2017 Winter Break Opportunities for Undergraduates

The Office of Career Services has compiled these winter break opportunities from various centers and databases; however, this may not be an exhaustive list of what is available. Please be sure to contact any relevant centers and departments for additional resources and opportunities.

**Domestic:**

**Location:** Los Angeles, CA  
Harvardwood 101  
http://www.harvardwood.org/101  
**Deadline:** October 17, 2016  
**Dates:** Winter break  
**# of students:** 24-26  
**Cost:** $3,200 - $3,500  
**Funding:** Available through OCS  
**Description:** The Harvardwood 101 career exploration program brings two dozen current undergraduates to Los Angeles during the January term and provides a series of career-related activities in order to demystify Hollywood and educate them about careers in the entertainment industry.

**Location:** Various locations in Massachusetts  
OCS Arts and Museums Fellows Program  
http://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/wintersession under the Arts and Museums Fellows tab  
**Deadline:** October 24, 2016  
**Dates:** Winter break (3 weeks)  
**# of students:** 9  
**Funding:** OCS provided stipend, on-campus housing for local museum fellows  
**Description:** The program places Fellows in arts organizations and museums for a 3-week, full-time, project-based experience over the January break with, in some cases, the opportunity to continue into the spring semester. Applications are specific to each position.

**Location:** Various domestic locations  
OCS Winternships  
http://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/wintersession  
**Deadline:** October 17, 2016 and every following Monday until December  
**Dates:** Winter break  
**# of students:** Varies  
**Funding:** Available through OCS  
**Description:** A Winternship is essentially an externship, an unpaid domestic job-shadowing experience lasting anywhere from one to 15 days during the January winter break (January 2-20). Winternships allow students to observe and ask questions, provide participants with hands-on experience, educate students about an organization or industry, and facilitate networking and building relationships. Winternships are posted on Crimson Careers, and may be independently created by an employer or in conjunction with a Harvard affiliate (e.g. OCS, CPIC, Harvard Alumni Association). Log in to Crimson Careers and select “January Winternship / Experience” as the position type to search all postings.
International:

**Location:** East, South, and Southeast Asia

**Asia Center Research Grants for Undergraduate Students**
http://asiacenter.harvard.edu/grants/students/research

- **Deadline:** October 19, 2016
- **Dates:** Winter break
- **Description:** These grants support projects on topics that look at the countries of East, South, and Southeast Asia comparatively or explore the relations among Asian countries. Individual country topics may only be considered if they are part of broader, multi-country research or if they are relevant to one of the Asia Center’s ongoing research projects.

**Location:** Southeast Asia

**Asia Center Southeast Asia Grants for Undergraduate Students**
http://asiacenter.harvard.edu/grants/students/southeastasia

- **Deadline:** October 19, 2016
- **Dates:** Winter break
- **Description:** These grants support projects on topics that look at the countries of Southeast Asia either individually or comparatively and/or Southeast Asian language study. Please note that research and study must be done in Southeast Asia.

**Location:** Africa

**Center for African Studies J-Term Grants**
http://africa.harvard.edu/for-students/undergrad-students/undergrad-grants-fellowships/#J-Term

- **Deadline:** October 11, 2016
- **Dates:** Winter break
- **Description:** The Center for African Studies offers grants for research to be conducted during the January term, between fall and spring semesters. Grant awards are limited, and intended to cover otherwise unfunded costs of round-trip travel and modest accommodations.

**Location:** Arabian Peninsula

**Center for Middle Eastern Studies - Arabian Peninsula Research Travel Grants**
http://cmes.fas.harvard.edu/arabian-peninsula

- **Deadline:** October 21, 2016
- **Funding:** $3,000
- **Dates:** Winter break
- **Description:** The Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University announces two travel research grants per January Term and summer research in the amount of $3,000 for Harvard students engaging in research in the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Yemen, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman).

**Location:** Israel/Palestine

**Center for Middle Eastern Studies - Rosovsky Fellowship**
http://cmes.fas.harvard.edu/rosovsky

- **Deadline:** October 21, 2016
- **Funding:** $2,500 (average)
- **Dates:** Winter break
- **Description:** The Center for Middle Eastern Studies offers fellowships to a limited number of Harvard undergraduates for J-Term or summer research and/or field work in Israel. Awards are made to Harvard students undertaking projects directly related to their senior honors thesis.
Location: Cunda, Turkey

Center for Middle Eastern Studies – Winter Term Study Excursion: Cunda, Turkey
http://cmes.fas.harvard.edu/cunda

Deadline: October 21, 2016
# of Students: 9
Dates: January 1-20, 2017
Costs: $500 program fee, additional meals, personal costs

Funding: Accommodations, travel costs, two meals/day, reading materials

Description: The program’s three-week itinerary is centered on the island of Cunda, located on Turkey’s Aegean coast, with additional visits to Istanbul, Izmir, and Bergama (Pergamon). This trip is ideal for Harvard students with history or literature interests as we explore Aegean Turkey and Istanbul. Preference will be given to undergraduates and Masters students who concentrate in Near or Middle Eastern Studies.

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies January Programs Application 2017

Location: Chile

Healthcare and Education in Rural Chile
http://ro.drclas.harvard.edu/healthcare-and-education-in-rural-chile

Deadline: October 7, 2016
Cost: $2,200 (Accommodations, cultural excursions and some meals included. International airfare not included)
Dates: January 3-19, 2017
# of students: 15 (average)

Description: Students who participate in this innovative program will experience full linguistic, social, and cultural immersion by working alongside 150 Chilean university students from Universidad Mayor (U.M.) from various fields, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary, and education. Program activities include: workshops on healthcare and prevention given to the community, house visits to patients with limited access to healthcare, teaching English classes to elementary school students, and physiotherapy sessions, among others. Cultural and touristic excursions to surrounding areas are also scheduled.

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

January Winternships in Mexico
http://mcao.drclas.harvard.edu/pages/winternships-mexico

Deadline: October 7, 2016
Cost: $1,000 (Fee covers housing and group cultural activities in Mexico. Students are responsible for covering daily meals and airfare)
Dates: January 2-21, 2017
# of students: 20 (average)

Description: DRCLAS has partnered with several organizations in Mexico City to provide January internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in various fields. These internship programs serve as pre-professional experiences. Students should be prepared to work, mainly in Spanish, in an office-like atmosphere.

Location: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Mentoring and Language Acquisition in Brazil (MLAB)
http://brazil.drclas.harvard.edu/mlab

Deadline: September 18, 2016
Costs: International airfare, personal expenses
Dates: January 2017
# of students: Varies

Funding: Housing, local transportation, meals, cultural activities

Description: The Mentoring and Language Acquisition in Brazil (MLAB) Program aims to help reduce barriers for talented Brazilian youth with overwhelming potential and a strong desire to study in the world’s best universities. High-need, high-potential Brazilian students often lack sufficient English language skills and direct contact with role models who understand what it takes to make it to a place like Harvard. Harvard mentors will help Brazilian mentees improve their English while inspiring them to apply for college prep programs in Brazil and to top universities in the U.S.
**Location: Africa**

John C. and Katherine Vogelheim Hansen Research and Travel Fund for Africa

**Deadline:** December 6, 2016  
**# of students:** Varies  
**Dates:** Winter break  
**Funding:** Varies  
**Description:** The income of this fund will be used to provide financial assistance to Harvard students undertaking significant international experiences in Africa (includes a variety of activities conducted during summer, Winter session or term-time, such as research travel, language study, internships and service activities).

**Location: South Asia**

South Asia Institute Winter Session Funding for Undergraduates
http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/grant-opportunities/internship-grants/  
http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/language-grants/  
http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/research-grants/  

**Deadline:** October 15, 2016  
**# of students:** Varies  
**Dates:** Winter break, 3 week minimum  
**Funding:** $500-$1500 (varies)  
**Description:** SAI offers research, internship, and language study grants to Harvard graduate students and Harvard College undergraduate students (freshmen, sophomores, and juniors) to be used either during the winter session (J-Term) or over the summer. **Language grants** are awarded to students who choose to pursue an intensive study of a South Asian language. Students can choose to either study the language independently or through an institution. **Research grants** are awarded to students pursuing field research on specific topics that could contribute to a thesis or dissertation or if the applicant has done preliminary work on the topic. Individual independent research will be considered if the above requirements are fulfilled. **Internship grants** are awarded to students who choose to work with specific organizations on a project developed by either the organization or in collaboration with the internship-site. Students can either work with an organization of their choice or choose from the SAI partner organizations for internship opportunities.

**Location: May be used in any country outside of the United States**

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Juster Fellowships for Undergraduate Research & Travel  
http://wcfia.harvard.edu/funding/student/juster  

**Deadline:** October 15, 2016  
**# of students:** 4-6  
**Dates:** Winter break  
**Funding:** Varies  
**Description:** The Weatherhead Center is offering grants to support undergraduate field research or field experience in the areas of international relations, international trade and economic affairs, international development, international negotiation and dispute resolution, and global governance and affairs.