

**UTSA
STUDY ABROAD
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION**



STUDY ABROAD FUNDING AT A GLANCE

A wide range of scholarships, fellowships, and grants to study abroad are available from many different sources. Government funds, businesses, universities, and many independent organizations all offer different amounts and kinds of funds in order to support students interested in pursuing international education opportunities. Following is a list of funds available at UTSA for study abroad in addition to scholarships offered through affiliated programs frequently used by UTSA students, and some general resources we encourage you to investigate.

Please also note that it is important to plan ahead for study abroad and the financial as well as academic implications that may accompany your journey overseas. Contact the Office of International Programs for further assistance in planning your international experience:

In person:

We are located in the Main Building (MB 1.210)

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Studyabroad@utsa.edu

Visit us on the web:

<http://www.utsa.edu/intprograms/studyabroad.cfm>

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UTSA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID FUND

The University of Texas at San Antonio offers awards to students studying abroad through the International Education Fund. These awards generally range from \$300 to \$3,600 per student. Applications are evaluated by committee, and are assessed on the overall quality of the application, the letter of reference, financial need, and how well the chosen program matches a student's degree plan at UTSA.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the above mentioned awards are as follows:

October 15 for spring programs

February 15 for summer programs

March 15 for fall programs

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Many students are surprised to learn that their existing financial aid, including their federal aid, is frequently transferable to studying abroad. UTSA allows students to use all federal, state and institutional aid for study abroad programs.

Generally, federal financial aid requires that you earn academic credit toward your degree program while you are abroad in order for the experience to be eligible for aid. So volunteer programs, for example, are less likely to be eligible for aid.

If you already receive financial aid and have already completed your FAFSA form for the academic year in which you intend to study abroad, you won't need to submit another one. However, if you've never submitted a FAFSA form before, you should leave yourself plenty of time to do so.

Checklist for students seeking financial aid:

- File your FAFSA on or as soon as January 2, every year by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. This FAFSA will be for the Fall, Spring, and Summer of the following academic year.
- Review your electronic Student Aid Report for accuracy. If necessary, correct any items that may be inaccurate.
- Respond promptly to any school requests for additional information or documents, such as copies of federal tax returns or transcripts.
- Once received, promptly return your signed award letter or access your personal ASAP account on line to accept your awards immediately. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid if you have any questions about your award.
- If you are planning to study abroad, be sure to complete and submit the **Study Abroad / Exchange Budget Form** to the Office of International Programs MB 1.210.
- If you are new to UTSA you will need to complete the Student Information Form and submit it to Enrollment Services. This form can be found on line at www.utsa.edu/financialaid. Click on “financial aid forms.”
- For students who have never applied for a Stafford loan at UTSA you will need to complete your loan process by logging onto TG Loans By Web at <https://lbw.tgslc.org/LBW/start.do> . For instructions on completing the loan process please go to <http://www.utsa.edu/financialaid/loans.html>.
- Complete the Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling on line at: www.mapping-your-future.org.
- If the financial aid that has been awarded is not enough to cover the program costs, students may consider applying for an alternative loan. For further information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 458-8000.

AFFILIATED PROGRAM FUNDING

Affiliated Study Abroad Programs are offered in the Office of International Programs. These programs are coordinated and managed by outside organizations and companies. Program costs are set by each program provider and vary with the length of program, location and cost of living. In order to be eligible for most affiliated program scholarships, students must first apply to the program and make a program deposit. Also, not all scholarship application requirements are listed here so please check the program website for more details.

API (\$250-\$1,000) *financial need/academic merit

For more information please visit: www.academicintl.com

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in order to apply. Intensive month students are not eligible for scholarships.

AIFS (\$1,000 and \$2,000) *academic merit

For more information please visit: www.aifsabroad.com

Students must meet the minimum requirements for the program to which they are applying, have at least a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, show leadership potential and be involved in extracurricular activities centered on multicultural or international issues.

Diversity Scholarships (full program fees)

Two Diversity Scholarships for full program fees and round trip air fare are awarded, one per semester. Three runner-up Diversity Scholarships of \$2,000 each are also awarded each semester.

Gilman Scholarship Bonus (\$500)

AIFS will award an additional \$500 to each student who receives a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and uses it towards an AIFS program.

AIFS-HACU

Scholarship program for London Internship students (up to 50% of full program fee)

The purpose of the program is to provide scholarships for outstanding Hispanic students to study abroad on a London Internship program. This special scholarship is available to students attending HACU member schools. Scholarship winners will study for a summer (12 weeks) or semester (Fall or Spring) at Richmond, The American International University in London. Fields of internships include Advertising, Art & Design, Broadcast Film and Production, Finance and Accounting, Legal, IT, Journalism, Marketing, Music, PR. Non-profit NGO & Politics and Government.

Special Scholarships

Students from colleges and universities that participate in the AIFS Affiliates program may be eligible for a special Affiliate scholarship. To find out if your institution is an AIFS Affiliate, contact your study abroad advisor.

AustraLearn (\$1,000-Full Tuition) *financial need (primarily)

For more information please visit: www.australlearn.org

Affiliate Student Awards (\$1,000)

Affiliate Student Awards are available only to students enrolled at a U.S. university that is a member of the AustraLearn Affiliate Program. Students must also meet all general criteria. Affiliated students are also eligible for all other awards.

Director Awards (\$1,500)

AustraLearn Director Awards are available to all AustraLearn semester/year abroad students.

Diversity Award (Two \$2,500 USD awards given annually)

The purpose of these awards is to further encourage the participation of students who are active in diversity and community activities. Applicants must meet all general criteria as well as complete a separate short essay describing their current involvement in multicultural or international activities and how they will use this experience in the future.

Gina Rosko Memorial Scholarship in Cooperation with Macquarie University

(Tuition & housing for one semester, one award per year)

This award is open to students studying at Macquarie University majoring in Mass Communications, Journalism or Advertising with a 3.5 GPA. Student must have substantial financial need with documented involvement in their university and community.

Arcadia/CEA (\$500-\$2,000) *financial need/academic merit/program choice

For more information please visit: www.arcadia.edu/cea

Scholarship funds are intended to help students in specific programs for whom a small amount of financial aid can mean the difference between participation and staying home. Award decisions are based upon a combination of financial need, academic merit, and program choice. Please note that scholarships can only be applied towards the program fee.

CEA (\$750-\$3,000) *academic merit/financial need

For more information please visit: www.gowithcea.com

Semester/Academic Year Scholarships

CEA Chris Towns France Scholarship (\$2,000-\$3,000)

In memory of former CEA Paris student Chris Towns, this scholarship is open to students who have applied to any CEA France trimester, semester or year program. Students must demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities centered on multicultural or international issues. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

Foreign Language Scholarship(\$2,000-\$3,000)

Open to all students taking 6 credits of foreign language instruction/foreign language instructed electives during their CEA study abroad program. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

Global Education Scholarship (\$2,000-\$3,000)

Open to students who have applied for any CEA trimester, semester or year program. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

Academic Excellence Scholarship (\$2,000-\$3,000)

Open to students who have applied for any CEA trimester, semester or year program and have a minimum GPA of 3.5. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

CEA Financial Need Grant (\$2,000-\$3,000)

Open to all students that receive financial aid at their home institution. Students must provide a copy of their current financial aid award letter or Student Aid Report (past year is acceptable if current is not yet available).

Summer Scholarships

CEA Summer Scholarship (\$750-\$1,500)

Open to students who have applied for any CEA summer program. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

CIEE (\$500-\$1,000) *financial need/academic merit

For more information please visit: www.ciee.org

John E. Bowman Travel Grants (\$500 or \$1,000)

These awards provide assistance to students participating in CIEE study abroad programs in non-traditional locations. They help to defray the costs of travel.

Robert B. Bailey Scholarship (\$500)

The Robert B. Bailey Scholarship is intended to promote the participation in CIEE's International Study Programs to individuals or members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in study abroad, especially ethnic minority students. Applicants are asked to specify the group to which they belong and which they believe to be underrepresented in study abroad.

Peter Wollitzer Scholarships for Study in Asia (\$500-\$1,000)

The Wollitzer Scholarships were established by the Ping Foundation in 2006, with the first award given in spring 2007, in memory of Peter Wollitzer, Regional Director at the University-wide office of the University of California Education Abroad Program. Peter had a long affiliation with CIEE and was a strong proponent of CIEE Study Centers around the world. He most recently was a member of the CIEE Academic Consortium Board. These awards provide assistance to students from CIEE Academic Consortium Board Member institutions, who are participating in CIEE study abroad programs in Asia.

CIEE International Study Programs Scholarships (\$500-\$1,000)

In an effort to make study abroad opportunities available to the widest possible audience, CIEE offers scholarships each year to students who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need.

Jennifer Ritzmann Scholarship for Studies in Tropical Biology (\$1,000)

This scholarship is to be awarded each semester to a qualified participant on the Monteverde program. Students accepted to CIEE's Study Center program in Monteverde, Costa Rica will automatically be considered for this award and will be reviewed based upon the information in the student's program and scholarship application packages.

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

For more information please visit: http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Student_Resources1_EN.asp?SnID=1687569705

Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. The Hispanic Study Abroad Scholars (HSAS) program is a joint initiative between the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) and Global Learning Semesters. Every HACU institution is eligible to participate in the HSAS program and can nominate one student each semester for an HSAS scholarship of \$1,000. Students accepted to a semester-long Global Learning Semesters program and attending a HACU member institution are eligible (contact the OIP for more information).

Cisneros Study Abroad Scholarship (\$1,250)

The Universidad de Alcalá has generously agreed to fund the Cisneros Study Abroad Scholarship for all HSAS students attending Global Learning Semesters semester programs in Alcalá. Study abroad programs at the Universidad de Alcalá are hosted by the Institute for North American Studies at Trinitarios College who offers innovative programs such as the Spanish Heritage program for students with bilingual and bicultural backgrounds. This program provides 1,000 Euro (approximately \$1,250) in scholarship monies per student and is in addition to the HSAS.

ISA (\$1,000) *financial need

For more information please visit: www.studiesabroad.com

The Dr. Carlos E. Castañeda Memorial Scholarship

ISA awards \$45,000 in scholarships each year to summer, semester and academic year program participants.

In order to apply for these awards, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA
- Be currently enrolled in second or third year at a U.S. university/college that is an ISA affiliate. Have completed at least one year of appropriate college-level Spanish/French or the equivalent (courses must appear on official transcript)
- Be accepted to an ISA program in a Spanish- or French speaking country
- Be on financial aid

IFSA-Butler (\$500 - \$4,000) *financial need/academic merit

For more information please visit: www.ifsa-butler.org

Argentina

- Anthony Lobdell Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

Australia

- Australian National University: \$3,000 for semester or full year students
- David Farrington Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students
- Noah Burriss Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

Chile

- Anthony Lobdell Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

Costa Rica

- Anthony Lobdell Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

England

- Birkbeck, University of London: Marcus Ames-Lewis Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000 for semester students
- University of Bristol: \$4,000 for academic year students attending state universities and paying in-state tuition

Ireland

- Colleen Dodd Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

Mexico

- Anthony Lobdell Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

Peru

- Anthony Lobdell Memorial Scholarship: \$3,500 for semester or full year students

IFSA-Butler General Scholarships

Any student applying for a Spotlight Scholarship will automatically be considered for other IFSA-Butler scholarships if they are not awarded a Spotlight Scholarship.

State Universities (\$500-\$1,000)

Students who attend state universities are also eligible for a special scholarship and UTSA has 5, \$1000 IFSA scholarships available to students each year. Up to \$500 may be awarded for summer programs. Ask your UTSA study abroad office about this scholarship.

School for Field Studies (Loans-\$6,000) *need based only

For more information please visit: www.fieldstudies.org

Andreas Family Fund Scholarships (up to \$6,000)
SFS Scholarships (\$2,000-\$5,000)
SFS Travel Grants (varies)
Heather Jo Leibowitz Memorial Scholarship for Kenya (\$1,000)
Erin L. Bergstrom Memorial Scholarship
Fountain Scholarship
McKee Scholarship
SFS Employee Scholarship
New Low Interest Loans
Zero Interest Loans

SIT (\$500-\$5,000) *academic merit/financial need/diversity

For more information please visit: www.sit.edu/studyabroad

The SIT Fund

This scholarship fund is designed to help promote study abroad opportunities worldwide. Scholarships may be used by anyone enrolled in an SIT Study Abroad program to offset the cost of the program.

The Diversity Fund

To support SIT Study Abroad's commitment to achieving a diverse learning community, scholarships are offered to students who will enhance the racial, national, and ethnic diversity of their programs.

The Compton Fund

The Compton Fund was established to provide scholarships to undergraduate students participating in SIT programs with environmental, peace studies, or sustainable development themes. Particular emphasis will be given to students representing U.S. minority groups.

Middle East and Islamic Studies Scholarship

The Middle East and Islamic Studies scholarship is offered for students participating in programs in predominantly Muslim countries or in other programs with significant Middle Eastern and/or Islamic studies content.

SIT Asia Fund

A restricted fund has been made available for scholarships for SIT Study Abroad's China, Mongolia, and Viet Nam programs. The SIT Asia Fund, established with the support of the Freeman Foundation, is a **merit award** open to undergraduates with a background and interest in Asian Studies who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

Institute for International Education Funding Opportunities

For more information please visit: <http://www.iiepassport.org/>

- *Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship*: This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding at a 2-year or 4-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. It funds up to \$5,000 for a semester or academic year. www.iie.org/gilman
- *Freeman-ASIA* is designed to support American undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study overseas in East or Southeast Asia. Grant amounts are: Summer \$3,000, Semester/Quarter \$5,000, Academic Year \$7,000. <http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/>
- *IIE-Midwest and Southern Region Study Abroad Grants*: These grants are open to undergraduate students currently matriculated at a Midwest or Southern college or university which is a member of IIE's Networkers program <http://www.iie-houston.org/undergrad.php>
- *National Security Education Program*: NSEP awards scholarships to American student for study of world regions critical to US interests. NSEP Boren Scholarships are merit based. Award amounts are based on the study abroad costs and financial aid information provided by the applicant. The maximum award is \$8,000 for a summer, \$10,000 for a semester, or \$20,000 for a full academic year. <http://www.iie.org/nsep>

Post Graduate Funding Opportunities

- Marshall Scholarship. Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. At least forty Scholars are selected each year to study either at graduate or occasionally undergraduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. Each scholarship is held for two years. <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) study scholarships are awarded to highly qualified graduating seniors and graduate students of all disciplines to provide the opportunity to study in Germany, or complete a postgraduate or Master's degree course and obtain a degree from a German higher education institution. <http://www.daad.org/>
- The British Council <http://www.britishcouncil.org/usa-education-graduate-funding.htm>. This section of the British Council's Web site is dedicated to information on graduate opportunities and information for applying to a program in the United Kingdom. Services include a single application available for submission to any participating UK university.
- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fellowships for U.S. graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad for one academic year. <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>
- Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation: Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies in Spain. <http://www.becasmae.es/>
- The George J. Mitchell Scholarships: Funds graduate study in Ireland or Northern Ireland for one year. <http://www.usirelandalliance.org/scholarships.html>
- ORSAS awards offer international postgraduate students the opportunity to carry out a broad range of research at well-established UK academic institutions of worldwide recognition. These awards provide funding to pay the difference between the international student tuition fees and the home/EU student tuition fees charged by the academic institution that the student attends. ORSAS awards do not cover the home/EU fee element, maintenance or travel expenses. <http://www.orsas.ac.uk/about/>
- The Gates Cambridge Scholarships - To enable college graduates to study as an affiliated student or to pursue taught or research courses of postgraduate study at the University of Cambridge. Applicants from every country in the world except the UK are eligible to apply. In general, all candidates must have, or expect to obtain before beginning study in Cambridge, an Honors Bachelor degree, or its equivalent, from a recognized university. <http://www.gwu.edu/~fellows/gates.html>
- The Social Science Research Council funds a variety of pre-dissertation, dissertation, and postdoctoral fellowships. Although most programs target the social sciences, many are also open to applicants from the humanities, the natural sciences, <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/>

General Funding Resources

- IIE Passport Study Abroad Funding is a comprehensive database of study abroad scholarships, fellowships, and grants that allows you to search by county or subject to find funding for study outside the US at an undergraduate, graduate, or professional level. <http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/>
- The British Council <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm?mtklink=corporate-homepage-funding-your-studies>. This section of the British Council's Web site is dedicated to information on scholarships for international study in the UK and information for applying to a program in the UK. Services include a single application available for submission to any participating UK university.
- College Board Scholarship Search: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/index.html>
- Collegenet: Another extensive scholarship search. www.collegenet.com/mach25
- Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes www.caorc.org/language/index.html
This scholarship is part of the National Security Language Initiative, a U.S. government interagency effort to encourage Americans to study critical need foreign languages. This scholarship, from the Department of State, will provide funding for U.S. citizen undergraduate, master's and Ph.D. students to participate in beginning, intermediate and advanced level summer language programs at American Overseas Research Centers (locations currently include: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Tunisia, Turkey, and Yemen).
- Davis-Putter Scholarship This fund provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice, including movements to preserve and expand civil rights, economic justice, and international solidarity. Selection is also need-based. The maximum grant is \$6,000. <http://davisputter.org/>
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) - German Academic Scholarship. Undergraduate Scholarship Program to support undergraduate US and Canadian students interested in studying, doing research, or completing an internship in Germany. <http://www.daad.org/?p=46362>
- Fast Web: This service provides a free customized list of financial aid sources including private sector scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans. <http://www.fastweb.com>
- GoAbroad.com offers a site where you can search for scholarship using various criteria: <http://www.studyabroaddirectory.com/scholarship/index.cfm>
- International Research and Exchanges Board's web page. Administers academic exchanges between the U.S. and Eurasia, Mongolia and China. Lists a variety of grant and fellowship opportunities. <http://www.irex.org>

- Mobility International – Financial Aid for International Exchange and Disability:
http://www.miusa.org/ncde/financialaid/index_html
- DiversityAbroad.com offers a site where you can search for scholarship using various criteria:
http://scholarships.diversityabroad.com/study_abroad.php
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships: Funds study abroad for one year to further international understanding. Persons with disabilities are eligible and encouraged to apply. Open to all majors. http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html
- StudyAbroad.com has several financial aid and scholarship links: http://www.studyabroad.com/forum/financial_aid.html
- StudyAbroadLinks.com scholarship links:
http://www.studyabroadlinks.com/search/Study_Abroad_Resources/Scholarships_and_Financial_Aid/index.html
- The Financial Aid Page: This page has links to scholarship searches and a comprehensive listing of financial aid information.
<http://www.finaid.org>
- The Student Guide: The U.S. Department of Education publishes a guide each year on the eligibility requirements on various federal aid programs. http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html
- U.S. Department of State: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) fosters mutual understanding between the United States and other countries through international educational and training programs. <http://exchanges.state.gov/>
- <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/index.html> The International Study and Travel Center’s searchable database for scholarship opportunities can be accessed from this main homepage.
- <http://www.iie.org> The Institute for International Education’s homepage. Listings are provided for IIE-sponsored scholarship programs, including an award for undergraduate and graduates students who have not previously studied outside the U.S.
- <http://finaid.org> The “complete” website for Financial Aid compiled by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. General information for use of Federal aid is provided, as well as links to large “searchable” databases for scholarships, loans and grants.

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