



FAQs: Study Abroad Scholarship

→ Am I eligible to receive a scholarship from the Office of Education Abroad?

| Eligible Applicants and Programs | Ineligible Applicants and Programs |
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| <p><u>Applicants must:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be UCA degree-seeking undergraduate, post-bacc, or graduate students ✓ Be earning credit for program participation ✓ Have earned at least 30 credit hours before going abroad (for Faculty-Led programs, students with fewer earned credit hours may be able to attend the program with permission from the Faculty Leader) ✓ Be in good standing with the university, both academically and financially, at the time of application and through the time of departure. <p><u>Programs must:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be sponsored by the UCA Office of Ed. Abroad (such as Faculty-Led or Language Immersion programs) | <p><u>Applicants cannot:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Be undocumented, including DACA students and DREAMERS, due to university policy ✗ Use UCA Study Abroad scholarships or other financial aid to travel or study in locations not approved by UCA's Travel Policy <p><u>Programs cannot:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Be independent or external to UCA, such as programs arranged by third party providers or designed by the student. |

→ How are scholarship awards determined?

Students will be scored on factors including, but not limited to (1) credit hours completed; (2) GPA; (3) Pell Grant eligibility; (4) institutional hours; (5) previous funding for study abroad. Institutional GPA and total hours earned at the time of application will be considered to determine eligibility. If you are a first semester transfer student, we will use your transfer GPA. A committee of faculty and/or staff will review each application to verify information and evaluate the open responses based on coverage of the topic questions and clarity of ideas.

→ How much money will I receive?

The amount of each award is based on (1) the availability of funding; (2) the amount of other scholarship funding for the selected program; (3) guidelines and eligibility requirements published by the UCA Financial Aid Office; (4) committee review; (5) scoring factors mentioned above. Participants of semester exchange or direct enroll programs are eligible for between \$750 and \$2,000 in funding. Faculty-Led program participants are eligible for \$750 to \$2,000. Language Immersion participants are eligible for \$500 to \$1,000. Pell Eligible students may receive additional funding.



→ When/how will I be notified about an award?

Applicants will be notified of their award status via email by the stated deadline on our website. All applicants will be notified of award status. Notification will be sent to the email address provided on the application.

→ What do I have to do in order to accept my scholarship award offer?

If approved by the Office of Education Abroad and Financial Aid for a scholarship, students must submit a completed application, including payment of deposit (\$500) by the designated deadline to secure funding. This constitutes acceptance of the scholarship award offer.

→ What do I have to do in order to maintain my scholarship award offer?

Students must continue to meet scholarship eligibility requirements up until departure. In addition, students must register for and attend the program to maintain the scholarship. All awards are contingent upon review of the Scholarship Compliance Office and subject to applicable university policies. Funding eligibility is based on the information submitted on this application. Any changes to program plans could affect an applicant's funding.

→ What do I have to do in order to decline my scholarship award offer?

If a student wants to decline an offer for funding by the Office of Education Abroad, they should write an email to studyabroad@uca.edu stating that they would like to decline their offer.

→ I was notified that I am an alternate. What does that mean?

Alternates may be awarded if there are any funds remaining after the first round of awardees are notified. Alternates will be updated on their status via email as promptly as possible. Alternates are still required to pay the deposit by the published deadlines.

→ When can I expect to receive my scholarship funds?

Awards will be released through UCA Student Accounts based on each student's eligibility following acceptance in the program. Program payment deadlines are independent of all funding disbursement dates. Students should be prepared to make all program payments by the published deadlines.

PLEASE NOTE: *The UCA Office of Education Abroad does not determine student federal aid or scholarship disbursements.*

→ Will I be able to use my scholarship/grant/loan/financial aid to help pay for my program costs?

All students anticipating scholarships or federal student aid should meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to discuss eligibility, financial aid guidelines, and the cost of their program. Students who are required to submit additional items to Financial Aid will be contacted via email.



→ What if I decide to withdraw from the study abroad program for which I was awarded a scholarship?

If a student withdraws from a program, any funding awarded should be returned to UCA Student Accounts.

→ Am I required to submit any projects or complete any assignments as part of this scholarship?

While not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to "give back" after studying abroad by volunteering time and expertise to the Office of Education Abroad. More information on how to "give back" will be made available for scholarship recipients.

→ I forgot to submit my application by the deadline on the website. Can I still submit it now?

All required materials must be received by the deadline for scholarship consideration. Late submissions will not be reviewed or considered for scholarship funding.

→ I have a question not answered here. Who can I contact?

Students may contact the UCA Office of Education Abroad at studyabroad@uca.edu or 501-450-3646. Our office is located in Torreyson Library, Room 109 and drop-in questions are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. More information about all of our programs can be found at uca.edu/globalstudy.

The university reserves the right to alter, change or revise schedules, credits and costs. All payments are non-refundable.