

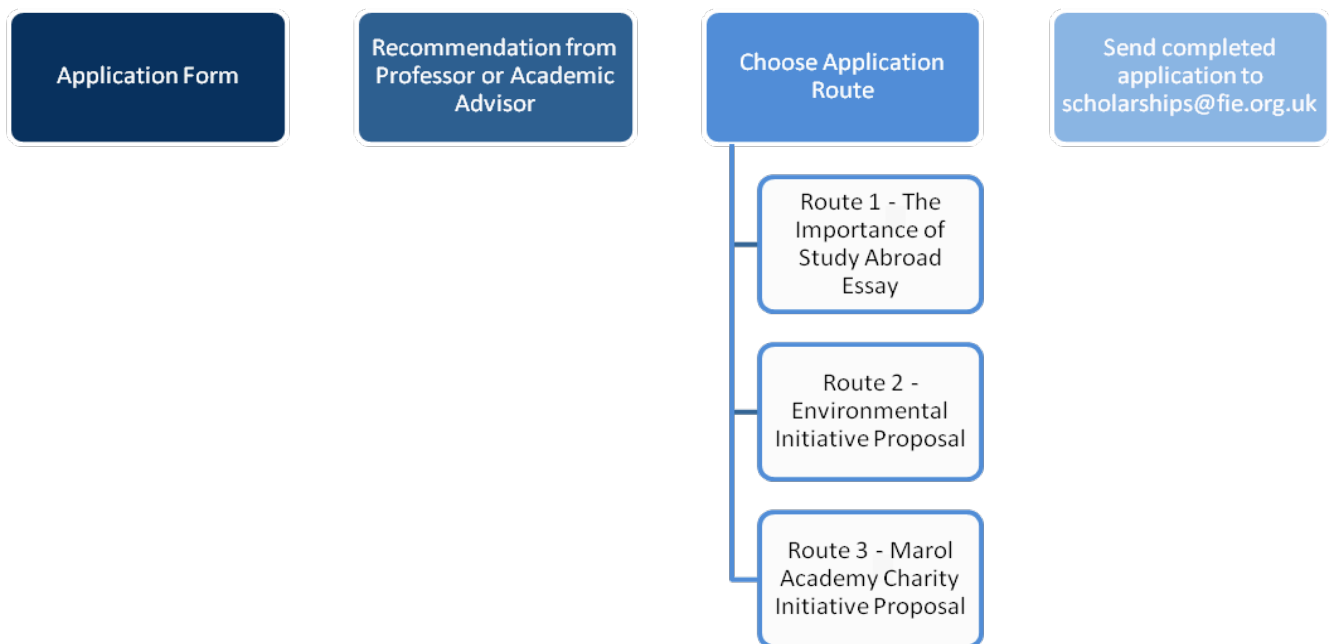
## Sharif Rahman Scholarship Guidance Document

The Sharif Rahman Scholarship is a unique way to enrich your study abroad programme with FIE, not only monetarily, but also by providing you with a platform to have a significant voice and active involvement in social values shared by your university and FIE.

Students have the choice between three routes of application, each offering a scholarship worth \$1000 as well as various additional benefits.

Please choose your route carefully and read the guidance document fully to ensure that your application is accurate.

The application process is broken down as follows:



### ➤ **Route 1 – The Importance of Study Abroad**

Application requirements: submission of application form, recommendation from professor or academic advisor, 2-page essay titled *'The Importance of Study Abroad'*.

During semester: As the student newsletter contributor, a Route 1 recipient will be required to submit an article for the FIE newsletter reflecting on study abroad programme near the end of the semester. Students will be given the opportunity to report/blog about the programme as it unfolds. Students will have access and authority to contribute to and manage the Sharif Rahman Scholarship Legacy\*.

This route lends itself to personal reflection and opinion. The candidate can explore both personal and broader perspectives.

## ➤ Route 2 – Environmental Responsibility

Application requirements: submission of application form, recommendation from professor or academic advisor, 2-page proposal titled *'How one student can make a difference'*.

During semester: Student will be given the full support of FIE's Sustainability Action Group to implement his/her proposal. Students will have access and authority to contribute to and manage the Sharif Rahman Scholarship Legacy\*.

This route will be attractive to those students who are environmentally aware in their day-to-day lives and who wish to have the human and fiscal support to carry out an initiative to change something for the better. A successful route 2 candidate will submit a proposal that is simple and realistic. We are looking for a student perspective that has the potential to reiterate and imbed [our environmental mission](#).

## ➤ Route 3 – Charity: The Marol Academy, South Sudan

Application requirements: submission of application form, recommendation from professor or academic advisor, 2-page proposal exploring either a student fund-raising or a consciousness-raising initiative for The Marol Academy, South Sudan.

During semester: Student will be given the full support of FIE's Marol Academy Workgroup (located in London) to implement his/her proposal. Students will have access and authority to contribute to and manage the Sharif Rahman Scholarship Legacy\*.

This route will be attractive to those students who would like to be involved in organizing a fund-raiser during their time at FIE, or a consciousness-raising campaign to benefit a charity that is building a school for children in South Sudan. A successful Route 3 application will be a realistic proposal that shows originality and an interest in education in the majority world. For more information on FIE's partnership with The Marol Academy see [information on FIE's website](#) as well as the [Marol Academy website](#).

## Your Study Abroad Experience as Student Leader

All recipients of the scholarship will be **FIE Student Leaders** during their semester. At the start of the semester you will meet with FIE staff, who will act as mentors during the semester, to set your goals. It is envisaged that the project(s) you set yourself reflect your application in some way, developing personal interests and aspirations. Your project(s) may be something you do independently, or as a team with other scholarship recipients during your semester. You will be given support and resources to assist with achieving your goals as Student Leaders, such as meeting with your mentors at FIE on a regular basis to receive assistance and guidance with your project(s), a small budget to use for your project(s), use of an fie email address to contact all students, etc. Previous projects Student Leaders have undertaken include:

- Facilitating a 'Jumble Sale' whereby last semester's students unwanted goods are collected, stored and re-sold to next semester's students with all profit going to charity.
- Designing and producing eco-postcards, branded with FIE to sell to students for charity
- Producing short videos for FIE's website
- Writing blogs
- Compiling a Sustainability Guide for future scholarship students

In addition to facilitating a project/projects during your semester you will also be given the opportunity to apply for funding to undertake personal development activities, such as workshops, lectures, conferences, etc. You will also be contacted by Hania AL Muhaisen Rahman the Chair of FIE and widow of FIE founder Sharif Rahman after whom the scholarship is named who will present you with an official letter of recommendation.

It is worth noting that the role of Student Leader is one that is designed to complement and enrich your study abroad experience, enabling you to develop valuable skills, access further opportunities related to your programme as a whole. It is not expected to dominate your semester, and FIE understand the importance of a work/life balance and work with you to ensure your project(s) is/ are achievable with this in mind.

## A Typical Scholarship Semester in London

**Welcome 'working' dinner** – Your FIE mentors will take you to dinner at the start of the term so that we can all get to know one another. At this dinner we will discuss your applications individually and set realistic, achievable goals for your semester with regard to your essay/proposal and the Sharif Rahman Legacy. You will be required to write a short summary of this meeting including your personal objectives for your tenure as FIE Student Leader.

**Development activities** – To nurture your enthusiasm for your individual routes chosen we will offer you the chance to experience during your programme some of the many related events London has to offer – i.e. seminars, workgroups, speakers, conferences, etc. Ongoing throughout the semester.

**Committee Guest** – We will invite you to guest as Student Representative on one of our work committees and attend one (or more if you choose) meeting. Staff on these committees will also be in your wider network of support for you and your personal development throughout your semester.

**Mid-semester review** – We will have a formal meeting with you half way through the semester to chart your progress in achieving your goals, and gauge the level of development and assistance you feel you are receiving.

**Formal dinner + presentation with Hania AL Muhaisen Rahman** – You will receive a dinner invite with the Chair of FIE and widow of Sharif Rahman, founder of FIE. Letters of recommendation will be presented.

**End of semester review** – This is the final review of your goals and experience as a scholarship recipient. You will be expected to write a brief summary of your tenure as Student Leader to serve as information, guidance and dissemination of information for future FIE Student Leaders.

## A Typical Scholarship Semester in Dublin

**Welcome 'working' dinner** – Genevieve Judson-Jourdain will take you to dinner at the start of the term so that all scholarship students can get to know one another. At this dinner your applications and ideas for realistic, achievable goals for your semester with regard to your essay/proposal and the Sharif Rahman Legacy will be discussed. Project ideas and the scope of the project will then be discussed. You will then be required to write a short project proposal with an associated budget. You will also be asked to include your personal objectives throughout your tenure as FIE Student Leader.

**Individual/Team Meetings**—After the group dinner, you will have an individual or team meeting with Genevieve (dependent on whether your proposal included an individual or team effort) where your proposal and budget will be confirmed. During this meeting action deadlines for your project and subsequent meeting dates will be set.

**Development activities** – To nurture your enthusiasm for your individual routes chosen we will offer you the chance to experience some of the many related ongoing events throughout the semester that Dublin has to offer – i.e. seminars, workgroups, speakers, conferences, etc.

**Mid-semester review** – We will have a formal meeting with you half way through the semester to chart your progress in achieving your goals, and gauge the level of development and assistance you feel you are receiving.

**End of semester review** – This is the final review of your goals and experience as a scholarship recipient. You will be expected to write a brief summary of your tenure as a Student Leader to serve as information and guidance for future FIE Student Leaders.

## **A Typical Scholarship Semester in Madrid**

**Welcome ‘working’ dinner** – Susan Parada will take you to dinner at the start of the term so that all scholarship students can get to know one another. At this dinner your applications and ideas for realistic, achievable goals for your semester with regard to your essay/proposal and the Sharif Rahman Legacy will be discussed. Project ideas and the scope of the project will then be discussed. You will then be required to write a short project proposal with an associated budget. You will also be asked to include your personal objectives throughout your tenure as FIE Student Leader.

**Visit UEM’s Social Responsibility Centre**– During the orientation programme you will meet with the staff and learn about the social justice and environmental responsibility activities at UEM. Here you will find many resources and support to carry out your project.

**Individual/Team Meetings**—After the group dinner, you will have an individual or team meeting with Susan (dependent on whether your proposal included an individual or team effort) where your proposal and budget will be confirmed. During this meeting action deadlines for your project and subsequent meeting dates will be set.

**Development activities** – To nurture your enthusiasm for your individual routes chosen we will offer you the chance to experience some of the many related ongoing events throughout the semester that Madrid and UEM, Universidad Europea de Madrid, has to offer – i.e. seminars, workgroups, speakers, conferences, etc.

**Mid-semester review** – We will have a formal meeting with you half way through the semester to chart your progress in achieving your goals, and gauge the level of development and assistance you feel you are receiving.

**End of semester review** – This is the final review of your goals and experience as a scholarship recipient. You will be expected to write a brief summary of your tenure as a Student Leader to serve as information and guidance for future FIE Student Leaders.

### ***\*The Sharif Rahman Scholarship Legacy***

*Sharif Rahman Scholarship Recipients are chosen not for academic aptitude, but for an energy that extends beyond the study experience and contains a willingness to undertake the whole study abroad experience as fully as possible. FIE wishes to nurture and encourage this enthusiasm and immersion in the host culture and wishes to foster a community of like-minded students.*

*With this in mind we would like our recipients each term to have access to open communication of their experiences, ideas and initiatives with past and future scholarship students in order to create a sustainability of ideas and impacts made. This will be wholly student controlled and each recipient can decide in which format they would like to create and build the legacy in order that individual ideas and contributions are continued and remembered long after the recipients FIE programme has ended.*

*The Sharif Rahman Scholarship Legacy will be student led, and supported wholly by FIE.*