
In the late 1930s, just before Europe engaged in World War II, Henry J. and Erna D. Leir escaped persecution in Germany and found refuge in The Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg. Mr. Leir became a highly successful industrialist, and both Mr. and Mrs. Leir remained grateful to Luxembourg. Mr. Leir asked Clark to create a program that would deepen ties to the Grand Duchy and introduce our students to the country that provided them with safe haven. The Leir Luxembourg Program at Clark University continues to fulfill that request. As part of our offerings, we run The May Term in Luxembourg, a short-term study abroad program linking class time with practical experiences through field trips in the Grand Duchy and countries nearby, like Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and Germany.

As part of Clark University, The Leir Luxembourg Program echoes the University’s commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive academic community. To this end, The Leir Excellence Through Diversity Scholarships recognize the academic achievement of students from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, first-generation college students, students from low income families, and students with a history of overcoming adversity. Students who work to create inclusive spaces on campus through cocurricular activities and community service will also be considered for this scholarship. In 2019, we will award up to six Henry J. and Erna D. Leir May Term Excellence Through Diversity Scholarships, in the amount of $750 each.

In order to apply for an Excellence Through Diversity Scholarship, you must:

- be in good academic and social standing
- submit a statement (maximum one page) stating your reasons for competing for an Excellence Through Diversity Scholarship
- be accepted to and participate fully in The May Term Program.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leir, every student accepted to the May Term is subsidized by The Leir Charitable Foundations. As a result of this subsidy, instead of the projected actual program costs of approximately $6,700 all students pay only $4,900, approximately a 27% reduction in program costs. The May Term includes lodging, all meals (Monday-Friday), field trip expenses, and credit for one academic unit. Please note that airfare is NOT included. Students have to make their own airfare arrangements to Luxembourg. In addition, students on need-based financial aid at Clark receive an additional, individually calculated, discounted program fee from The Leir Luxembourg Program. Students may also be eligible for a Global Citizen and/or a Merit Scholarship. Please see other flyers for more details.

Please note that IRS regulations require you to declare the total value of your award and that the award can influence Clark’s financial aid calculations, if applicable.

As part of the regular application process you must submit:

- An unofficial academic transcript, and
- an essay (1-2 pages, typewritten), which should include the following:
  o your reasons and goals for participating in the May Term in Luxembourg Program
  o the May Term application form (part of the May Term brochure)

The deadline for The May Term 2019 applications, need-based financial aid and all scholarship considerations is

**WEDNESDAY, January 30, 2019**

Applications can be sent to Lauren Cyr at LCyr@clarku.edu or submitted personally at the Luxembourg Office. Applicants will be notified latest by approximately February 13, 2019 of acceptance to the program and, at the same time, of any financial aid and scholarships awarded.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Cyr in the Luxembourg Office in Geography Building, First Floor (Main Street Entrance), at luxembourgprograms@clarku.edu.