

May 11, 1965

To Members of the Class of 1968:

The 5-Year Experimental B.A.

Through a generous grant to Yale, the Carnegie Corporation has made possible a program which will enable up to twelve members of the Class of 1968 to interrupt the formal course of their education after the completion of sophomore year and to spend the following year abroad in a developing country or in a contrasting culture. Since the activity of this year abroad is not to include enrollment or course work in a foreign university, no academic credit will be granted, and participants in the program will obtain their Yale B.A. degrees after they return to complete their junior and senior years at the University. Upon their return these students will take up a special curriculum composed of three elected courses and two tutorials in each of the final years. The six courses (or their equivalent) and four tutorials will be planned by the students with guidance and after consultation, as a coordinated program, building in part upon the experience and insight gained by the year abroad. It is an expectation, although not a requirement, that those pursuing this program would not be planning graduate work for an advanced or professional degree. With this in mind the University offers a chance to return as a special student any time during the ten years following graduation.

Final selection of students for the program will not be made until the autumn of 1965, but in any case not later than the end of the first semester of sophomore year. Criteria for selection will not be solely academic: much will depend upon the kind of activity which the student proposes to undertake during his year, the initiative he has shown in framing a practicable proposal which allows him a kind of experience different from that obtainable at Yale, his competence (in such matters as language) to do what he proposes, and his willingness to anticipate his year abroad by seeking advice on the cultural environment to which he hopes to go.

The program provides an opportunity for those students who seek to combine their academic work at Yale with direct, tangible experience of a foreign culture in a way which tests their own powers of observation, empathy, initiative and perseverance. The range of activities which may be considered is very

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wide and includes affiliation with existing enterprises and programs as well as arrangements which are highly individual. Those who seek information about some of the activities which are possible are welcome to discuss them with me at my office (329 W.L. Harkness). The best proposals are likely to grow from interests already established, from skills or avocations actively pursued, or from kinds of enquiry begun in the classroom. Students who have already spent some time in developing countries, as exchange students or in summer projects, will not be excluded from applying, but they will have to indicate how their proposals differ from and add to the experiences they have already enjoyed.

The grant of the Carnegie Corporation makes possible the payment of the round-trip transportation costs of each student in the program to and from the country or region where he spends his year. Beyond these basic transportation costs, it is hoped that each student can be self-financing, either through a job which gives him subsistence (e.g. room and board) or through contributions by his parents or other benefactors. Where a student is on scholarship, the program may be able to absorb an equitable share - to be worked out in each case - of the costs of the year, but it is not contemplated that the program will ever provide the full costs of the year away. In the rare instances where special training (e.g. in language) seems desirable and cannot be obtained by adjustments in the student's regular curriculum, the program may be able to contribute to the unusual costs incurred.

Students who are interested in the program could materially assist me in keeping them informed if they would fill in the attached form and give it to their College Dean before the end of examinations. The form is meant as an indication of interest; it is not a formal application and it does not constitute a commitment. But it is intended to stimulate those interested to think about the very great opportunities now open to them and to seek advice from members of the University and from others as to the best kind of preparation they can give themselves.

Should there be further questions concerning the experimental 5-year program, I hope you will put them to me.

Prosser Gifford
329 W. L. Harkness
787-3131 ext. 2114

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Name:

College:

Proposed major at present:

Possible activity abroad:

In what country or geographical region:

Language competence:

Other skills (e.g. musical, electrical, athletic, business, etc.):

Comments:

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YALE UNIVERSITY
Experimental Five Year B.A. Program

1311 Davenport College
New Haven, Connecticut

APPLICATION FORM

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Passport-size Photo

Name (first) (middle) (last)

College Address

Telephone

Permanent Address

Telephone

Parents' Names

Parents' Address

Parents' Occupations

Your Age Birthplace Birthdate
(city) (state)

Religion (optional)

Condition of Health (list any physical disabilities, past illnesses and physical or mental problems)

Education (list all secondary schools attended, and dates)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Academic Preparation (which you feel is pertinent to your proposed program abroad) and Proposed Field(s) of Concentration Upon Return

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Technical Ability (list ability to operate equipment or machinery, etc.)

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Travel (list countries visited and time spent there)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Language (circle one): (speaking ability) fluent good fair poor none

..... (writing ability) fluent good fair poor none

..... (speaking ability) fluent good fair poor none

..... (writing ability) fluent good fair poor none

Other fluent good fair poor none

Special Interests or Hobbies (athletic, artistic, etc.)

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Military

Current Draft Status

Selective Service Number

Address of Local Board

Employers

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Duties</i>	<i>Name of Immediate Supervisor</i>	<i>Company Address</i>
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3.

Organizational Experience (list organizations to which you have belonged in high school or college, and positions held, if any)

1.

2.

3.

References (please list four persons not related to you who know you well)

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Address</i>
1.
2.
3.
4.

Date Signature

Applications Must Be Accompanied By:

1. Two copies of a statement, approximately three double-spaced pages in length, outlining what you propose to do during the year abroad, where you propose to do it, whom you have consulted in planning it, and what special training (if any) you require to complete it.
2. A confidential autobiographical essay (see separate letter of instructions).
3. A completed medical form from the Department of University Health.
4. Two recent passport size photographs.

Please return *two copies* of this form to: 1311 Davenport College