BACKGROUND:

We are pleased to announce the availability of research/creative projects grants from the Jeanie Anderson Memorial Fund for undergraduate EAP participants in year-long programs. The fund was established to remember Jeanie Anderson by providing grants to students studying abroad. Jeanie was a UCSB student of Political Science, who was selected along with her three roommates to participate in EAP in 1972. After arriving in Bordeaux France, she traveled to the north of Spain where she tragically drowned.

The Anderson Family has long had an interest in international education. Among her six siblings, Jeanie had a sister who was an EAP Madrid participant (1967), a brother who attended the University of Pau in France and received a PhD from the University of Bristol in England, another brother who served in the Peace Corps in Zaire (Congo) and she also had a niece who completed the General Course at the London School of Economics. The Anderson Family, along with friends, EAP staff, faculty, alumni and fellow students, and many others, established the Jeanie Anderson Memorial Fund. Since 1973, the fund has awarded over 100 grants to UCSB EAP students.

THE GRANT PROPOSAL:

Grant proposals are encouraged for extracurricular projects which will enrich students’ experience of study abroad. It is anticipated that grants will provide the resources to pursue learning beyond the classroom and/or allow a student to establish unique relationships abroad to expand his or her learning experience. Many of a student’s personal goals and dreams for international study can be translated into a grant proposal. Some past projects have included “Acoustic Map: Sounds of Germany,” “Comparing Recycling Programs across Western Europe,” “Invasive Plant Species on the Island of Fernando de Noronha, Brazil,” “Flamenco Music Project,” and “Images from the Egyptian Revolution.”

GUIDELINES:

~All undergraduate UCSB EAP participants in year-long programs are eligible to apply; preference is given to students who will return to UCSB after the term abroad and are willing to assist the new outbound EAP students.

~All applicants must submit a one-page grant proposal with details about how they plan to complete their project and what format the final project will take (written report with photos, PowerPoint presentation, art or music project, other?), and the application form; students are asked to provide a detailed, realistic budget for their proposals. If you plan to go to another country or countries where you do not know the language, please explain how you plan to communicate, conduct research, etc.

The Committee is aware that most undergraduates have never applied for nor received a research grant. For this reason, the focus is on a clear and direct statement of purpose, limited to a single page. Possible grant requests could include books, art supplies, computer
programs, travel to the location where the project will be undertaken, registration for a conference, museum or library fees, tickets to an artistic performance, etc., related to the project. NOTE: These research projects cannot be substituted for required coursework, and travel must be done during approved breaks.

~In the past, grants have been awarded for $500 to $1000.

~Basic living expenses and UC Registration and Tuition fees are NOT allowable expenses for this request.

~Students who receive grants will be required to submit a progress report while abroad and a final report upon the completion of their project describing what they have accomplished. Students who fail to complete the project for any reason may be required to return all or a portion of the grant.