External Funding for Study Abroad

Below are opportunities for external funding. Opportunities and suggestions are categorized by: scholarship directories and databases, individual scholarships, general financial aid and scholarship information, and study abroad loan information.

Scholarship Directories and Databases

[Studyabroadfunding.org](https://www.studyabroadfunding.org) [1]
Extensive database of scholarships for undergrads, graduate students, and professionals

[International Education Financial Aid (IEFA)](https://www.iefa.org) [2]
Provides searches for scholarships for study abroad.

[FastWeb](https://www.fastweb.com) [3]
Provides free customized scholarship search after user fills out profile. E-mail updates of scholarships based on the profile are provided. See [articles](https://www.fastweb.com/articles) [4] about financial aid.

[FinAid!](https://www.finaid.org) [5]
Provides scholarship searches and extensive information about financial aid.

[Reference Service Press](https://www.rspbooks.com) [6]
RSP publishes some of the best hard-copy directories of scholarships for overseas opportunities, which include grants for all levels of students as well as for post-doctorates and professionals.

[University of Minnesota Learning Abroad Center](http://www.lac.umn.edu) [7]
External Scholarships Database. Excellent, free online database of scholarships. Search categories include study, research and internships as well as location and other variables.

[U.S. Department of Education: Student Aid on the Web](https://studentaid.ed.gov) [8]
The federal government's official guides to financial aid. Including overseas universities and U.S.universities that have registered for eligibility for financial aid. Also, refer to the FTC's web site on [Scholarship Scams](https://www.consumer.gov/scholarshipscams) [9].

[U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](https://www.state.gov) [10]
Official information about Fulbright programs for study, research, and teaching abroad. For further scholarship listings see the [Office of Academic Exchange Programs](https://www.state.gov/oeap) [11].
**Individual Scholarships**

**Association of Teachers of Japanese** [12]
Professional association offers resources for studying Japan and its culture including undergraduate scholarships, *Bridging Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan* [13].

**DAAD Scholarships** [14]
The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers awards to highly qualified undergraduate students, graduating seniors, and graduate students for study abroad, university language or summer courses, senior thesis research, and/or internships in Germany.

**Freeman Scholarships** [15]
Offers scholarships for undergraduates with financial need to study in Asia. Apply online.

**Fulbright scholarships** [16]
There are several different Fulbright scholarship programs, all of which are described on the IIE's site.

**Gilman Scholarships** [17]
Provides assistance for undergraduates with financial need to use for study abroad. Apply online.

**National Security Education Program (NSEP)** [18]
The National Security Education Program (NSEP) provides merit-based scholarship support for undergraduate and graduate study in non-traditional regions, as well as institutional grants. Note that NSEP grants incur a U.S. government service obligation after college graduation for a period of one year. See also NSEP's *Guide to Study Abroad and Global Careers in Non-traditional Destinations* [19].

**Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training Grant (MHIRT)** [20]
National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The program sends minority undergraduates and medical students abroad to do health-related research. U-M students should see the UM MHIRT information here [20].

**Global Grants** [21]
Provides the largest single U.S. scholarship program for study abroad. Application possible only through local Rotary Clubs. Locally-determined deadlines may be as much as one and one-half years in advance. Website provides scholarship information and lists Rotary Clubs worldwide.

**Woodrow Wilson International Fellowship Foundation** [22]
Information on multi-year scholarship programs for students (especially minorities) interested in international careers.

**General Financial Aid and Scholarship Information**

**Basic Facts for Students Regarding Financial Aid for Study Abroad (NAFSA)** [23]
Provides overview of how to use financial aid and scholarships for study abroad with links to web sites for more information.

**NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators)** [24]
Professional association's web site provides information on financial aid. Students should also consult
with financial aid advisors at their own institution

**Study Abroad Loan Information**

[International Student Loan Center](http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/) [25]

Student loans for students worldwide, including U.S. students abroad and international students in the U.S. Affiliated with [Edvisors](https://www.edvisors.com/college-loans/) [26].

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[7] https://umabroad.umn.edu/
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