External Scholarships for Study Abroad

These scholarships are facilitated by non-BSU entities and intended/eligible for study abroad. This non-exhaustive list is provided as a launching point for students to research and apply for on their own initiative.

External Organization Scholarships

The Going Abroad Scholarship

Provider: Going
Link: *https://www.going.com/scholarship*
Amount: $1,500

- Students submit a 3-4 minute video essay.
- Two winners per semester. Deadlines are March 15th for fall programs and October 15th for spring programs.

Diverse International Women of Color Study Abroad Scholarship

Provider: Diverse International Women of Color
Link: *https://diwcfund.org/diwc-scholarship/*
Amount: $500

- To assist women of color who are exceptional in their studies and in need of financial assistance to study abroad.
- Application dates vary by semester.

Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship

Provider: Tortuga Backpacks
Link: *https://www.tortugabackpacks.com/pages/study-abroad-scholarship*
Amount: $1,000 + travel backpack

- Awarded biannually to passionate students who want to explore the world. The scholarship may be used for tuition, room and board, books, or travel. Funds will be sent directly to the winner's study abroad program or university.
- One winner per fall/spring semester.

Fund for Education Abroad Scholarships

Provider: The Fund for Education Abroad
Link: *https://fundforeducationabroad.org/apply/*
Amount: up to $5,000

- FEA invests in deserving U.S. undergraduates who are least likely to study abroad and take into consideration financial need, demographic factors, unofficial transcripts, and essay submissions. Must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient.
- Financial need is defined as one of the following: your Student Aid Index (SAI) is below 20,000, you are eligible for a Pell Grant, or you have taken out any amount of student loans for the current academic year.
- By applying you are considered for both FEA general scholarships and scholarships from several partner study abroad providers.

Bridging Scholarships (Japan)

Provider: American Association of Teachers of Japanese
Link: *https://www.aatj.org/japan-bridging-scholarships/*
Amount: $2,500 for a semester or $4,500 for an academic year

- Awarded annually to 70-100 academically outstanding, financially deserving U.S. undergraduate students. In addition to receiving a cash stipend, Bridging Scholars participate in cohort programming designed to assist students to build a future as a global citizen with a lifelong connection to Japan.
- Apply by March 15th for the following academic year.

Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship Program

Provider: U.S.-Japan Council
Link: *https://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship/*
Amount: Tuition & fees, room & board, insurance, books & supplies, travel, and misc.

- Provides financial assistance to U.S. citizen or permanent resident undergraduate and graduate students pursuing study abroad program or international study in Japan. Must be a semester or Academic Year program, not a summer/winter/internship program, and does not apply to language schools.
- Demonstrates financial need for international study (i.e., would not be able to pursue international study without financial assistance or support)
- Preference given to undergraduates, first-generation students, from single parent households, orphans, or without international study experience.

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants

Provider: Phi Kappa Phi
Link: *https://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards/study-abroad*
Amount: $1,000

- Designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Applicants do not have to be Society members but must attend an institution with an active Phi Kappa Phi chapter and have a GPA of 3.75 or higher.
- Seventy-five grants are awarded each year.
- Apply by March 15th for the following academic year.

Voyager Scholarship (Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service)

Provider: The Obama Foundation
Link: https://www.obama.org/programs/voyager-scholarship/
Amount: up to $50,000 in financial aid over 2 years, $10,000 for summer travel/learning, 10-year travel stipend, and professional development and networking

- Helps U.S. citizen, national, permanent resident, or DACA students pursue careers in public service by providing access to barrier-reducing financial aid, travel experiences, a network of leaders and mentors, and programming designed to support them as they refine their vision for the type of impact they plan to make.
- Must be a Sophomore at the time of application (April) with 2 years of undergraduate study remaining with demonstrated financial need, a minimum 3.0 GPA, have demonstrated a commitment to public service, and plan to pursue a future career in public service upon graduation.

GlobalScholarships.com

Provider: Global Scholarships
Link: *https://globalscholarships.com/study-abroad-scholarship/*
Amount: $1,000

- Awarded to one student, undergraduate or graduate, who shows a clear purpose and excitement for their chosen study abroad program. The ideal candidate should have well-thought-out reasons for wanting to study in their selected country and demonstrate how this experience will benefit their education and personal growth. Funds will be sent directly to the winner's home institution.
- Submit a 500-700 word essay on "Why you want to study abroad". Application deadline March 31st.

Sustainability Abroad Scholarship

Provider: Butex (British Student Mobility)
Link: *https://butex.ac.uk/scholarships/*
Amount: £600 (~$800)

- Designed for students who aspire to study abroad or intern in the U.K. with a focus on sustainability. It encourages a deeper understanding of global environmental challenges and fosters the exchange of innovative ideas across cultures.
- Open to students attending semester study abroad or summer school program at a Butex Full Member institution in the U.K., several of whom are host institutions of Ball State sponsored programs.
- Applications are open in May-June for the current calendar year, and you may apply for a program that you already completed by then.

Joy Worldwide Inc.

Provider: Joy Worldwide, Inc.
Link: *https://www.joyworldwideinc.com/apply*
Amount: $500 (semester) or $250 (short-term)

- Scholarship programs for underrepresented undergraduate students, particularly African American students, pursuing study abroad opportunities. Selected finalists will be invited to participate in an interview as part of the selection process.
- Recipients also have access to visa and passport consultancy services to help navigate and streamline what can often be an overwhelming process.

National Scholarships

For all nationally competitive scholarships, please contact the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships for assistance and support: www.bsu.edu/nationalscholarships

The Gilman Scholarship

Provider: U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Link: *https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/*
Amount: $5,000

- Supports U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to national security and economic prosperity. Must be a recipient of a Federal Pell Grant.

- Awarded to nearly 3,000 recipients per year, although successful application rates are around 15-20%.
- Ball State students should contact Andrea Wolfe (ampowell@bsu.edu), Director of National Scholarships and Fellowships, for assistance and support with applications.

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship

Provider: U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Link: *https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/gilman-mccain-scholarships/*
Amount: $5,000

- 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, such as Direct loans or Pell Grants.
- Students may be recipients of either the Gilman or Gilman-McCain scholarship but not both. Both scholarships use a joint application.
- Ball State students should contact Andrea Wolfe (ampowell@bsu.edu), Director of National Scholarships and Fellowships, for assistance and support with applications.

Boren Awards

Provider: National Security Education Program (NSEP)
Link: *https://www.borenawards.org/*
Amount: Maximum of $25,000 for 25-52 weeks (preferred) $12,500 for 12-24 weeks, $8,000 for 8-11 weeks (STEM majors only)

- Supports undergraduate and graduate study abroad in all countries, except those in Western Europe and Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, in order to help students acquire the international competence needed to communicate effectively across borders, understand other perspectives, and analyze increasingly fluid economic and political realities. NSEP focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security.
- For all proposed programs, critical language study should comprise the majority of overseas coursework. Beyond the classroom, language immersion may take place in university housing with local students, in homestays with local families, or through research or volunteering conducted in the local language.

Critical Language Scholarship

Provider: U.S. Department of State & American Councils for International Education
Link: *https://clscholarship.org/*
Amount: Fully-funded 8-10 week summer program (includes instruction, books, airfare, visa fees, room & board, cultural excursions)

- The CLS Program provides fully-funded immersive summer programs online or abroad for U.S. students to learn languages of strategic importance to the United States' national security, economic prosperity, and engagement with the world.
- Languages are Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. Some languages require no prior language study.

- Must be a U.S. citizen, enrolled in a degree-seeking program, have completed a year of university study by program start, and should intend to use their language skills in their future academic or professional pursuits.

Fulbright UK Summer Institutes

Provider: US-UK Fulbright Commission
Link: https://fulbright.org.uk/our-programmes/undergraduate-and-pre-university-programmes/uk-summer-institutes/
Amount: Fully-funded 3-4 week summer program (includes tuition & fees, roundtrip airfare, accommodation and some meals, social and cultural excursions)

- Summer programs for U.S. undergraduate students, who have no or very little travel experience outside North America. Participants can explore the culture, heritage, and history of the UK while experiencing higher education at a UK university.
- Must be a U.S. citizen, have at least 2 years of undergraduate study remaining, minimum GPA of 3.6, and little to no study/travel experience abroad.

DAAD Summer Course Grant (Germany)

Provider: German Academic Exchange Service
Link: *https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/undergraduate-opportunities/*
Amount: €475, tuition, housing, and potential travel costs up to €1188 (~$700)

- Funds attendance of language, regional studies, and technical language courses offered by state or state-recognized German universities and by affiliated language schools during the summer.
- Courses must be taught exclusively in German and must be in-person.

Gilman-DAAD Germany Scholarships

Provider: German Academic Exchange Service / U.S. Department of State
Link: *https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/undergraduate-opportunities/*
Amount: up to $5,000

- An extension of the U.S. State Department's Gilman Scholarship Program. Only U.S. Pell Grant recipients are eligible to participate.
- Student must be participating in a semester, academic year, summer, or winter study abroad program at a German Institution or credit-bearing internship in Germany.

Freeman-ASIA Scholarship

Provider: Institute of International Education
Link: *https://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/apply/*
Amount: Summer up to $3,000, semester up to $5,000, academic year up to $7,000

- To support U.S.-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia, to increase exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures.
- Provides need-based funding to assist the recipient with the cost of the study abroad program and related expenses, including airfare, basic living costs, local transportation, books, etc.
- Apply by April 1 for the following academic year.

Japanese Government (MEXT) Japanese Studies Scholarship

Provider: Government of Japan *Monbukagakusho (MEXT)*
Link:*https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/mext-scholarship-info.html*
Amount: Roundtrip airfare, full tuition, fees, and a ¥117,000 (~$750) monthly stipend

- A Japanese government scholarship that allows currently enrolled undergraduates to spend 1 year studying Japanese language and culture at a university in Japan. Scholarship recipients will pursue one of two programs: 1) An intense program to improve Japanese language skills, or 2) An intense program to learn more about Japan and Japanese culture.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen, generally between the ages of 18 and 30, have sufficient Japanese language ability to receive instruction at a Japanese university, and be majoring in a field related to Japanese language or culture.
- Apply by February for the following academic year beginning in September.

Japanese Student Exchange Support Program

Provider: Japanese Student Services Organization (JASSO)
Link: *https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/ukeire.html*
Amount: ¥80,000 (~$525) monthly stipend

- Scholarship for an exchange student or similar studying at a Japanese university for 8 days to 1 year who would otherwise be unable to afford their study program.
- Student must demonstrate excellent academic and personal records at their home institution, and be receiving less than ¥80,000 per month in total from other scholarships for study in Japan.

HACU Scholarship Program

Provider: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
Link: *https://hacu.net/programs/hacu-scholarship-program/*
Amount: $1,500 - $5,000

- Supports students at HACU-member institutions (Ball State is a member) funded by corporate, federal, or nonprofit partners.
- Application criteria among scholarships varies, but generally includes a short essay. Create a profile to be matched with scholarships you are eligible for.

Program/Provider-Specific Scholarships and Grants

These are Ball State-sponsored third-party partners who provide scholarships and grants for students participating in one of their study abroad programs.

AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study)

Link: *https://www.aifsabroad.com/scholarships-grants-details/*

USAC (University Studies Abroad Consortium)

Link: *https://usac.edu/money-matters/scholarships-and-discounts*

KIIS (Kentucky Institute for International Studies)

Link: *https://www.kiis.org/students/finances/scholarships/*

EF (Education First)

Link: *https://www.efstudyabroad.com/help-center/fundraising-and-scholarships*

WINS (Webster International Network Schools) Travel Award

Link: *https://www.webster.edu/wins/index.php*

StudyAbroad.com

Link: *https://www.studyabroad.com/funding-your-program/*

ISEP (International Student Exchange Program)

Link: *https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/planning/finances/study-abroad-scholarships*

Study Abroad Scholarship Databases

In addition to the scholarships listed above, we invite you to check out these online search engines and databases of study abroad scholarship opportunities.

USA Study Abroad (U.S. State Department)

Link: *https://studyabroad.state.gov/us-government-scholarships-and-programs/us-college-and-university-students*

FastWeb

Link: *https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/scholarships-for-studying-abroad*

Fund for Education Abroad

Link: *https://fundforeducationabroad.org/scholarships/*

Go Overseas

Link: *https://www.gooverseas.com/scholarships*

International Scholarships

Link: *https://www.internationalscholarships.com/*

Go Abroad

Link: *https://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad*

Scholarships.com

Link: *https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/special-attributes/study-abroad*

International Education Financial Aid (IEFA)

Link: *https://www.iefa.org/scholarships*