

Scholarship Information for Study Abroad

What does it cost to study abroad? The published fee for a study abroad program can include international airfare, tuition & fees, housing & meals, field trips/excursions and insurance, etc. Other programs simply list the tuition cost. Make sure that you obtain the complete cost information from your study abroad program provider. Possibly you are eligible for financial aid; but whether you qualify for financial aid or not, there are many **study abroad scholarships** available for both undergraduate and graduate students. (Some program providers also offer scholarships to their participants.) Following are just a few scholarship/grant sites. For a more complete list, please stop by the Office of International Programs.

Benjamin A. Gilman Undergraduate Scholarship Program

- 300 awards of up to \$5,000
- Applicant is applying to or has been accepted for up to one academic year of study on a program approved for credit by his/her home institution of higher education (one semester programs also accepted)
- Awarded to U. S. citizens who are receiving federal need-based financial aid
- Applicants who demonstrate academic merit given priority
- Non-traditional study abroad locations preferred

Web site: <http://www.iie.org/gilman>

Freeman Asia

- U. S. Citizens or permanent residents at the time of application
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate and in good academic standing
- **MUST CURRENTLY RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID** or have verifiable need for financial assistance to study abroad in Asia (study abroad adviser must verify financial need and endorse student's application before it is submitted to IIE)
- Priority will be given to students with no previous experience in country in which they plan to study. Must study in ASIA
- Must promote study abroad in Asia on home campus and in community within 3 months of return
- Must submit final report to IIE within 6 months after return
- Deadlines: Fall & Academic Year: April 1; Spring: November 1; Summer: March 1

Web site: <http://www.iie.org/pgms/freeman-asia>

IIE Midwest Scholarship

- Awards are offered and vary depending on funding available
- Participation in a study abroad program of at least one term's duration
- Good academic standing
- U. S. citizen or permanent resident
- No previous study abroad experience (at the university level)
- Study in non-western countries encouraged
- Applications for fall of current year and spring of following year due late March

Web site: <http://www.iie.org/midwest>

National Security Education Program (NSEP)

- Up to \$10,000 per term, based on assessment of need Participation in a study abroad program of at least one term
- Good academic standing
- U. S. citizen
- Certain majors preferred
- Study in non-traditional countries with which U. S. has a security interest
- Service requirement upon graduation
- **Applications for fall and spring of following year due at your campus study abroad office by January 15**

Web site: <http://www.iee.org/nsep>

Graduate student funding & requirements slightly different;

Web site: <http://www.aed.org/nsep>

Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship

- Award to cover half of the cost of junior year abroad at an approved institution of student's choice
- Includes Sophomore and Junior summer study institutes and internship opportunities
Sophomore standing at a four-year institution
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Emphasis on members of underrepresented minority groups
- Applications due March 1 for following academic year

Applications available on the Institute for International Public Policy website

Web site: <http://161.58.87.106/content/apply.cfm>

Other sites you will want to check out are:

International Education Financial Aid (IEFA):

<http://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships> (click on: Study Abroad Scholarships)

College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.com> (click on "Paying for College", then "Scholarship Search"; has a study abroad scholarship category)

Fastaid Free Scholarship: <http://www.fastaid.com> (claims to be the oldest and largest private sector scholarship database in the world. By the authors of The Scholarship Book published by Prentice Hall. Registration required.)

FastWEB: <http://www.fastweb.com> (free general use site; password required)

Free scholarships: <http://scholarships.kachinatech.com> (click on "Study Abroad"; free site, no password needed)

Scholarship Resource Network Express: <http://www.smexpress.com> (Free site; registration required)

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

Fulbright Student Program

- Competition depends on region and program
- Most grantees plan their own programs. Projects may include university course work, independent library or field research, classes in music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or life sciences, or a combination.
- B.S./B.A. graduate, master's, or doctoral candidate; all other qualifications being equal, preference given to candidates who have recently received the baccalaureate degree.
- U. S. citizen
- Requirements of programs vary by country
- Enrolled students must submit applications to their campus study abroad office by the dates set by them. The study abroad office must submit all applications for Fulbright full and travel grants from enrolled students to the New York office of IIE in October.

Web site: <http://www.iie.org> (click on "Fulbright")

Marshall Scholarship

- Tuition, fees, books, travel, and living expenses for two years of study in any discipline at any British University leading to the award of a degree
- Up to 40 awards; extremely competitive
- Applicant must be recent B.S./B.A. graduate of an accredited four-year college or university in the United States or hold a first degree from same by the time scholarship taken up (must have graduated after April 2000—this restriction may be waived in the case of candidates wishing to read business studies or an allied subject)
- Minimum GPA of 3.7/4.0 each semester after freshman year
- Applicant must be citizen of the United States of America (at the time of application)
- Persons already studying for or holding a British degree or degree-equivalent qualification are not eligible to apply for a Marshall Scholarship.

Web site: <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>

IRIS: Illinois Researcher Information Service, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/iris/> (This is a subscription service. Northeastern is a subscriber, **but you must access the site using a university or university linked computer.**)