Short-term Special Scholarship
Second quarter, 2013

Program dates:
03/18/13 to 05/26/13 (10 weeks)

Application Deadline:
Friday, November 30th, 2012; at 5pm ET.
(All documents must be received by this date)

Selection Announcement:
Friday, December 7th, 2012; by 5pm ET.
(Stratford University announces the names of the 5 students that have been admitted)

The scholarship is for the amount of $3,690 which includes tuition and the books needed for the **two graduate courses** that the student will take at Stratford University.

It is the students' responsibility to cover the following expenses:
- Visa application and other fees linked to the visa and travel
- Airfare from home country to Stratford University location
- Housing expenses
- Mandatory health insurance
- Local transportation expenses
- Meals
- Any expense other than tuition and the books needed for the courses, during their travels and stay in the United States.

Housing arrangements must be made directly by the student. Stratford University has partnered with Collegiate Housing Services (CHS) to offer comfortable and affordable dormitory-style apartments near the campus.
The typical housing configuration is a furnished, two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment shared by up to four Stratford students of the same gender. In most cases, two students will share a bedroom. Housing expenses can be between $650 and $800 per month (includes utilities). Other higher-cost housing configurations may be available upon request.
http://www.stratford.edu/housing

Other living expenses (food, local transportation) are estimated to be around $500/month

The health insurance must be purchased directly by the student, through a Stratford University provider. The cost of the basic insurance plan is approximately $250 for the entire 10 week program. Please refer to the attached health insurance brochure for more information on the coverage and claims.

Courses will take place at Stratford University's Falls Church campus in Virginia. Located 45 minutes west of Washington D.C.
http://www.stratford.edu/falls-church-campus

Students will be asked to select 3 courses of interest (from the course options listed below). The courses will be listed in order of preference and submitted with the Application Form. The student will be enrolled in the 2 courses of primary interest, according to availability. Availability of courses is subject to change without prior notice, in which case the student will meet with the International Student Advisor to select other available course(s).

List of Course options:

Graduate Course Options available for students pursuing a business related undergraduate degree:
EBM502 Research Methods
EBM680 Project Management
EBM504 Organizational Behavior
EBM552 Internet Marketing Strategies
EBM580 Managerial Marketing and Market Research
EBM650 International Marketing Management
EBM560 Managerial Accounting
EBM558 Corporate Finance
EBM610 Financial Management
EBM565 Advanced Auditing

Graduate Course Options available for students pursuing a computer science related undergraduate degree:
ISM500 Information Systems in Organizations
ISM520 Information System Evaluation
ISM530 Decision Systems technology
SOF510 Data Structures and Algorithms
SOF552 ASP.NET/C# Programming
SOF553 Java Programming
SOF570 Network Security
SOF580 Database Security

SOF640 Secure Electronic Commerce
SOF675 Wireless Security
SOF535 Information Technology and Corporate Transformation

Example:

1st preference: _____
2nd preference: _____
3rd preference: _____

Application requirements:

Applicants must be currently enrolled as full time students, and pursuing a bachelor's degree in:
      a <u>Business</u> related field (business administration, finance, economics, others), or
      a <u>Computer Science</u> related field (Telecommunications, Information Systems, Information Technology, others).

Advanced oral communication skills will be verified via Skype video call by Stratford University
      TOEFL/IELTS minimum requirements are waived for this program.

Applicants must be senior students (enrolled in the last year of the program of study).
      GMAT/GRE minimum requirements are waived for this program.
      GPA minimum requirements are waived for this program.

Documents required:

1) Letter from registrar, dean, or academic coordinator certifying the student is:
   - Currently enrolled full time.
   - Pursuing a bachelor's degree in a business or computer science related field as described above (in application requirements).

2) Letter of Recommendation from the dean or academic coordinator indicating why the student was selected as a candidate for the Stratford University short-term special scholarship (merits, achievements, academic record or others).

3) Statement of Purpose letter from student (written by the student).

4) Evidence of financial support of at least $2,300
   o Bank statements or other official bank document
   o Affidavit of Support letter from a 3rd party (if financial support is provided by a 3rd party)

5) Passport copy, valid until at least 6 months after the program start date.

6) Resume or Curriculum Vitae

7) Copy of past or current visas to the United States

8) Copy of past or current I-20 and/or DS-2019 documents, if the student has participated in or applied for an F-1 or J-1 visa.

9) Completed Application Form

- *Documents can be scanned and sent via email (hardcopies are not required unless otherwise instructed by Stratford University).*
- *All documents must be sent from ESPOL and not by the students individually.*
- *Stratford University reserves the right to request additional documents*