Scholarships and Funding for Study Abroad

Funding Your International Experience

Study Abroad and Exchange programs can potentially be expensive, with the additional expenses of travel, insurance, and incidental costs.

It is possible to apply your financial aid package to the cost of an affiliated program. You can contact the <u>Financial Aid Office</u> to confirm how your financial aid can be applied. In addition, there are numerous scholarships available from sources outside of the University to support study abroad and exchange programs. These scholarships may be based on financial need, merit, the country or region you wish to study in, the language you wish to study abroad, ethnicity or heritage, or other criteria.

10 Tips for applying for scholarships:

- 1. Start your search early. Make note of application deadlines.
- 2. Look beyond financial aid to third parties that offer scholarships for study abroad (see listing below).
- 3. Look for scholarships based on your ethnicity, major field of study, the country you want to study in, the language you wish to study while abroad, or a combination of any of these.
- 4. If your program or scholarship application requires letters of recommendation, let your professors know in advance.
- 5. Ask your professors in your major field if they know of any scholarships specific to your major.
- 6. Apply to as many scholarships as you are eligible. You can accept multiple scholarships and pile them on top of each other.
- 7. Make your applications look as professional as possible. Typed application forms, essays, etc., are easier to read than hand-written applications, and indicate a greater effort.
- 8. Proof-read any essays, and use the services of the Writing Center to improve your essays.
- 9. Give concrete examples of how study abroad will benefit you, and how you will implement your experiences/skills/knowledge when you return. Avoid generalities.
- 10. Submit them. You can't receive anything if you never submit.

Links to various scholarships

Abroad101 Study Abroad Scholarship Directory

Allabroad.us: Study Abroad Scholarships

American Association of Teachers of Japanese

<u>Boren Awards for International Study:</u> focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security

Boren Scholarships for Summer Study Abroad for STEM Majors

<u>Critical Language Scholarship Program</u>: for students of the following languages: Arabic, Persian,

Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu, Chinese,

Japanese, and Russian

<u>DiversityAbroad.com</u>: specializes in scholarships for under-represented minorities

FLAS: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program

Foundation for Global Scholars

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA): provides scholarships for U.S.

undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia.

<u>Fulbright U.S. Student Program</u>: for graduating students who want to study, teach English, or research abroad.

<u>Fund for Education Abroad</u>: scholarships for students from underrepresented groups and students with disabilities

<u>German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</u>: scholarships to study abroad in Germany – very early deadlines!

<u>Gilman International Scholarship</u> (requires Pell Grants – Federal Financial Aid) provides scholarships to U.S. undergraduates with financial need for study abroad, including students from diverse backgrounds and students going to non-traditional study abroad destinations.

InternationalScholarships.com

JASSO Scholarships for Japan

The Language Flagship: scholarships for intensive language instruction

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth

Peterson's Scholarship Search Engine

Rotary International

Scholarships for Australia

<u>Scholarships for Study Abroad in Ireland – Go Overseas</u>

Study-abroad.com

Studyabroadfunding.org

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund: scholarships for minority students to study abroad

United Negro College Fund

U.S.-Japan Council Toshizo Watanabe Endowed Scholarship

Affiliated Program Scholarships

AIFS: Study Abroad Scholarships and Grants

 $\underline{\textbf{Council on International Educational Exchange:}} (CIEE) \ a \ non-profit, \ non-governmental$

international exchange organization

Additional funding resources from CIEE

ISA: Funding your Study Abroad

Spanish Studies Abroad: Scholarships to Study Abroad in Spain, Cuba, Argentina, and Puerto

Rico

Semester at Sea: Scholarships and Outside Funding