Scholarships for Study Abroad
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National Scholarships for Study Abroad

- **Gilman Scholarship** - [https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/](https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/)
  - Fall/Academic Year/Summer Deadline: First Tuesday of March
  - Winter/Spring/Early Summer Deadline: First Tuesday of October

- **Freeman Asia Scholarship** - [https://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia](https://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia)
  - Application Opens January 2019

- **FEA - Fund for Education Abroad** - [http://fundforeducationabroad.org/](http://fundforeducationabroad.org/)
  - Fall/Academic Year/Summer Deadline: Opens mid-January 2019
  - Winter/Spring Application: Likely open mid-September 2019

  - Deadline: Nov. 27th, 2018

- **Phi Kappa Phi** - [https://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards/study-abroad](https://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards/study-abroad)
  - Fall/Academic Year/Summer Deadline: Feb. 15th
  - Winter/Spring Deadline: Sept. 15th

WWU Opportunities

- **Education Abroad Office Scholarship Opportunities**
  - Fall/Winter/Spring/Academic Year Deadline: April 19, 2019
  - [studyabroad.wwu.edu](http://studyabroad.wwu.edu) —> Scholarships & Financial Aid —> Other Scholarships

- **WWU Scholarships Center Scholarship Opportunities**
  - Private Scholarship Search ([finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships](http://finaid.wwu.edu/scholarships))
  - 2019-2020 Annual Scholarships: Likely open March 2019

- **Departmental (Major/College) Scholarships**

- **Scholarship search engine** ([www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org))

- **Creative Funding Ideas** (frequent flyer miles, FundMyTravel)

*All dates are subject to change. Be sure to check websites for current information!*
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## Application Tips

- **Answer essay question/prompt**  
  - Address ALL parts!

- **Emphasize academic benefits**

- **Utilize resources**  
  - Other applications/essays you've written
  - Research & Writing Studio
  - Scholarship Center
  - Meet with advisors

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**Transcripts:**

- Official transcripts: normal turnaround time is 3-5 days.
- Unofficial transcripts: can be printed from Web4U

- **Letters of recommendation:**
  - 2+ weeks in advance
  - People who know you (language professors, etc.)

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**DEDICATE TIME • DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR MATERIALS! • HAVE MATERIALS PROOFREAD!**

## Essay Tips

### DO

- **Outline:**
  - Intro: you and your program
  - Main point: why you are going
  - Support: elevator pitch
  - Closing: thank for consideration

- **Goals? Career? Grad school? Degree?**
- **Why do you need support?**
- **What makes you stand out?**
- **Highlight work ethic**
- **PROOF YOUR ESSAY**

### DON’T

- Say you are “excited to travel”
- Ignore conclusion
- Ignore question
- Over explain
- Talk about past travel experiences
- Use flowery language
- Wait until the last minute!
- Forget to visit the WWU Hacherl Research & Writing Studio for assistance!

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