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Spring 2022  
Mini Grant Proposal

## **Intensive Acting in Dublin, Ireland: Transfer Credit Funding**

### **Project Summary**

I am currently a third year Drama Major and am working on finishing up my application to study abroad this summer at the Gaiety School of acting in Dublin, Ireland. This IES program would be an amazing opportunity for me to gain more acting training and earn six credits all while exploring the beauty of Ireland. It is my dream to act professionally, so this intensive would provide me with more of the training and experience that I desire, and would be a great chance to surround myself with individuals who are as passionate about creating art as I am. As a rising fourth year, this is my last chance to spend a summer abroad and use the resources provided to me by UVA. My biggest hurdle with this program is that it is not directly through UVA, meaning that I will need to transfer the credits that I earn abroad. UVA charges an administrative fee of 500 dollars per term for any students participating in an outside program because of this. Since the Dublin acting intensive is through IES, I will be charged this administrative fee.

If granted the \$500 mini grant, I will use it solely to pay this administration fee and take some of the financial burden of studying abroad off of myself and my parents. My chances of participating in the program are relatively high, but if for some reason I don't get in or decide not to go, I do have backup plans! I have sent in applications and auditions to other summer programs, summer stocks, etc. and would need to take these potential opportunities into consideration before deciding about studying abroad. If I decide to pursue one of these (potential) opportunities instead, I will use the \$500 mini grant to cover a good chunk of musical theatre vocal lessons that I will be taking next fall. I have had a local voice coach recommended to me by Veronica Seguin, Miller Arts Alum! Her name is Christina Fleming and I plan to take lessons with her weekly next fall. The estimated cost of lessons is around \$700 a semester, so this Mini grant would greatly assist me in affording lessons. As an actress with a focus on musical theatre, keeping my voice sharp and well-rehearsed is essential, especially when it comes to filming/going to auditions.

For either of these projects, this Mini grant would greatly assist me in my summer pursuits and help me get closer to my dream of acting professionally. I am grateful for this opportunity and deeply thank you for considering my proposal!

*\*Here are links to the Dublin Program, and an explanation of the administrative fee\**

[Dublin Summer - Intensive Acting | IES Abroad | Study Abroad](#)

[Fees, Billing, and Payments | Education Abroad \(virginia.edu\)](#)

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## Prospective Timeline

### Dublin

- Application Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>
- I will likely hear back in early April and decide that same month
- SIS registration will take place in late April, and I would pay the fee then
- The program runs from May 25<sup>th</sup>- July 9<sup>th</sup>

### Voice Lessons

- I would begin lessons late August, early September
- Lessons would be finished at the end of Fall 2022 Semester

## Budget

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	Administrative Fee	\$500	\$500
<b>Voice lessons</b>	One Semester of Lessons	\$700	\$700

*\*NOTE: remaining costs will be covered by me!*