**THE BRASS LIFE AWARD**

The Brass LIFE (Leadership, Involvement, Foreign Experience) Award was established by Lorin and Mary Brass in 2007 with the Lorin and Mary Brass Endowment Fund. Selection is based on the LIFE criteria, including the student’s participation in campus leadership, involvement in activities (both on and off campus), and interest and desire to study abroad to obtain a foreign experience. The recipient will receive $5,000 per semester for up to three semesters. Funds for at least one semester must be used to study abroad through an approved program with South Dakota Mines, preferably with the student earning credit for their international experience.

![AJ Videckis 2016](image)

**HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

It’s never too early to begin planning for your study abroad experience. The Ivanhoe International Center is available to offer assistance in coordinating your time abroad. You must also work with your academic department to develop your plan of study.

Visit [http://www.sdsmt.edu/studyabroad/](http://www.sdsmt.edu/studyabroad/) or contact the Ivanhoe International Center at 394-6884 or for more information.

**PLACES TO GO**

There is no limit to where you can study abroad, and plans are usually made on a case-by-case basis. South Dakota Mines students have visited Turkey, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Ireland, Australia, Chile, Suriname, Finland, and Mongolia to name a few.

South Dakota Mines has a variety of options from direct exchanges to direct enrollment.

![Tyler Kleinsasser in the UAE. “Benefits: learning about culture, making new friends, standing out to employers, impact on future career and at South Dakota Mines”](image)

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Rising junior and senior students who meet the scholarship criteria must complete the Brass LIFE Award Scholarship Application, which can be found on Rocker Central at [https://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Study-Abroad/Resources/Brass-Life-Award/](https://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Study-Abroad/Resources/Brass-Life-Award/).

**Scholarship criteria:**
- Engineering and Science majors
- Rising junior or senior
- Cumulative South Dakota Mines GPA of at least 3.0
- First preference to U.S. citizens

The application requires research into available programs and a short essay. Students are encouraged to start the application process as early in the academic year as possible. Guidelines for the essay are included in the application.

Completed applications should be submitted through Rocker Central by the deadline and will be forwarded to the South Dakota Mines Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement.

The interview process will take place shortly after the scholarship application deadline date and recipient announced by the end of the fall semester.

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**ABOUT THE BRASS FAMILY**

**Past Recipients** | **Study Location**
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2007 Teneil Ryno | Norway
2008 Chris Dollarhide | Germany
2009 Clint Kling | Chile
2010 Jerry Farke | Denmark
2011 Rika Beck | Argentina
2012 Chance Costello | Turkey
2013 Becca Ceremuga | Dominican Republic
2014 Gina Rossi | Finland
2015 Michael Mansfield | Norway
2016 Anthony (AJ) Videckis | Switzerland
2017 Tyler Kleinsasser | UAE
2018 William Trevillyan | China
2019 Trevor Bormann | Spain
2020 Emelia Nelson | France
2021 Spencer Nelson | France

Lorin Brass, a native of Lennox, South Dakota, earned a bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering from the School of Mines in 1975. Upon graduation, Lorin worked for Shell Oil in a variety of engineering, business, and leadership positions both in the United States and internationally. After nearly 30 years of service, Lorin retired in 2005.

Mary Rausch Brass, a Rapid City native, graduated from the School of Mines with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering in 1977. After graduation, Mary began her professional career working for Brown and Root as a structural engineer, working in offshore structural design and software research and development. After the couple’s third child was born, Mary dedicated her time to the family, schools, and church.

The Brass family spent over eight years living in The Hague, Netherlands, an experience that provided them with a fresh perspective about our country and the world. The Brasses believe that students who are given the opportunity to study abroad will have equally insightful and life-changing experiences.

**LORIN & MARY BRASS LIFE AWARD**

$15,000 scholarship for South Dakota Mines students interested in education abroad

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