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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Amanda Sobottka, a junior psychology and French major, has been awarded the Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant for 2008.

Although Sobottka is not a member of Phi Kappa Phi, she was able to apply because this grant can be awarded to both members and non-members. The grant is designed to recognize and assist undergraduate students seeking knowledge and experience in their academic field by studying abroad. Phi Kappa Phi awards 50 \$1,000 grants annually.

Sobottka went through an application process to obtain the grant including writing an essay, providing two teacher recommendations and submitting a transcript.

Sobottka must spend at least one semester abroad as part of her French major and she has chosen to spend that time in Nantes, France.

“I chose Nantes mainly because it’s not a tourist city like Paris. I feel that getting away from the tourism will help me get a true perspective of the French culture,” she said.

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi annually inducts more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters at more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors.

For more information, contact Sobottka at [asobottk@iwu.edu](mailto:asobottk@iwu.edu). For more information on Phi Kappa Phi visit their Web site at <http://www.phikappaphi.org>.

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