CONVOCATORIA DE BECAS BCA PARA E.E.U.U.
(Curso 2011-2012)

BCA (Brethren Colleges Abroad) es un consorcio de universidades estadounidenses que desde 1972 mantiene un acuerdo de intercambio con la Universidad de Barcelona. Dicho consorcio está formado por: University of La Verne (California), McPherson College (Kansas), Manchester College (Indiana), Juniata College (Pensilvania), Elizabethtown College (Pensilvania) y Bridgewater College (Virginia).

BCA ofrece becas a los alumnos de la Universidad de Barcelona para cursar un año académico –nivel de licenciatura– en E.E.U.U. Tales becas incluyen:
- Matrícula gratuita, (35,000-40.000 dólares), en una de las universidades de BCA
En alguna de las universidades se proporcionan oportunidades para trabajar dentro del campus.

Los aspirantes a la beca BCA deberán de:
- Estar matriculados en la Universidad de Barcelona
- Entregar en el despacho del Centro de Estudios de BCA-Barcelona (en la dirección abajo indicada) o en la recepción de la Facultad de Geografía e Historia la siguiente documentación:

*Solicitud de la beca – puede recogerse en la oficina del Centro de Estudios de BCA-Barcelona.
*Fotocopia compulsada del expediente académico.
*Tres cartas de recomendación de profesores de la Universidad de Barcelona (traducidas al inglés).
*Ensayo redactado en inglés sobre: “What are your academic and personal motivations for wanting to study in the US through BCA?”
*Documentación de los resultados obtenidos en el examen TOEFL (para información sobre fechas de convocatoria del examen, dirigirse al Instituto de Estudios Norteamericanos de Barcelona, Vía Augusta, 123; Tel. 93 240 51 10).

Los solicitantes finalistas serán entrevistados por la Dra. Barbosa, Directora del Centro de Estudios de BCA-Barcelona. La entrevista se llevará a cabo en inglés.

El plazo de entrega de documentos es hasta el día 7 de febrero de 2011.

Para más información dirigirse a:

BCA
Facultad de Geografía e Historia (Oficina 2094)
Montalegre 6-8
Universidad de Barcelona
Barcelona-08001
Tel. 93 403 77 11
International Student
Application for Undergraduate
Study in the United States

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type. Submit the following: 1) an official copy of your transcript, 2) your personal statement, 3) a photograph of yourself, 4) a bank statement; and return the completed application to the BCA Director. Keep a copy of the completed application for your reference.
BCA institution: BARCELONA

APPLYING FOR:
☐ Fall only, 20___
☐ Spring only, 20___
☐ Academic year, 20___
☐ Spring & Fall 20___

NAME ___________________________ GENDER ☐ F ☐ M

Family name (Surname) First name (Given name)

Date of Birth (ddmmyy) Birthplace: City, Country Passport number Citizenship

ADDRESS TO SEND MAIL


PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different)


CURRENT TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE’S NAME

HIS OR HER OCCUPATION

PARENT OR SPOUSE’S TELEPHONE


PERMANENT TELEPHONE

FAX

PARENT’S ADDRESS (check if same as above) ☐

PARENT’S E-MAIL ADDRESS:

REFERENCES
List the names and addresses of three persons from whom you are requesting references:

NAME & TITLE

ADDRESS

1.


2.


3.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND
Collego/University __________________________ City __________________________
Major Field of Study __________________________ Minor Field __________________________

PLACEMENT AT US SCHOOLS
BCA reserves the right to place students at a school that offers courses in the student's academic discipline. Students seeking to study in the US through BCA will be assigned a destination school by BCA.

GENERAL HEALTH
Please name your health insurance provider __________________________________________
Describe unusual health conditions, if any: __________________________________________
Do you take any prescribed medication regularly? _______ If so, please list on separate sheet of paper.

STATEMENT OF INTERESTS AND GOALS
Please attach a personal statement of reasons for wanting to study in the United States, your present academic major and courses you hope to take, professional goals, and your personal interests and hobbies. Thank you.

CONDITIONS OF THE BCA TUITION GRANT
As a recipient of the BCA Grant, you receive a full tuition grant. It is your responsibility to pay for your personal expenses, and transportation. In addition, some of the colleges and universities may provide opportunity for employment on campus.

Your host university in the United States is legally required to secure a guarantee that you are financially capable for paying for your room, board, and books. Please attach a bank statement indicating you have sufficient funds to support study in the United States. This should be a minimum of $9,000.

BCA and your host institution take your safety and health seriously. Supplemental insurance for health and accidents is provided by BCA for specific injuries, hospital and doctor’s care, and death, but winter sports, pregnancy and pre-existing conditions are specifically excluded from coverage. However, it is recommended that you secure major medical insurance coverage for the period of time in the United States. You are required to enroll in the host campus insurance plan upon your arrival. Health services are available on or near the campus.

Students must maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA while in the US to keep their BCA tuition grant. Failure to do this may result in the student’s dismissal from the host school.

BCA REGULATIONS
BCA and your host institution wish to provide the best possible exchange experiences. In order to benefit fully from the academic and cultural opportunities, as well as enable the students, directors and host institutions to work together effectively, students are asked to follow the following conditions for program participation:

1. I will cooperate with host institution personnel, my academic advisor or resident director, and family or housing director.

2. I have read and understand the “BCA Regulations” and host institution regulations. I will follow all rules of the host institution and BCA; for example, no alcohol on U.S. BCA campuses, no smoking except in specifically authorized places or out of doors, no travel away from campus without notifying the proper authority and providing contact points in case of emergency. If in doubt, I understand it is my responsibility to check on rules and requirements.

3. I will not use or handle illegal drugs or abuse the use of alcohol. I understand that immediate dismissal from the program and college may be the result of unruly, drunken, or drug-related behavior.

4. I am responsible for all damages caused by my acts or negligence.

5. I will not hold BCA, the participating institutions, or their personnel responsible for injury or liable for damages, while I am a participant of the program.

Date of application: __________________________ Signature: __________________________
STUDENT STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please answer the following question in a one-page essay and submit it along with your application. Your essay must be typed.

What are your academic and personal motivations for wanting to study in the US through BCA?
It is important to be financially secure when studying abroad so that both the student and family can be assured that the student will not be in financial straits while studying in another country. With this in mind it is important that the student include a bank statement verifying that he/she has enough money to be able to study abroad for either a semester or a year.

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STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BCA PROGRAM

1.) Full tuition and fees are provided as scholarship by the host institution. The student does NOT pay tuition.
2.) The student PAYS for the host institution insurance.
3.) The student PAYS for ROOM & BOARD, TRAVEL, BOOKS, AND PERSONAL EXPENSES.
4.) Students are responsible for airfare to and from the United States.
5.) The student may NOT extend his/her stay beyond one year of exchange.

In order to avoid misunderstandings, we request that you show the above to any person(s) who may be financing you (not your awarding Authority). You should claim your grant as normal, informing your Authority of your intention to study abroad. We have a support letter if you need one, and some Local Authorities give additional grants for study abroad. Please sign the statement below.

________________________________________
I, ______________________________________ (BLOCK CAPITALS) have read and understood the financial conditions for my participation in the BCA program, and I agree to make the necessary payments at the appropriate times.

SIGNED

DATE
HOME SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT INTENT TO STUDY ABROAD

**Student:** In order for you to participate in the exchange program, BCA must have written confirmation from your school that supports your intent to study in the United States through this exchange. Please consult with the appropriate school official and have him or her complete the section below.

**Home school official:** A student may only participate in the BCA exchange program with the consent of his/her school. BCA requires that a school official complete the section below and send it to the following address:

**Dra. Carmen Barbosa-Torralbo**  
**BCA**  
**Facultad de Geografía e Historia**  
**Universidad de Barcelona**

Section to be completed by the school official-----------------------------------------------

The student ______________________ has informed me of his/her intent to participate in the BCA exchange program for study in the United States for the period ____________________________. Our school is aware of the student's intent to study in the United States and supports it.

Signature:_____________________________ Date:_____________________________

________________________________________  ____________________________
Name                                                  Phone Number

________________________________________  ____________________________
Title/Position                                         E-mail address

________________________________________
Address
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

As with any trip it is important to make sure that all preparations are taken care of prior to traveling to the United States. This checklist will help the student keep track of what needs to be done to complete the application for study abroad in the United States. It is also a good idea to briefly discuss the trip with the BCA-Barcelona Director to cover any questions or concerns the student may have.

- Application for Undergraduate Study in the United States.
- “Your Financial Obligations under the Terms of the BCA Program.”
- Academic References for Study in the United States (3).
- Documentation of Financial Solvency.
- Student “Statement of Purpose.”
- Barcelona Student Grade Report (Transcript).
- Home School Acknowledgement of Intent to Study Abroad
- Brief consultation with BCA-Barcelona Director.

FALL 2011 DEADLINE: If you want to study in the USA for fall 2011 or for the academic year 2011-2012, your application needs to be sent to BCA Headquarters in Pennsylvania, USA by MARCH 6, 2011.

Name

Date

Address

Phone Number

Term/Year