

Detailed course information for SP.719

SP.719 is being offered for students interested in applying for funding to continue SP.784 or other service projects abroad during the summer, IAP, or after graduation. The aim of the seminar is to guide students through the funding application process. Lectures will focus on elements of a good project, finding sources of funding, how to construct a project, and how to write a successful proposal. Representatives from the MIT's major funders of this type of work will present in class. As a requirement of the seminar, each student will write a proposal and have it reviewed by the MIT Public Service Center staff.

Syllabus

Lecture: SP.719 classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm.

Class schedule:

Date	Speaker	Topic
Feb 3	Amos Winter	Introduction to travel abroad options as part of regular class (no night session)
Feb 11	Sally Susnowitz (PSC Director)	Discussion about elements of a good proposal. What should be included, how information should be presented, etc. This is meant to be a broad overview of how one writes a good proposal.
Feb 18	Alison Hynd (PSC Fellowship Director)	Discussion about the PSC fellowship process and what makes a good PSC project. Tish Scolnik will also talk about her projects. She and Alison will go over why her projects were successful.
Weeks of Feb 17, Feb 25	Project consultations	Students meet with the PSC staff to discuss project ideas, get feedback, and begin writing the proposal.
Feb 25	Melissa Martin-Greene (UROP Program)	Discussion about UROPs and IROPs on international development, and elements of a good UROP project.
Mar 4	Kim Benard (Distinguished Fellowships Office)	Discussion about prestigious fellowships (like Fulbright) to fund international work. Details about the application process, deadlines, etc. for such fellowships.
Week of March 9	Proposal review	Students meet with PSC staff (or applicable other funding source staff) to review their proposals and get feedback. The meetings need to occur sometime this week.
Week of March 16	Proposal completion	Students revise their proposals this week and submit them before spring break and the PSC deadline – March 20.