

Jorge and Dorothy Marbán Endowed Study Abroad Award

The Jorge and Dorothy Marbán Endowed Study Abroad Award provides financial support to College of Charleston students, with a major/minor in a foreign language studying abroad in Spain or Italy in a language and immersion study abroad program. To be eligible, students must live with a host family where they can speak the foreign language and experience culture every day. Preference will be given to students participating in a College of Charleston Faculty-led study abroad program.

The late Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Dr. Jorge Marbón and his wife Dorothy both taught Spanish at the College of Charleston for more than 25 years. Jorge also taught Italian and was instrumental in starting the Italian Program. He was born in Havana, Cuba where his early education took place in a family that instilled in him his lifetime love of learning and scholarship.

Dottie majored in Spanish at Connecticut College, but never had the opportunity to study abroad. For more than 43 years they worked and traveled the world together, leading an active life full of fascinating adventures. This study abroad award celebrates their love of languages and travel and their desire to afford many generations of students this important and valuable experience.

Minimum Application Requirements

Personal Statement:

- Two pages, double-spaced
- Statement should explain the relevance and value of the study abroad program to the major/minor and overall academic experience at the College of Charleston.

Additional Requirements:

- Students must demonstrate financial need according as defined in the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs guidelines.
- 3.3 minimum GPA at the time of the scholarship application.
- A minimum of 15 completed undergraduate hours at the time of application.
- Two faculty letters of recommendation
- A written statement on your experience within six weeks after the end of the program