

# Study Abroad Scholarships

## Tips for researching opportunities and creating an alternative funding plan

If you're just starting your research journey, you'll be surprised to find the sheer range of scholarships available. There are awards amounts ranging from a few hundred dollars to full-rides covering everything from airfare to a monthly stipend. With study abroad scholarships celebrating diversity abroad, merit, advocating underrepresented regions, and encouraging students of distinct majors (that's scratching the surface), you're guaranteed to find an award for which you qualify.



### Mark Your Calendar with Application Deadlines Early

While the competition can be intimidating, planning ahead and putting your best foot forward will make you as competitive an applicant as anyone else. Deadlines can creep up much sooner than you think, sometimes even before you apply or are officially nominated for a study abroad program, so we can't emphasize enough how vital it is to do your research early!

- Deadlines are often 6-8 months in advance of departure
- Deadlines are firm, and late applications are not accepted



### Utilize On Campus Resources to Write Quality Essays

Genuine, well-thought out essays will make you shine as a unique person and highlight your personality and motivations for scholarship programs to study abroad. Judging committees can 100% tell when an application is carelessly slapped together. You should emphasize why you've selected your program, academics, professional development, etc. Consider using your essays from your study abroad application as a starting place. We also highly encourage students to utilize [How to Write a Stellar Scholarship Essay workbook](#) and book an appointment with the HUB Writing Center.



### Create an Alternative Funding Plan

While you may be excited to throw your hat into the ring for some great scholarship opportunities, **they are not guaranteed sources of funding**; they are competitive, and many scholarship providers will not release award notifications until it is **too late\*** to withdraw from a program without financial liability. That means you should either be prepared to pay a withdrawal fee or create a back-up plan for how to fund your experience abroad without scholarships. Alternative funding opportunities can include:

- Setting up a [GoFundMe](#) account
- Working prior to your program to build up savings
- Applying for a Parent PLUS loan

# National Scholarships

## Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

*up to \$8,000*

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The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The award enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity.

Award amounts can be up to \$5,000 (with the opportunity to receive the supplemental Critical Need Language Award of up to \$3,000, for a combined total of up to \$8,000).

## John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families

*\$5,000*

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The John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families provides awards of \$5,000 for child and spousal dependents of active or activated United States military personnel during the time of application to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Applicants must be recipients of any type of Title IV federal financial aid during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving Title IV federal financial aid during their study abroad program or internship.

## Fund for Education Abroad

*Award Amounts Vary*

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The mission of the Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) is to provide scholarships and ongoing support to students with financial need who are underrepresented among the U.S. study-abroad population. FEA makes life-changing, international experiences accessible to all by supporting students of color, community college, and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs.

## Going Abroad Scholarship

*\$1,500*

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Twice a year, two outstanding students will win \$1,500 scholarships towards their upcoming study abroad program. The scholarship is open to any citizen and/or resident of the United States (and its territories and possessions) who is enrolled full-time at an accredited institution.

# National Scholarships

## Boren Awards for International Study

*\$8,000 – \$25,000*

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Fund study abroad by U.S. undergraduate students in world regions critical to U.S. interests. Boren Scholars and Fellows study a wide range of critical languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Portuguese, and Swahili. Boren Awards are available to students of all proficiency levels who are committed to enhancing their skills.

## Critical Language Scholarship Program

*Award Amounts Vary*

[Learn More & Apply](#)

The CLS Program provides opportunities for American college and university students to study languages and cultures essential to America's engagement with the world. Each summer, American undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities across the country, spend eight to ten weeks learning one of fourteen languages at an intensive study abroad institute. The CLS Program is designed to promote rapid language gains and essential intercultural fluency in regions that are critical to U.S. national security and economic prosperity.

## First Trip

*Award Amounts Vary*

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First Trip values the philosophy of global citizenship and promotes travel to non-traditional study abroad. First Trip may provide funding for individuals traveling to countries ranked lower than Very High on the United Nations' annual Human Development Index (HDI). '

## Rotary International Scholarships & Grants

*up to \$25,000*

[Learn More & Apply](#)

The Rotary Club operates one of the largest and longest-run private study abroad funding programs offering up to \$25,000 in scholarships to fund one year of academic study, room and board, and other associated expenses.

# Diversity & Identity Scholarships

## LEAD Koret Fellowship

*Award Amounts Vary*

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

Through generous grants from the Koret Foundation and private donations from supporters and alumni, the LEAD Scholars Program offers fellowships to support LEAD Scholars interested in engaging in extracurricular learning opportunities that will support their vocational development including unpaid internships, community-based learning, undergraduate research, study abroad, and summer school.

## Diverse International Women of Color Scholarship

*\$500*

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The Diverse International Women of Color Study Abroad Scholarship is intended to assist women of color who are exceptional in their studies and in need of financial assistance to study abroad. Awards are available for summer and academic year programs in the fall or spring.

## Rainbow Scholarship

*Up to \$10,000*

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

The Rainbow Scholarship awards deserving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) students who aim to participate in high-quality, rigorous education abroad programs. To be considered for the Rainbow Scholarship, applicants must self-identify on the Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) scholarship application.

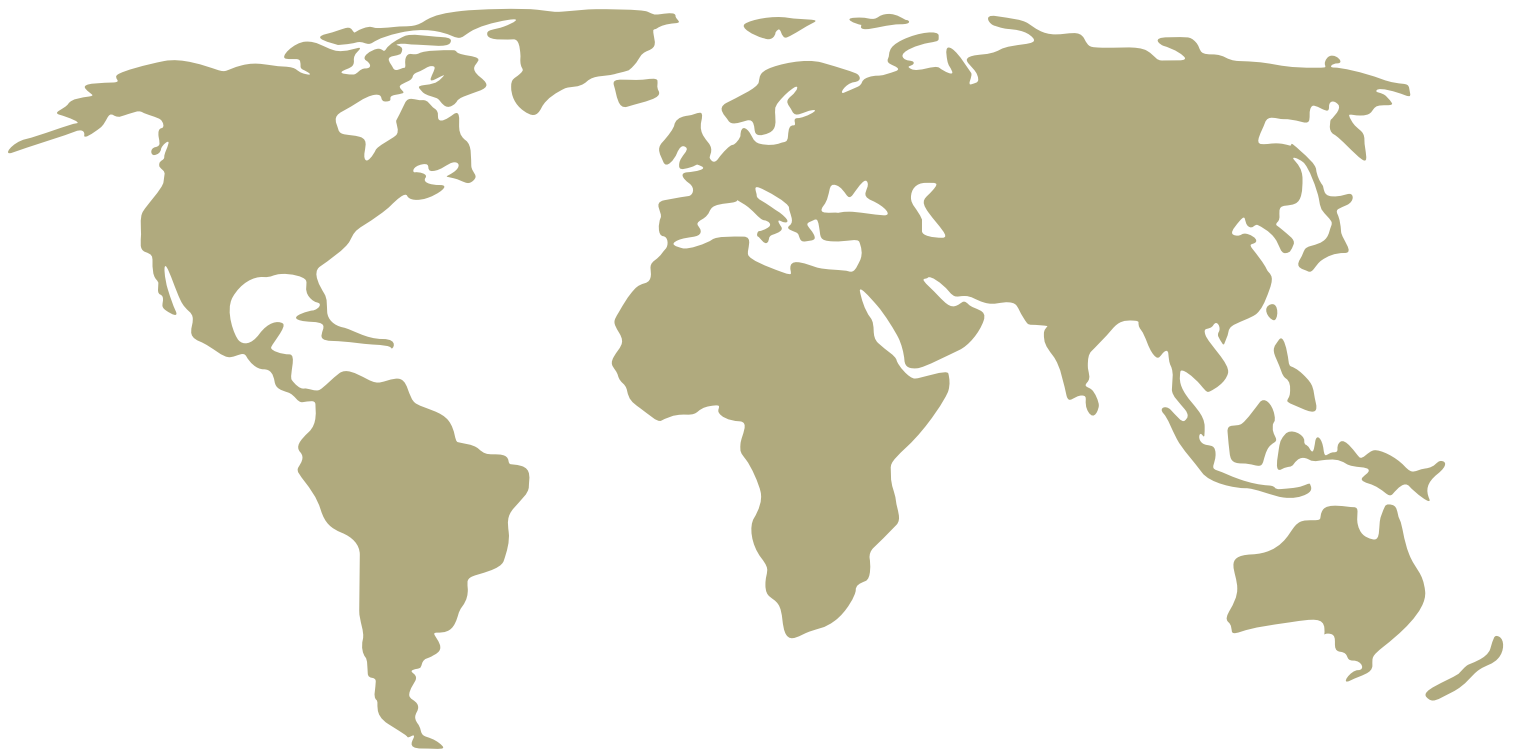
## Hispanic Scholarship Fund

*\$500 to \$5,000*

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As an HSF Scholar, you will have access to HSF's invaluable Scholar Support Services and be eligible to receive a scholarship, depending on available funds. Scholars are selected based on merit. Award amounts range from \$500 - \$5,000, based on relative need.

# Location-Specific Scholarships



## Freeman-ASIA Award

*East or Southeast Asian*

The Freeman-ASIA award is designed to support U.S.-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. The program's goal is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures.

**[Learn More & Apply.](#)**

## Monbukagakusho Scholarships

*Japan*

Several different kinds of scholarships are offered by the Japanese government for international students studying in Japan. Students holding Japanese passports are not eligible for these scholarships.

**[Learn More & Apply.](#)**

# Location-Specific Scholarships

## The Bridging Project

*Japan*

The Bridging Project offers scholarships to American students participating in study abroad programs in Japan. Students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

## Scholarships for International Students

*Japan*

"Scholarships for International Students in Japan" is a pamphlet that contains details of scholarships for international students. The scholarship information is based on the annual survey conducted by JASSO. A summary of each scholarship program is provided in tabular form, so please first look for scholarships for which you are eligible to apply. For details and application procedures, please check directly with the school or each scholarship organization.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

## Generation Study Abroad Awards

*New Zealand*

Education New Zealand and New Zealand tertiary institutions offer \$2,000 Travel Awards to help U.S. students fund their flight to New Zealand. Excellence Awards offer \$500 for study at one of the eight New Zealand universities and \$500 for study at participating institutes of technology and polytechnics.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

## Swedish Educational and Cultural Honorarium

*Sweden*

The Standard Filter Corporation provides a \$3,000 award to a student undertaking Swedish educational and cultural activities, which includes history, political science, sociology, language, literature, and the arts and sciences.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

# Location-Specific Scholarships

## British Council Scholarships

*United Kingdom*

Practical information and insight on UK education as well as potential scholarships.

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## BUTEX Scholarships

*United Kingdom*

Awards £500 scholarships to undergraduate students studying abroad for a semester at a United Kingdom university which is BUTEX affiliated. The following programs are affiliated as of 2023: API Abroad, Arcadia Abroad, FIE, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Roehampton, and Queen Mary University London.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

## Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship

*United Kingdom*

The Association of American Study Abroad Programmes United Kingdom offers a merit-based scholarship of £500 for a semester in the United Kingdom. Must be on a program offered by AASAP/UK full or associate member. The following programs are affiliated as of 2023: the University of Roehampton, Queen Mary University London

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# Expand Your Search: Scholarship Databases



## College Xpress

One of the largest scholarship data bases out there, and, if you register on CollegeXpress, you automatically enter a drawing for a \$10,000 scholarship.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## FastWeb

The leading scholarship database to help find scholarships you qualify for. Students simply create a profile and get personalized scholarship recommendations for free.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## FedMoney.org

Provides federal money in the form of Grants, Loans, Scholarships, and Fellowships to help students pay for college, technical, or career school. Offers a list of available federal programs benefiting students.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## FinAid.org

Scholarship database to connect students with scholarships that they are qualified to apply for. Provides links to scholarships to allow for students to apply for the scholarships they find best meet their needs.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## International Education Financial Aid (IEFA)

International Education Financial Aid (IEFA) provides financial aid, college scholarship, and grant information for international students wishing to study abroad. The website search feature allow users to find scholarships around the world.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)

# Expand Your Search: Scholarship Databases



## International Scholarship Search

The International Scholarship Search is here to make it easier to find a scholarship for students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive listing of grants, scholarships, loan programs, and other information to assist college and university students from around the world in their pursuit to study abroad.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## Greek Life Scholarships

Divided into sections based on common scholarship criteria, this is an enormous list of great opportunities that can help you pay your way through college.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## Scholarships.com

Scholarships.com is a free college scholarship search for high school seniors and college students offering over 4 million college scholarships and grants. Complete your profile and gain free access to our college scholarship database.

[Learn More & Apply.](#)



## Scholarships Finder

Scholarship Finder allows for you to find the best scholarships based on your interests and skills.

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## Scholarship 360

Vetted scholarships for high school, college, and graduate students. Access exclusive scholarships only available to Scholarships360 members who create a free account on the website.

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