



Merit-Based Financial Award Application

CIMBA Italy Programs

CIMBA offers a limited number of merit-based awards to program participants. To be eligible for a merit-based award, a student must 1) have applied and been accepted to the CIMBA Program, 2) have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher, and 3) submit a letter of recommendation from a professor or teaching assistant explaining why you are a good candidate for a merit-based CIMBA award. **Semester students: The recommender for the merit-based financial award must be different then the recommender for your initial letter of recommendation when applying for the program.** Please note that if you are a UI student who is also applying for the UI Office for Study Abroad Merit-Based Award, you may use one of the same letters of recommendation submitted for it but please request that the referee submit a copy of the letter directly to the CIMBA Office. If both copies are sent to the Office for Study Abroad, there is no guarantee that it will be forwarded on to the CIMBA Office.

Applications must be submitted to the CIMBA Office by the following deadlines:

Fall Semester	May 1 st
Spring Semester	October 15 th
Summer Undergrad	March 1 st

Name: _____ University: _____

Fall Spring Summer Year _____

Please attach responses to the following:

1. Describe how you expect CIMBA and your time abroad to contribute to your academic and personal goals.
2. Explain why you believe you are a good candidate for a merit-based CIMBA award. This statement should deal with your personal history, family background, intellectual interests, educational achievements, cultural opportunities to which you have been exposed, and the ways in which these experiences have affected you. Include information about awards or recognition you have received, participation in extracurricular activities, and special interests and abilities.

Provide the name and address of the professor/teaching assistant you have asked to submit a letter of recommendation.

Name

Department

Campus Address

The CIMBA Office, The University of Iowa
108 Pappajohn Business Building, W230, Iowa City, IA 52242
Ph: 319-335-0920 Fax: 319-384-1937 Email: cuis-info@uiowa.edu



**Request for Letter of Recommendation
for the CIMBA Italy Program Merit-Based Financial Award**

To be completed by applicant: Name of Applicant: _____
_____ Name of Referee: _____
Application Deadline Department: _____

Under the provisions of United States federal law (Section 438 of Public Law 90-247 as amended), students are permitted access to certain educational records. Section 438 (a) (2) (B) provides that a student may waive the right to inspect confidential letters of recommendation. Many applicants have concluded that the effectiveness of recommendation letters may be enhanced by having it made clear that such letters are written in confidence. If you waive the right to inspect the letter requested by this form, please sign:

Applicants Signature: _____

To the referee:

On an attached sheet, please explain why you believe this student should be awarded a scholarship for study abroad. In addition, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. We would appreciate your candid appraisal of the applicant's academic and personal suitability for the CIMBA Italy Program and of the program to the applicant's academic program. Please send this form with your letter of reference to CIMBA Italy Program, University of Iowa, 108 Pappajohn Business Building, W230, Iowa City, IA 52242, by the deadline indicated above. Letters may also be emailed to cuis-info@uiowa.edu or faxed to 319-384-1937. Thank you!