descriptions) to the URO by October 1st

☐ Yes
☐ No

The answers I have given on this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I confirm this, and I will adhere to all of the policies and requirements set forth by the program. This includes the release of all content included in my Experience Report.

(Signature of Applicant) (Date) ____________________________

(Applicant Name - Printed) ____________________________
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Please include a PERSONAL STATEMENT of up to 1000 words, describing who you are, what you have studied, what you hope to become, and why this program is important.