

FSUIP VIDEO CONTEST

Do you love video creation? Enter our Summer 2026 Video Contest for a chance to win \$100! We want to see your study abroad adventures – everything from classes around the city to bucket-list program excursions!

If you need inspiration, check out our [YouTube channel](#) to see the types of videos we're looking for.

Learn more about the rules, criteria, & prizes below.

ELIGIBILITY, RULES, AND REQUIREMENTS

- All students who study abroad with FSU IP during the Spring 2026 term are eligible to participate.
- International Programs employees are not eligible to win.
- Videos must be under three minutes long (around two minutes is ideal).
- By submitting, you agree to allow International Programs to use your video for promotional purposes. International Programs reserves the right to use all or part of your video for marketing purposes. International Programs also reserves the right to edit the video in any way.
- International Programs reserves the right to disqualify submissions that use copyrighted content or are inappropriate or offensive.
- Only one submission allowed per person. Entries are final when received.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Video is filmed in landscape mode (horizontally) as if it were a movie.
- Video demonstrates respectful engagement in the community and global awareness.
- Video demonstrates using the city as the classroom.
- Video shows culture, historic sites, FSU study center or housing/classroom facilities, other students (bonus points if students are wearing FSU clothing)
- Video is appropriate (no excessive alcohol/partying; family members would think it is appropriate).
- Video quality is good (flows smoothly, camera steady, shots are in focus).
- Video music quality is good (goes well with video content, not distracting, not copyrighted – can use <https://www.free-stock-music.com/> or <https://www.bensound.com> for example).
- Video is engaging (keeps interest, visually captivating, makes viewer want to study abroad in the location, etc.).

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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE

- Submissions must be entered to IP-Media@fsu.edu by 5.00pm Eastern time on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**.
- Videos must be submitted as .mp4 or .mov files. Do not submit a link to a YouTube video. You can use [FSU's Dropbox service, NiFTy.](#) to drop off the files if needed.

PRIZE

- A panel of International Programs staff members will judge video submissions based on the criteria outlined above.
- The \$100 prize will go to the winner.
- The winner will receive their prize in the form of a check from Florida State University International Programs.

TIPS FOR GREAT VIDEOS

- Clean your lens before filming (phone cameras get especially dirty with fingerprints – simply wipe them gently off before taking a photo or video).
- Don't apply over-the-top filters that distract from the video itself.
- If you are layering music on top of audio, make sure the audio can be heard clearly.
- Avoid adding lots of text over the video clips.
- Keep your camera or phone on you – you never know when the perfect moment will arise!