The Department of Hispanic Studies awards the Zembrod Award every year to two students who will have achieved at least junior status at the time the award is granted, meaning that sophomores may apply as well if they meet the criteria listed below. The award, of up to $750 each, is to facilitate study abroad experiences in a Spanish speaking country with a UK-approved provider.

Eligibility criteria for the Zembrod Award are the following:

- Candidates must have a 3.0 GPA overall and at least a 3.0 GPA in Spanish.
- Candidates must be a) Spanish majors OR b) FLIE (Foreign Language and International Economics) majors with a focus in Spanish OR c) International Studies majors with an area of concentration in Spain or Latin America.
- Candidates must have completed 6 hours of Spanish courses at the 300 level or above prior to receiving the award.
- Candidates must be juniors or seniors upon receipt of the award.
- Candidates must NOT have received the Zembrod Award previously.
- Candidates must submit the following: 1) a cover sheet with the personal data listed below, 2) a hard copy of the unofficial transcript, 3) a two-three page essay in Spanish which outlines the student’s previous experiences using or studying Spanish, plans for spending the cash award, and an explanation of how the award will enrich the student’s studies and/or future career aspirations.

If granted the award, applicants must submit electronic documentation (scanned copy of plane ticket receipt or of program fee payment, etc.) verifying that the funds were used as outlined in the application essay to Brent Sebastian (brent.sebastian@uky.edu) BEFORE departure.

Applications are ranked based on the following rating criteria and the top 2 are granted the award:

- Level of academic achievement as gauged by cumulative GPA and Spanish GPA.
- Quality of 2-page written proposal in Spanish.
- Perceived degree of usefulness of and need for award to achieve personal, academic, and professional goals.

1) Your cover sheet should include the following information. No application will be considered if any of this information is missing:

- Name
- Cumulative GPA and GPA in Spanish
- Academic rank (Junior, Senior) with total number of credit hours completed
- List of SPA 300+ courses completed and in progress
- Phone number
- Mailing address
- E-mail address

2) Your unofficial transcript and 3) personal essay should immediately follow this cover sheet.

Four hard copies of your application materials should be submitted in a manila envelope to Dr. Brown’s mailbox:

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