

Two \$5000 Travel Scholarships for Women in 2020

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The Women's Travel Club (WTC) is an organization that five Boston women established in 1934 "to promote intelligent travel and exploration by women" and "to provide help to other women travelers." Today, the WTC has nearly 70 members in the Greater Boston area. Every other year the Club awards Travel Scholarships to two women for whom travel is critical for their interests and professional goals. The Club will award two Travel Scholarships in May 2020. Each Scholarship will be \$5000.

Eligibility

The Club selects candidates on the basis of the compelling nature of their projects in all the arts and sciences. There are no restrictions with regard to the destination or the age of the applicant. Recent Travel Scholars have included a violinist intending to travel to Russia to study Tuvan music, a PhD candidate traveling to Chili to study the efficacy of recently enacted legislation protecting domestic workers and a nurse-midwife creating monitoring and evaluation practices for midwives in Lesotho.

Applications

Applications for a 2020 Travel Scholarship should be sent to the WTC travel Scholarship Committee Chair, Denise Bienfang, via email. <denbien@aol.com> There is no formal application form. Instead, each applicant should submit the following:

- A one-page proposal that includes a budget and, if it larger than \$5000, proof of additional funding.
- A one-page account of personal background and travel interest. Exhibits may be included.
- Two supporting letters, emailed directly to the Committee Chair, Denise Bienfang <denbien@aol.com>
- Finalists must appear in person for a personal interview with the Committee in March 2020.

All materials must be received no later than February 15, 2020. The Committee will review all applications. In March, it will interview the finalists and make its decisions. The two Scholars selected will meet WTC members at the Club's meeting, May 13, 2020. Also, each Scholar will be required to sign an agreement to give a brief presentation about her completed project at a WTC meeting in May 2021.

All Women's Travel Club records, including records of the Travel Scholars, ultimately reside in the archives of the Schlesinger Library at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.

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