

Travel Scholarships and Funding Resources



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“Studying abroad was one of the most meaningful experiences that I have ever had. I almost didn’t take the opportunity that was given to me because I thought I would have to choose between studying abroad and embracing leadership opportunities at the College. However, with hard work and determination, I was able to do both. Choosing to study abroad was the best decision I have made. My advice is this: if you have the slightest inclination to study abroad, the tiniest amount of wanderlust in you, then do not let anything hold you back.”

The Sklenar Center for International Programs supports students in budgeting and funding overseas study and travel. The costs associated with travel, living abroad for a semester or funding an E-Term travel project can seem daunting. BSC believes that overseas opportunities are a significant part of a students’ education and personal development; therefore, meeting a student’s financial needs is important. Below are helpful resources for funding and scholarship options to pursue in support of your overseas travel.

Requirements:

1. Must meet the minimum requirements for study abroad and E-Term travel-projects or contracts
2. Merit and need-based awards are available. Award amounts depend upon Federal financial need.

BSC Travel Scholarship/Award Deadlines

| Month | Day | Year | BSC Awards |
|-----------|-----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September | 15 | 2017 | Sklenar Center Scholarships (Spring 2018) |
| October | 1 | 2017 | Dickerson Scholarship (Summer 2017, Fall 2017 or Academic Year 2017-18) |
| February | 15 | 2018 | Sklenar Center Scholarships (Summer 2018) |
| February | 15 | 2018 | Sklenar Center Scholarships (Fall 2018 & Academic Year 2018-19) |
| March | 15 | 2018 | Dickerson Scholarship (Summer 2017, Fall 2017 or Academic Year 2017-18) |
| April | 12 | 2018 | SGA Summer Travel Funding (Summer 2017) |

Dickerson Award honors the memory of Mr. Shanon Dickerson (BSC'96), a member of the first class of Leadership Studies graduates who inspired others with his passion for international experiences and commitment to service. The Dickerson Award is a competitive scholarship that supports students at BSC who have a strong desire to study abroad. The application can be found at the link below: <https://engagedprograms.wufoo.com/forms/k69x4ke1f90bsy/>

Sklenar Travel Scholarship are available to students pursuing overseas study during the semester, summer or academic year through BSC affiliated programs. Travel funds are awarded based upon need and/or merit. The deadline for the scholarship coincides with the application for study abroad. The application can be found on the web at the link below: <https://engagedprograms.wufoo.com/forms/k13xfe400sri983/>

E-Term January Travel Awards: Click here for more information.
(<http://www.bsc.edu/academics/krulak/exp-con/awards.cfm>)

SGA Applications for Funding (summer): Click here for more information.
(<http://www.bsc.edu/campus/sga/>)

External Scholarships

All BSC Partner programs offer scholarships or tuition discounts.

- American Institute of Foreign Study (AIFS) <http://www.aifs.org/>
- Spanish Studies Abroad (CC-CS) www.spanishstudies.org
- Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) <http://www.ciee.org/>
- Institute for Study Abroad at Butler University (IFSA-Butler) <http://www.ifsa-butler.org/>
- International Partnership for Service-Learning (IPSL) <http://www.ipsl.org/>
- Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) <http://www.ots.duke.edu/>
- School for International Training (SIT) <http://studyabroad.sit.edu/>
- Semester at Sea: <http://www.semesteratsea.org/>
- The Education Abroad Network (TEAN) <http://www.educationabroadnetwork.org/>
- CEPA Foundation <http://www.cepa-foundation.org/>

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means (**Need-based Pell grant recipients only**) to pursue academic studies abroad. <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program> BSC DEADLINE October 1st (Spring/Summer) and March 1st (Fall/AY)

Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) FEA is committed to increasing the opportunities for dedicated American students to participate in high-quality, rigorous education abroad. **Merit-based** <http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/>

Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. **Merit and Need-based** http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Scholarships for study in Germany 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. <https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/>

Freeman-ASIA Awards for Study in Asia accepts applications from U.S. citizens or permanent residents studying at the undergraduate level at a two-year or four-year college or university who demonstrate financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. **Applications for summer** will open in early February. <http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia#.V0MaQKb2aM8> (Check deadlines early)

Bridging Scholarship: The Bridging Project offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. Funding from private foundations and major U.S. corporations, through donations to the nonprofit [US-Japan Bridging Foundation](#), makes it possible to award about 100 scholarships each year to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan for a semester or an academic year. Applications are accepted twice a year for Bridging Scholarships. **Merit-based:** <http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships.html>
Deadlines are early October and early April.

Global Grants provide 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. <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>

Funding Articles

GoOverseas: <http://www.gooverseas.com/blog/how-much-does-it-cost-to-study-abroad>

U.S. News Article: Finding Funds to Study Abroad: <http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship->

[coach/2011/06/23/find-scholarships-to-study-abroad](#)

Carnegie Mellon University:

<https://www.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/Scholarships%20and%20Awards/scholarshipsPrivate.html>

Scholarship Directories and Databases*

[Studyabroadfunding.org](#)

Extensive database of scholarships for undergrads, graduate students, and professionals

[International Education Financial Aid \(IEFA\)](#) -<http://www.iefaf.org/>

Provides searches for scholarships for study abroad.

[U.S. Department of Education: Student Aid on the Web](#)

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](#).

[U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#)

Official information about Fulbright programs for study, research, and teaching abroad. For further scholarship listings see the [Office of Academic Exchange Programs](#).

Other Global Scholarships and Career Fellowships*

[Fulbright scholarships](#)

There are several different Fulbright scholarship programs, all of which are described on the IIE's site.

[National Security Education Program \(NSEP\)](#)

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](#).

[Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training Grant \(MHIRT\)](#)

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](#).

[Woodrow Wilson International Fellowship Foundation](#)

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) [Knowledge Community for Education Abroad: Advising](#)

Provides overview of how to use financial aid and scholarships for study abroad with links to web sites for more information.

[NASFAA \(National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators\)](#)

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](#)

Student loans for students worldwide, including U.S. students abroad and international students in the U.S. Affiliated with [Edvisors](#).

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<http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/abroad/swt/study/external-funding>

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