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 three semesters. Funds for at least one semester must be used to study abroad through an approved program with SD Mines, preferably with the student earning credit for their international experience.

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/ or contact the Ivanhoe International Center at 394-6884 or ivanhoe@sdsmt.edu for more information.

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 MinesLink at https://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Study-Abroad/Resources/Brass-Life-Award/.

Scholarship criteria:
• Engineering and Science majors
• Rising junior or senior
• Cumulative SD 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 MinesLink by the specified deadline and will be forwarded to the SDSM&T Foundation.

The interview process will take place shortly after the scholarship application deadline date, with the selected Brass LIFE Award recipient announced by the end of the fall semester.
PLACES TO GO

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

SD Mines has a variety of programs, including, but not limited to...

Direct exchange programs with:
- Universidad Catolica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, Columbia
- Novia University of Applied Sciences, Vaasa, Finland
- Aalen University of Applied Sciences, Aalen, Germany
- Technische Universitat Bergakademie Freiberg, Freiberg, Germany
- Technische Universitat Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany
- University College of Southeast Norway, Fredrikstad/Porsgrunn, Norway
- Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas, Lima, Peru
- Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey

European Project Semester (EPS) partner institutions:
- Novia University of Applied Sciences, Vaasa, Finland
- Fachhochschule Kiel in Kiel, Germany
- Oslo and Akershus University College, Oslo, Norway

ABOUT THE BRASS FAMILY

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.

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$15,000 scholarship for SD Mines students interested in studying abroad

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