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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 a number of international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

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, 2012.** 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 2012

The following is a timetable of deadlines and orientations that will take place from April to July 2012.

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| April 16      | Deadline for applications. Application materials and a \$100 fee must be postmarked by April 16, 2012. 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 23 – 27 | Language assessment. A staff member will contact you to set-up a time for assessing your speaking and listening comprehension of the Lao language. Students will take a complete language test once they arrive in Vientiane. The phone call will last approximately 15 minutes.   |
| 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 07        | First payment of \$500 due.  |
| May 21        | Final payment of \$2,650 due.  |
| June 04 – 08  | 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 27       | Group orientation in San Francisco, CA.  |
| June 28       | Depart for Laos.   |
| July 02       | Group orientation and comprehensive Lao language test at the Lao-American College in Vientiane, Laos. First day of class.  |

## 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, 2012** to:

CENTER FOR LAO STUDIES  
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email: [studylao@laostudies.org](mailto:studylao@laostudies.org)

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blog: <http://www.laostudies.org/sailers-blog-floater-143>



**I. Basic Information**

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

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*Current* Address

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Telephone                                      Personal Email

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*Permanent* Address

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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

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**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.

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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

**VI. Emergency Contact**

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

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Name Address

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Relationship Telephone Email

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.

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Name Address

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Relationship Telephone Email

**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.

