

USC Scholarships and Outside Scholarships

Study abroad is more affordable than you think. USC financial aid may be applied to the cost of a USC-approved semester or year-long study abroad program. Additionally, there are many scholarship opportunities. Application deadlines may be as much as a year in advance of travel. Thus, it is important to research and apply early! USC Thornton International can offer guidance.

NOTE: All scholarships must be reported to USC Financial Aid and are factored into calculations of student need.

Tuition Assistance Benefit (TAB) & Study Abroad:

TAB is a tuition assistance benefit for students of a family member employed at USC. TAB may be applied to the tuition costs on a USC-approved study abroad program.

USC Scholarships:

USC Africa Student Fund

The USC Africa Student Fund is an endowment to support undergraduate student travel to African countries for study, research, service-based learning, and internships. Applications are welcome every October for travel during the following year. Applicants must have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA to qualify. Find more information [here](#).

Gold Family Scholarships

Believing that overseas experiences have tremendous impact on personal and intellectual growth, Stan and Ilene Gold established this scholarship for outstanding Trustee scholars seeking to study abroad. Applicants must write an essay describing their chosen study abroad program and how it will benefit their studies at USC.

Awarded once a year.

Merit Scholars - Exceptional Funding

Presidential, Trustee, Mork or Stamps merit scholars may apply for exceptional funding to apply towards the cost of study abroad.

USC Study Abroad Grants

Open to USC undergraduate students with financial aid who participate in a USC-approved study abroad program. The grant is intended to assist with additional expenses associated with study abroad (e.g., vaccinations, plane tickets, passport fees). Students must have completed the financial aid application process and must be admitted to a USC study abroad program for a full semester or year. Recipients may request to receive funding earlier than the university's normal disbursement schedule to cover upfront study abroad costs.

Awarded twice a year.

U.S. Government Scholarships:

NSEP David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarships offer a unique opportunity for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad. NSEP awards scholarships to American students for study of world regions critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East). The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Interested students should contact the [Office of Academic Honors and Fellowships](#).

Awarded once a year

Gilman Scholarships

Students receiving a Pell Grant are eligible for a Gilman scholarship. Preference goes to applicants with high financial need studying abroad for the first time. Awards can be as high as \$5,000 for semester study abroad, Maymesters and summer programs.

Awarded twice a year.

Gilman-McCain Scholarship

The U.S. Department of State's Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for child dependents of active duty service members to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Eligible students enrolled at accredited U.S. colleges and universities who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid are encouraged to apply.

United States Department of State Critical Language Scholarships

Scholarship for intensive summer study of critical languages: Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu. The CLS Program provides fully-funded seven to ten-week group-based intensive language instruction and extensive cultural enrichment experiences. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply.

Other Scholarships:

beGirl.world

Awards (2) \$2000 scholarships to black-women identified college students who have been accepted to a study abroad program. Visit their website for more information.

Bridging Scholarships for Programs in Japan

About 40 scholarships are awarded each semester to American students studying in Japan. The award amount for one semester is \$2,500 and for one year is \$4,000.

BUTEX: British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association

BUTEX awards £500 scholarships to students spending a semester or year in the UK. Recipients are selected based on their poster or essay submission.

DiversityAbroad.com

Funding and other information for underrepresented and minority students

Education New Zealand

Education New Zealand is supporting Generation Study Abroad students with excellence and travel awards.

French Government Scholarships

Grants supporting undergraduate and graduate study in France.

Freeman – ASIA

Freeman-ASIA accepts applications from U.S. citizens or permanent residents studying at the undergraduate level who demonstrate financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. Note that there is only one application deadline each year. Applications are usually due in the March prior to studying abroad.

Foundation For Global Scholars

FGS empowers globally minded students to gain international understanding and perspective, without regard to financial ability, and to return the investment by making an impact on their local/wider communities.

The Fund for Education Abroad

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 to support study abroad.

The Fund for Education Abroad Cyril Taylor Foundation Award

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) received a gift of \$50,000 from The Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation (CTCF) to fund scholarships for American students to study in the United Kingdom.

Go Overseas Scholarship

The Go Overseas scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in, or in the process of applying to, study abroad programs. More info can be found on the [Go Overseas Scholarships website](#).

Hostelling International USA Travel Grants

Hostelling International USA (HI-USA) presents an annual Travel Grant in the amount of \$1,000 in the greater Los Angeles area to an individual who is just beginning his or her travel experiences in life.

IIE Scholarship Database

Comprehensive study abroad scholarship database.

IEFA.org

Comprehensive college scholarship search and grant listings

Japan Student Services Organization

Listing of scholarships available for study in Japan.

Phi Kappa Phi: Study Abroad Grant Competition

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to sponsor this Study Abroad Grant competition. The society's Board of Directors encourages qualified undergraduates in all areas of study to apply. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards 50 Study Abroad grants of \$1,000 each.

Rainbow Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving LGBTQI student who aims to participate in a high-quality, rigorous education abroad program.

StudyAbroad.com

Online database of scholarship opportunities.

Study in Holland

Information on scholarships and grants for study in the Netherlands.

Tripping.com Study Abroad Scholarship

Travel company that has an essay contest; winners awarded with travel scholarships.