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Dear Applicant:

Sabaydii! Thank you for your interest in the *Summer Study Abroad in Laos* (SAIL) program. The Center for Lao Studies (CLS) is offering this unique opportunity for participants to learn Lao and to experience firsthand one of the most ethnically diverse and fascinating countries in Southeast Asia. Join us as we become immersed in Lao society through intensive Lao language lessons, hands-on cultural trainings, and volunteer work with local institutions.

Enclosed you will find a full application for the program. To be considered, applicants must fill out all the required information. **Applications, along with a \$100 application fee must be postmarked by April 16, 2018.** Please note that once you have been accepted, we ask for confirmation of your commitment within one week.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and share our knowledge of this intriguing country. Please do not hesitate to contact CLS with any questions throughout the application process.

Sincerely,

Vinya Sysamouth, Ph.D.
CLS Executive Director





APPLICATION & PRE-DEPARTURE SCHEDULE 2018

The following is a timetable of deadlines and orientations that will take place from April to July 2017.

April 16	Deadline for applications. Application materials and a \$100 fee must be postmarked by April 16, 2018. Applicants will be notified within two working days that their application has been received. If you do not hear from a CLS representative within that time frame, please contact the office. Interviews will be arranged after the application deadline.
April 30	Applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision regarding program acceptance. Applicants who are offered to participate in the program must confirm their acceptance within one week.
May 7	First payment of \$800 due.
May 21	Final payment of \$2,060 due.
June 4–8	Phone orientation with CLS staff member regarding pre-departure preparations (i.e. flight and visa arrangements). During this week, CLS will also send a more complete information packet with trip details.
June 11–15	Final preparation check-in with CLS staff. Two weeks prior to departure, a CLS staff member will contact you to answer any last minute questions you have.
June 23–24	Arrive in Laos.
June 26	SAIL + School Orientation. Comprehensive Lao language test at the Lao-American College in Vientiane, Laos.
June 27	First day of class.
July 30	Graduation Day.
July 31	Program ends.

CHECK LIST

Please check to make sure you send the following information as part of your application package:

- 1) Fill out all required information in the application and answer the questions.
- 2) Include a current resume or CV.
- 3) Include your \$100 application fee. If accepted into SAIL, this fee will apply toward the program cost.
- 4) Transcripts of all college and/or university training to date.
- 5) Copies of any Lao proficiency assessments that the applicant may have completed.

Please send application materials and a \$100 fee, **postmarked by April 16, 2018** to:

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CLS SAIL APPLICATION

June 27–July 31, 2018
Application due on April 16, 2018

I. Basic Information

----- Date of Birth: -----
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Current Address

Telephone Personal Email

Permanent Address

Country of Citizenship Passport Number

II. Education

List all college or university training undertaken to date, starting with the most current degree program.

Institution Dept./Major Degree/Date Completed

III. Transcripts

Please provide transcripts of each institution listed above.

IV. Resume

Please attach a current resume or CV.

V. Letters of Recommendation

List two individuals in the U.S. that will provide us with letters of recommendation. One must be work-related or academic and at least one should know you personally and well. NO family members please.

Name	Occupation	Number of years known
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Relationship	Telephone	Email
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Name	Occupation	Number of years known
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Relationship	Telephone	Email
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VI. Emergency Contact

Please list the name of an individual we can contact in case of an emergency.

Name	Address
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Relationship	Telephone	Email
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If you have family or friends who will be residing in Laos during the time that you will be there, please list their names and contact numbers in case of an emergency.

Name	Address
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Relationship	Telephone	Email
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VII. Written Responses

Please answer the following questions honestly, and to the best of your ability. Please limit your answers to less than four pages total.

1. Why are you interested in studying in Laos?
2. What are your academic and/or career and personal goals? Indicate how participation in the program will help to achieve those goals.

3. Have you spent an extended amount of time living in another country/culture? If so, briefly describe the location, length of time, and purpose of the trip.
4. Participants have the option to volunteer for local organizations (e.g. National Library, primary school, community development organization) for 4–10 hours/week. What sort of organization would you most like to work with? What special skills or interests do you have in regards to volunteer work?
5. Please describe any work experience, volunteer activities, or special talents you would like us to know about as they may apply to this program. What sort of other hobbies and personal interests do you have?
6. What is your ability in speaking, reading, and/or writing Lao? Please list any Lao proficiency assessments that you may have completed to this date.

	None	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced (near fluent)
Speaking				
Reading				
Writing				

7. Any additional comments? Feel free to share any personal questions or hesitations you have about participating in the program, whether they be financial, academic, ideological, questions of timing, or other.

VIII. Signature

By signing below, you are acknowledging that the information you provided are true and best to your knowledge.

Signature

Name (print)

Date

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