As one of the initial signatories to the Institute of International Education’s Generation Study Abroad initiative, VCU commits to doubling the number of study abroad participants by the end of the decade. A university-wide collaboration is needed to inform and inspire students regarding the value of study abroad in their particular field and the numerous opportunities available. Generation Study Abroad Fellows (GSAF) champion the value of education abroad in their disciplines and beyond. They collaborate with the VCU Education Abroad office in an effort to increase study abroad enrollments in their units. Fellows are expected to assist in effectively promoting appropriate education abroad programs within their respective departments and schools/colleges through creative means which may include social media, contests and special events that increase students’ awareness of the added value of international experience for their careers and knowledge of suitable study abroad programs. Fellows advise students and colleagues on education abroad opportunities and work closely with the Education Abroad office to confirm student enrollment. Fellows will be expected to commit an average of 2 hours per week (30 hours/semester) to planning and implementing activities related to education abroad advising, promotion, and identifying/developing valuable education abroad programs for their students’ specific interests and needs.

a. **Eligibility:** Current VCU faculty and staff are eligible to serve as Generation Study Abroad Fellows. Preference is given to individuals with access to large numbers of students through an existing role in advising and/or teaching. Individuals with a proven track record and/or excellent potential in promoting or facilitating similar opportunities are given preference.

b. **Compensation:** The academic unit of a Generation Study Abroad Fellow will receive $3,000-5,000 for a one-year term during which the Fellow may request a course release or professional development activity.

c. **Award and Online Submission:** The award period will be 2016 Spring and Fall semesters. Individuals must be nominated by the dean of the respective school/college. Deans are asked to submit a Letter of Nomination to R. McKenna Brown at mbrown@vcu.edu no later than October 5, 2015. A maximum of two faculty nominations can be made per school/college. Interested faculty members are encouraged to contact their chair and dean to discuss this opportunity and request nomination. Nominated faculty will be notified by GEO and directed to an online application form that must be submitted by 5:00pm October 30th, 2015. Full instructions for the preparation of online application are provided in this document. The online application form goes live October 12, 2015.

d. **Required Online Application Components:**
   i. Cover Sheet – Submit title and contact information using online form.
ii. Abstract – (250 word max). Briefly describe the proposed strategies for promoting education abroad and identifying/developing valuable education abroad programs within one’s academic unit.

iii. Curriculum Vitae

iv. A statement of the candidate’s willingness to be nominated and interest in the Fellowship. Include the number of eligible students in the academic unit and the target number of students to study abroad.