

# Scholarships for Study Abroad

## Education Abroad

### For Undergraduates

## WWU Scholarships

### WWU Scholarship: Helen Hostetter International Study Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Helen Hostetter is a retired educator and Western alumni. Hostetter's openness to different cultures, commitment to education, and belief in the importance of diversity were key factors in her decision to fund this scholarship. Scholarship will be awarded to currently enrolled students who are accepted to an approved study abroad or international exchange program through Education Abroad. Applicants must demonstrate both financial need and merit. Minimum of 3.0 GPA and in good standing. Preference may be given to, but not restricted to, students who are accepted into costly travel programs or demonstrate financial need.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Scholarships are available to WWU students who are participating in an approved study abroad or exchange program during the academic year. **Scholarships are not applicable to summer study abroad.**

**DEADLINE:** Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 terms: **4/22/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipHelenHostetter>

### James Joseph Ryan Scholarship for International Studies

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Scholarship is available to an undergraduate or graduate students accepted into an approved study abroad or international exchange program through Education Abroad. Applicants must demonstrate both financial need and merit. Scholarship funds applied first for travel expenses, then for miscellaneous expenses.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Scholarships are available to WWU students who are participating in an approved study abroad or exchange program during the academic year. **Scholarships are not applicable to summer study abroad.**

**DEADLINE:** Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 terms: **4/22/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipJamesJosephRyan>

## William H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Scholarship is available to currently enrolled students who are accepted to an approved study abroad or international exchange program through Education Abroad, except for Global Learning Programs. Students going to North America or the Caribbean are not eligible for the scholarship. Preference shall be given to students studying more than one language (not including birth language). Can include students studying certain aspects of spoken English, such as Ebonics, dialects, and patois. Preference shall be given to students who emphasize the study and practice of the spoken foreign language, both in the classroom and while studying abroad; students planning to teach a foreign language. Students may apply for and receive the scholarship more than once.

**ELIGIBILITY:** One scholarship is available to a WWU student participating in an approved study abroad or exchange program during the academic year. **Scholarships are not applicable to summer study abroad or WWU Global Learning Programs.**

**DEADLINE:** Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 terms: **4/22/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipWilliamBryant>

## Affiliate Program Scholarships

### Academic Programs International (API) – WWU Affiliate Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Education Abroad is offering a limited number of scholarships for students participating in any of the [Academic Programs International](#) programs. These scholarships will be applied to the total program cost of Academic Programs International.

**ELIGIBILITY:**-Must be accepted to one of [Academic Programs International](#) programs.

-Must have a 2.75 GPA.

-Must be in need of financial assistance (not necessarily on financial aid).

**DEADLINE:** -Spring Semester 2016/ Calendar Year 2016/ Winter Quarter 2016/ Spring Quarter 2016:

**Application Deadline is 10/15/2015**

-Summer 2016: **Application Deadline: 04/03/2016**

-Fall Quarter/Semester 2016/ Academic Year 2016-2017: **Application Deadline 06/17/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipAPI>

## American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) – WWU Affiliate Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Education Abroad is offering a limited number of scholarships for students participating in any of the [American Institute for Foreign Study \(AIFS\)](#) programs.

**ELIGIBILITY:**-Must be accepted to one of the [American Institute for Foreign Study \(AIFS\)](#) programs.

-Must have a 2.75 GPA.

-Must be in need of financial assistance (not necessarily on financial aid).

**DEADLINE:** - Winter Quarter 2016/ Spring Semester 2016/ Calendar Year 2016

**Application Deadline is 10/15/2015**

-Spring Quarter 2016: **Application Deadline 01/12/2016**

-Summer 2016: **Application Deadline: 05/02/2016**

- Academic Year 2016-2017: **Application Deadline: 06/17/2016**

-Fall Quarter/Semester 2016: **Application Deadline: 08/10/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipISA>

## International Studies Abroad (ISA) – WWU Affiliate Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Education Abroad is offering a limited number of scholarships for students participating in any of the [International Studies Abroad](#) programs. These scholarships will be applied to the total program cost of International Studies Abroad.

**ELIGIBILITY:**-Must be accepted to one of [International Studies Abroad](#) programs.

-Must have a 2.75 GPA.

-Must be in need of financial assistance (not necessarily on financial aid).

**DEADLINE:** -Spring Semester 2016/ Calendar Year 2016/ Winter Quarter 2016:

**Application Deadline is 10/15/2015**

-Spring Quarter 2016: **Application Deadline 01/12/2016**

-Summer 2016: **Application Deadline: 04/15/2016**

-Fall Quarter/Semester 2016/Academic Year 2016-2017: **Application Deadline 05/13/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipISA>

## SAI Programs Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Education Abroad is offering a limited number of scholarships for students participating in [SAI Programs](#). These scholarships will be applied to the total program cost of SAI Programs.

**ELIGIBILITY:**-Must be accepted to one of the [SAI Programs](#).

-Must have a 2.75 GPA.

-Must be in need of financial assistance (not necessarily on financial aid).

**DEADLINE:** -Spring Semester 2016: **Application Deadline is 10/25/2015**

-Summer 2016: **Application Deadline: 04/01/2016**

-Fall Quarter/ Semester 2016/Academic Year 2016-2017: **Application Deadline 06/10/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipSAI>

## University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) - WWU Affiliate Scholarship

**AWARD:** Varies

**DETAILS:** Education Abroad is offering a limited number of scholarships for students participating in any of the [University Studies Abroad Consortium \(USAC\) study abroad programs](#). These scholarships will be applied to the total program cost of USAC.

**ELIGIBILITY:**-Must be accepted to one of the [University Studies Abroad Consortium](#) (USAC) study abroad programs.

-Must have a 2.75 GPA.

-Must be in need of financial assistance (not necessarily on financial aid).

**DEADLINE:** -Spring Semester 2016/ Winter Quarter/ Spring Quarter: **Application Deadline is 11/10/2015**

-Fall Quarter/ Semester 2016/Academic Year 2016-2017:**Application Deadline 05/26/2016**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/?go=WWUScholarshipUSAC>

## **Other Scholarship Opportunities (ordered by date)**

### ISA- NEW AsiaLearn and AustraLearn Grants

**AWARD:** Varies depending on Location

**DETAILS:** As part of ISA's commitment to Generation Study Abroad efforts and to commemorate 18 months of ISA offering programs in the Pacific and Asia regions, we are proud to announce that [AustraLearn](#) and [AsiaLearn](#) names are back in the form of ISA student grants! From now through November 1st, ISA will be offering students additional grant opportunities for select programs in Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

In addition, it was recently announced that an additional [\\$60,000 in new scholarships](#) are available to students who choose to study abroad in the Pacific region and [new scholarships are available for students studying at Konkuk University](#) in Seoul, South Korea. Visit the [host university scholarships page](#) for more information.

#### **ISA AsiaLearn Grants**

##### **Bangkok, Thailand:**

10 - \$500 tuition grants for Spring 1, 2016 (April-July) at Mahidol University

##### **Shanghai, China:**

20 - \$500 tuition grants for Spring 1, 2016 at East China Normal University

##### **Chengdu, China:**

20 - \$750 tuition for Spring 1, 2016 at Sichuan University

##### **Seoul, South Korea:**

Up to 50 - \$500 tuition grants for Summer 1, 2016 at Konkuk University (requests for this grant will be accepted through February 1st)

**ISA AustraLearn Grants**

**Adelaide, Australia**

\$1000 tuition grant for Spring 1, 2016 at the University of Adelaide

**Brisbane, Australia**

\$500 tuition grants for Spring 2, 2016 at Queensland University of Technology,

\$500 tuition grants for Spring 3, 2016 at the University of Queensland

**Gold Coast, Australia**

\$500 housing grants for Spring 2, 2016 at Griffith University

**Hobart, Tasmania (Australia)**

\$500 tuition grants for Spring 1, 2016 at the University of Tasmania

**Melbourne, Australia**

\$1500 housing grants for Spring 1, 2016 at La Trobe University

\$500 housing grants for Spring 2, 2016 at the University of Melbourne

**Newcastle, Australia**

\$750 tuition grants for Spring 1, 2016 at the University of Newcastle

**Perth, Australia**

\$500 tuition grants for Spring 1, 2016 at the University of Murdoch

\$750 tuition grants for Spring 2, 2016 at the University of Western Australia

**Sydney, Australia**

\$500 tuition grants for Spring 6, 2016 at the University of Technology, Sydney

**Townsville, Australia**

\$500 housing grants for Spring 1, 2016 at James Cook University - Townsville

**Auckland, New Zealand**

\$750 tuition grants for Spring 1, 2016 at the Auckland University of Technology

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- The student must be enrolled in a grant-eligible program and apply and be accepted to the program between now through **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Once accepted into a program, the student will need to simply contact their ISA Program Manager and request the grant, which will then be deducted from their account.
- Please note: Students that have already enrolled in one of the grant-eligible programs will be contacted via email and provided with these instructions on how to receive the grant.

**DEADLINE: November 1st**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Be enrolled in a grant eligible program and apply to be accepted to the program. Once accepted into a program, contact their ISA Program Manager and request the grant.

**WEBSITE:** <http://studiesabroad.com/>

**AWARD:** Full Scholarship

**DETAILS:** The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a fully-funded overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning. The CLS Program is a program of the [U.S. Department of State](#).

**Languages Offered include:** Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian

**ELIGIBILITY:** Fit the requirements for language levels and prerequisites, be a U.S citizen, be enrolled in an accredited U.S. degree-granting program, be enrolled for classes in the Fall 2015, enrolled at an institution accredited in the U.S, two letters of recommendations, etc. More information regarding eligibility can be found on the website.

**DEADLINE:** Applications are due **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 8:00pm Eastern Time (EST)**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.clscholarship.org/>

## CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange and Mobility International USA

**AWARD:** Full Scholarship

**DETAILS:** To celebrate the 25th anniversary of President George H.W. Bush's signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in July 1990, we're awarding 25 scholarships to students to enroll in CIEE study abroad programs. We awarded 11 CIEE/MIUSA Access to the World Scholarships in 2015. Complete the scholarship application below to be considered for one of the remaining Scholarships for 2016:

- **1 scholarship** – Four-week summer 2016 program sessions
- **4 scholarships** – Spring 2016 Open Campus programs at the new Global Institute – Berlin, Germany

**ELIGIBILITY:** Be a student with (dis)abilities

**DEADLINE:** **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Go to website and click apply by deadline

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.ciee.org/studyabroad/miusa/?utm\\_campaign=study\\_abroad&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=miusa\\_advisors\\_102120&utm\\_content=apply](http://www.ciee.org/studyabroad/miusa/?utm_campaign=study_abroad&utm_medium=email&utm_source=miusa_advisors_102120&utm_content=apply)

## AIFS Study Abroad- Australia

**AWARD:** \$1500 grant

**DETAILS:** Murdoch University will be offering all spring 2016 and fall 2016 Perth, Australia participants a \$1500 grant, as a reduction to the program fee. All students, Spring 2016 and Fall 2016, must apply and be accepted to either the Spring 2016 or Fall 2016 program the program by **December 11th, 2015** to qualify for the grant.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Be accepted to either the spring 2016 or fall 2016 program to qualify

**DEADLINE:** **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Log in to student portal and apply under scholarships and grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aifsbroad.com/scholarships.asp#collapseTwelve-alt2>

### Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

**AWARD:** Up to \$5,000 awarded for the academic year; \$4,000 for fall and spring programs, \$3,000 for summer programs. Amount will vary depending on length of study and student need.

**DETAILS:** The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a fully-funded overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning. The CLS Program is a program of the [U.S. Department of State](#).

**Languages Offered include:** Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian

**ELIGIBILITY:** Good academic standing, must receive Federal Pell Grant, applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by student's accredited institution, program must be at least 4 weeks in one country. Only first time recipients can apply. For more eligibility information, please check website.

**DEADLINE:** Spring Programs: **Application are from December 15<sup>th</sup>- April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Programs: **Applications are from May 1<sup>st</sup>- August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Fall and Academic Year Programs: **July 15<sup>th</sup>-October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**HOW TO APPLY:** There are two components to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship:

1. Online Application which includes uploading official transcripts
2. Online certifications from the applicant's study abroad and financial aid advisor.

\*Please check website on application deadline for each components

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.iese.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>

### Academic Programs International (API) John Cabot University Diversity Scholarship

**AWARD:** Full Tuition award per session abroad (fall, spring, summer 1 or summer 2 session)

**DETAILS:** The API-JCU Diversity Scholarship provides one full tuition award per session abroad (fall, spring, summer 1 or summer 2 session) to an outstanding minority student participating in the John Cabot University Program in Rome, Italy.

**ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be eligible to apply, students must meet the following requirements:

- In the process of applying or have applied to API's Direct Enrollment Program at John Cabot University in Rome.
- Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Asian-American, or Native American.

**DEADLINE:** On-going application

**HOW TO APPLY:** Download the application [here](#).

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.apistudyabroad.com/students/financial-information/scholarships/>

### SIT Study Abroad: New Horizons Grant

**AWARD:** \$1500 for Summer Program, \$2,500 for semester program

**DETAILS:** SIT is offering New Horizons grants to students who participate in SIT's new summer 2016 and fall 2016 programs. The amounts of the New Horizons grants are \$1,500 for a new summer program and \$2,500 for a new semester program. These are available to students who demonstrate any need and will be awarded in addition to other SIT awards, including the Pell Grant Match.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Participate in SIT's new programs which include:

- Summer 2016: Indonesia: Community Nature Conservation in Bali
- Summer 2016: Panama: Marine Ecology and Blue Carbon Conservation in the Pacific and Caribbean
- Summer 2016: Brazil: Sports, Youth and, Social Justice
- Summer 2016: Switzerland: Food Security and Nutrition
- Fall 2016: Iceland and Greenland: Climate Change and the Arctic
- Fall 2016: Switzerland: Banking, Finance and Social Responsibility
- Fall 2016: IHP: Rethinking Food Security: People, Agriculture and Politics
- Fall 2016: IHP: Social Entrepreneurship: Innovation, Design and Social Change

**DEADLINE:** Contact [studyabroad.scholarships@sit.edu](mailto:studyabroad.scholarships@sit.edu) for application deadline

**HOW TO APPLY:** Participate in SIT's new programs and apply through their application processes.

**WEBSITE:** <http://studyabroad.sit.edu>

## **Tips for scholarship winning**

1. Apply only if you are eligible. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully. Make sure you are eligible before you send in your application.
2. Complete the application in full. If a question does not apply to you, note that on the application. Do not leave a question blank. Be sure to supply all additional supporting materials, including transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays.
3. Follow directions. Provide everything that is required. However, do not supply things that are not requested--you could be disqualified.
4. Neatness counts. Always type your application, or if you must print do so neatly and legibly. Make a couple of photocopies of all the forms before you fill them out. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.
5. Write an essay that makes a strong impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: who, what, where, and when of your topic. The simplest experience can be monumental if you honestly present how you were affected. Try to emphasize ACADEMIC benefits of your program. It might be helpful to make an outline of your essay.
6. Watch all deadlines. To help keep yourself on track, impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time. Do not rely on extensions--very few scholarship providers allow them at all.
7. Make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Put your name on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they are clearly identified.
8. Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet. If your application goes astray, you will be able to reproduce it quickly.



9. Give it a final 'once-over.' Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher, or parent to proofread it as well.
10. Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, do not hesitate to call the funding organization.
11. Ask for letters of recommendations ASAP. It is also important to make sure your letters of recommendation are addressed to the organization whose scholarship you are applying for and that they are current.
12. Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, don't hesitate to call the funding organization or contact the agency for questions

### **Tips for Essay Writing Specific to Study Abroad Scholarships**

#### **DO's**

- Explain your goals for study abroad: relate it to your major & long-term goals.
- Address academic & personal goals, what you hope to gain/benefit from your experience.
- Connect your goals with the location you are going to, especially mainstream destinations that sometimes get less funding.
- Show you are realistic, compassionate and engaged
- Explain special circumstances (learning disabilities, financial challenges, other)
- Explain poor academic performance if you don't have a strong GPA, but don't dwell on it.
- **PROOF READ YOUR ESSAY**, have someone else read it and gives feedback.
- Make your main points clear and precise.
- Review each paragraph and check that you addressed each question or prompt and that you know the point you are making in each paragraph.
- Use a thesaurus; don't over use the same words.

#### **DON'T**

- Talk about being excited about travelling or about being 'good at travelling'!
- Ignore your conclusion
- Ignore the questions/prompts or only partially answer them
- Over-explain things- stick to your point (better to have a short essay that is well-written than a long essay where the main points are lost)
- Avoid lengthy descriptions or flowery language- remember, the reviewers read hundreds of essays- **what will make them remember you in a positive way?**