WHY IS MOUNT HOLYOKE DOING THIS?
Over the past few years, Mount Holyoke has had many more students on campus in the fall than we can comfortably accommodate, resulting in the need to create additional student rooms/beds in places not meant for that purpose, and leaving little or no flexibility to change housing assignments. In the spring semester, the College has had fewer students enrolled than there are spaces available. A better balance of enrollments would provide a more consistent and comfortable housing situation for students, and would save the time and other resources now spent managing the fall housing crunch. Because the enrollment imbalance is due in part to the fact that approximately twice as many students study abroad for the spring semester only than for the fall semester only, Mount Holyoke is offering these incentives to encourage more students who study abroad for one semester to do so in the fall.

WHY ARE MHC’S OWN SPRING SEMESTER PROGRAMS INCLUDED?
We do not want students who are interested in MHC’s own spring semester programs to feel compelled to choose other programs in the fall in order to benefit from these financial incentives.

WILL THESE INCENTIVES BE OFFERED BEYOND 2013-14?
Not necessarily. MHC will evaluate the results before deciding whether to extend these policies.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHANGES?
In order to help the College predict and manage enrollment, students who are approved for study abroad in the fall semester only ordinarily will not be able to defer to spring semester, should their preference change. If they are unable to study abroad in the fall as originally planned, they may reapply for study abroad in the following fall, provided that they will not have graduated by then or would not then be studying abroad in their final semester.

NEW FOR 2013-14!
- Mount Holyoke will waive the administrative fee for study abroad ($850) for students who study abroad in the fall semester only.
- For students who are awarded Laurel Fellowships for study abroad in the fall semester only, the College will replace the campus earnings portion of their aid package with grant instead of loan.

Students who participate in MHC’s own programs abroad in 2013-14 that are offered only in the spring semester (Monteverde and Shanghai) will also receive the fee waiver and, if applicable, grant replacement of campus earnings.