

## Travel Scholarships and Funding Resources



Shibani Chakrabarty ('18), President Elect of PanHellenic, Hess Fellow, studied abroad in spring 2016 in London, England through the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)

*“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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> (Spring/Summer) and March 1<sup>st</sup> (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](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](#).

\*Thanks to University of Michigan for sharing such great resources!

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

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