

# FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

*“The world is full of wonderful things you haven’t seen yet.  
Don’t ever give up on the chance of seeing them.”*

*J.K. Rowling*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Usually, student’s decision on study abroad are deterrent on the cost of the program. At the Sul Ross State University Office of International Studies/ Study Abroad Programs, we want to make the life changing experience of traveling abroad accessible to any student who wants to enrich their education through travel. We take all the steps necessary to provide and help our students the opportunity of studying abroad regardless of socioeconomic status or personal finances. Below are several options for scholarships and grants to make this dream a reality:

Sul Ross University offers multiple scholarships and grants. Please go to our webpage:

<https://www.sulross.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/scholarship-list/#1622129464651-038498d8-fcb>

IDEAS “Increase Diversity Education Abroad for US Students”

<https://studyabroad.state.gov/value-study-abroad/highlights-and-activities/apply-february-28-ideas-program-grant-increase>

Also, look at some scholarships offered outside Sul Ross State University:

| Scholarship                                    | Amount        | Description  |
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| <a href="#">The Gilman Scholarship Program</a> | Up to \$5,000 | Awards of up to \$5,000 to support U.S. citizen undergraduate receiving Federal Pell Grant funding. Students studying in Critical Need Language countries may receive a \$3,000 supplement for a total possible award of \$8,000. Applicants must be studying abroad for at least 3 weeks. |
| <a href="#">Gilman-McCain Scholarship</a>      | \$5,000       | The U.S. Department of State’s Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for undergraduate child dependents of active duty service members and who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs.                     |

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| <a href="#"><u>Boren Scholarships</u></a>                         | Up to \$20,000           | This scholarship supports U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Recipients must agree to seek work in the federal government for at least one year in a position related to national security.                                  |
| <a href="#"><u>Boren Fellowship</u></a>                           | Up to \$30,000           | This scholarship supports U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Recipients must agree to seek work in the federal government for at least one year in a position related to national security.                                       |
| <a href="#"><u>Fund for Education Abroad</u></a>                  | Up to \$10,000           | Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled as undergraduates in US universities/colleges who plan to study abroad for at least four weeks (a minimum of 30 days) during summer or semester abroad programs.   |
| <a href="#"><u>Fund for Education Abroad – Rainbow</u></a>        | Up to \$10,000           | The FEA Rainbow Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving LGBTQI student who aims to participate in a high-quality, rigorous education abroad program.   |
| <a href="#"><u>Critical Language Scholarship Program</u></a>      | Covers all program costs | The CLS Program is open to undergraduate and graduate students from any major who are U.S. citizens. The Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and provides full funding for students to participate in a 7-10 week critical language summer program. Eligibility requirements vary depending on language of study.                         |
| <a href="#"><u>Go Overseas Scholarship</u></a>                    | Varies                   | Varies  |
| <a href="#"><u>Tortuga Backpacks Study Abroad Scholarship</u></a> | \$1,000 + backpack       | The Tortuga Backpacks Study Abroad Scholarship is awarded to passionate students who want to see the world. The winner will receive \$1,000 for a semester abroad plus a travel backpack. Requirements: U.S. citizen or student visa holder, full-time undergraduate student in good standing, applied to or been accepted into a study abroad program. |
| <a href="#"><u>Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Grants</u></a>         | \$1,000                  | PKP Grants help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields. Forty-five \$1,000 grants are awarded annually. Society Membership not required.   |
| <a href="#"><u>Rotary Foundation Grants</u></a>                   | Varies                   | Rotary Grants support a wide variety of projects, scholarships, and training around the world. Depending on the type of grant, students may need to apply up to a year and half before going abroad. Award amounts vary depending on the type of grant.   |

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| <a href="#">Study Abroad in Japan: Bridging Scholarships</a> | Variable, usually between \$2,500 – \$4,000 | The American Association of Teachers of Japanese offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. They award up to 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 academic year. Bridging Scholarship recipients receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students on semester-long programs) or \$4,000 (for students on academic year programs).  |
| <a href="#">Freeman-ASIA Scholarship</a>                     | Up to \$7,000                               | Freeman-ASIA provides scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. A Freeman-ASIA Award 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. Awards between \$3,000-\$7,000 depending on program length. The Scholarship is open to all undergraduate students who are studying abroad at a university in the U.K. that is affiliated with the British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX). You must be studying abroad between September 2015 and August 2016 for a minimum of one semester. The value of each scholarship is £500 and will be paid to the winners once they have arrived and registered at their host university. |
| <a href="#">BUTEX Scholarships: Study Abroad in the U.K.</a> | £500  |   |
| <a href="#">German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</a>      | Varies                                      | DAAD offers a variety of grants and scholarships for study abroad and international internships in Germany.   |
| <a href="#">Diversity Abroad</a>                             | Varies                                      | Minority, Low Income and First Generation students are encouraged to apply.   |
| <a href="#">Fulbright Student Program</a>                    | Varies                                      | The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students.   |
| <a href="#">Japan Student Services Organization</a>          | Varies                                      |   |
| <a href="#">Marshall Scholarship</a>                         | Tuition, housing, and stipend               | Full scholarship for one year of graduate level study in the United Kingdom for US college graduates (12 month masters degree program available).   |
| <a href="#">Mitchell Scholarship</a>                         | Tuition, housing, and stipend               | Graduate/post-graduate study in Ireland for US college graduates. Includes one year of tuition, housing, living stipend and travel stipend. (12 month masters degree program available).  |

- [USAC Scholarship](#)--for students traveling through a USAC program
- [Diversity Abroad Scholarship Database](#)--here you can search for scholarships based on destination of your program or field of study

- **CJS Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship**--Silver or Gold Award Girl Scout with a 3.0 GPA
- **DIWC Scholarship – DIWC Fund**--for women of color who are exceptional in their studies and in need of financial assistance to study abroad. \$500 scholarship
- **Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Scholarship**--open to non-members; you must have a 3.75 GPA and are enrolled in a current or upcoming study abroad program
- **Going Study Abroad Scholarship**--create a video e
- **Gilman-McCain Scholarship - Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship** ([gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org))--provides awards of \$5,000 for child and spousal dependents of active or activated United States military personnel during the time of application. Applicants must be recipients of any type of Title IV federal financial aid during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving Title IV federal financial aid during their study abroad program or internship.
- **The Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship Program - U.S.-Japan Council** ([usjapancouncil.org](http://usjapancouncil.org))--provides financial assistance to Japanese and American undergraduate and graduate students pursuing study abroad program or international study in either the United States or Japan
- **Owner Direct Vacation Rentals Study Away Scholarship**--\$500 study abroad scholarship: students should submit an original 600-800 word essay in a Google doc or PDF format to [marketing@ownerdirect.com](mailto:marketing@ownerdirect.com) describing "Insights and learning experiences from travelling" between Jul 1 - Aug 31, 2023

For Study Abroad of one semester or more:

- **Fund for Education Abroad**--fill out one application to be considered for multiple scholarships of which you qualify; this organization sponsors general study abroad scholarships for deserving students, as well as specialized scholarships for LGBTQIA+ students, African American undergraduate students, and first-generation college students.
- **Boren Scholarship**--The Boren Awards fund the intensive study of language and culture abroad by U.S. undergraduate or graduate students. Students must be studying abroad for at least 12 weeks
- **Freeman Asia Scholarship**--for students studying abroad in East or Southeast Asia (students who study at one of our two partner universities in South Korea would qualify)
- **DAAD German Exchange Scholarship**--students who choose to study abroad at our partner university in Germany qualify for this scholarship
- **Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship**

[FundMyTravel.com](http://FundMyTravel.com)

We encourage you to take advantage of [FundMyTravel.com](http://FundMyTravel.com). This website is designed to help students raise funds for their study abroad trips through the generosity of their network of friends, family, and acquaintances.

With FundMyTravel, you can create a personalized donation page where you can share your trip itinerary, a video explaining your plans, and letters of recommendation from professors or study abroad advisors. This allows potential donors to see exactly what they are contributing to and feel confident in their decision to support you.

The process is simple: you create a profile, set a fundraising goal, and then share the link with your network. From there, donors can contribute directly to your campaign and help you reach your study abroad dreams.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Students participating on study abroad programs may have the opportunity to use their financial aid and apply for additional scholarships (if applicable). To be eligible for financial aid for faculty lead short-term study abroad the student must be enrolled in a course and the course must apply to their degree plan.

It is important to meet with a financial aid representative to go over and understand how aid can be used for study abroad purposes. Students must also be aware of financial aid disbursement dates and complete any required forms.

For any student requesting financial aid, please go to our webpage:

<https://www.sulross.edu/financial-aid/>

## **BUDGET**

When planning to go abroad students must have a realistic budget in mind. Students must know the actual program cost and be aware of additional expenses. Although scholarships are available, students should not rely on scholarship funds at the moment of planning their study abroad program budget. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure they have enough funds to pay for their program by the deadline and make payment arrangements with the business office if needed.