

31 TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS TO FUND YOUR NEXT TRIP ABROAD

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If you're a student, it can pay to travel! Opportunities abound to fund all kinds of journeys.

DO YOU HAVE A worthwhile project or field of study that involves traveling? If so, consider having your travels funded through a grant, fellowship, or travel scholarship.

Begin by contemplating where you want to go and potential projects you could build around those destinations. (Or vice versa.) Always wondered how sustainable agriculture works in Guam? How about local conservation practices in Central America? Once you have a clear vision of a travel / research project, begin looking for funding possibilities that give you the most freedom to pursue your goals.

When applying, take advantage of the resources and support systems you have. Your school, present or past, will have an adviser who can help you navigate the application process.

Writing grant proposals can take a lot of time, but good advice can help focus your efforts. Your school or area may even offer their own scholarship opportunities—talk to your department or your study abroad office.

Finally, even if funding from your school or other org close to home isn't an option, you'll find lots of other opportunities out there to fund your travel / project.

Major Grants

These are highly sought-after, competitive post-college grants that offer a full ride for a year or two of graduate study overseas.

[Marshall Scholarship](#) fully funds 2-3 years of graduate study in the UK. Open to US students finished with or finishing college.

[Rhodes Scholarship](#) funds two years of graduate study at Oxford. Includes full tuition and expenses and living stipend.

[Fulbright](#) offers year-long fellowships to American graduating seniors, grad students, young professionals and artists for study abroad or to teach English abroad. Program requirements vary by destination.



Posing at the Louvre. Photo by [marshlight](#)

[Watson Fellowship](#) funds one year of independent research. \$25,000. Open to graduating seniors from participating, small American colleges.

Program-based funding

These include grants tied to participation in the giver's program, and can take various forms.

[Institute for International Public Policy Fellowships](#) is a five year program with study abroad component to prepare underrepresented minority undergrads for careers in international affairs. Open to US citizens or permanent residents who apply sophomore year.

[Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships](#) multi-year program also for women and members of minorities underrepresented in foreign service. Open to US citizens to apply by Feb. of sophomore year. Foreign service commitment.

[Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) is a State Department program supporting study abroad. Up to \$5000 offered to enrolled students with financial need.

[Rotary Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholarships](#) fund study and language training abroad for undergraduates and masters degrees for graduate students in international studies, peace studies, and conflict resolution to be completed at one of seven Rotary Centers. Ambassadorial grants from \$11000 to \$24000 depending on duration of study.

[Fogarty-Ellison Overseas Fellowships in Global Health and Clinical Research](#) from the NIH funds one year of clinical research training abroad.

\$25,000 plus \$6000 for additional travel and materials expenses. Open to graduate students in health professions.

[CIEE Scholarships](#) offers several grants to participants in CIEE's study abroad programs. Certain grants fund study in particular regions. Essay required upon return. Must demonstrate financial need.

[AIFS Scholarships](#) offer a variety of grants covering up to full tuition and airfare for individuals in AIFS programs.

[SIT Scholarships](#) fund participation in SIT program. \$500 to \$5,000. Based on financial need.

[Hispanic Study Abroad Scholars](#) reduces costs of Global Semesters programs. Open to students attending member institutions of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

[Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship](#) is a multi-year program of summer institutes and study abroad. Funds up to 1/2 of junior year study abroad tuition. Open to underrepresented minorities.

Regional Grants

These grants are tied to study or travel in specific regions or countries of the globe.

[NSEP David L. Boren Scholarship](#) pays for undergraduate students to study in understudied areas of interest to national security. \$8000 to \$20000 depending on duration of study. Comes with federal government service requirement.

[NSEP Boren Fellowship](#) for graduate students. \$12000 to \$30000 maximum award. Federal service requirement.

[Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes](#) funds study of a list of lesser-studied languages. Covers all program costs. Open to US citizens enrolled in a college or university.

[The Killam Fellowships Program](#) fund semester or academic year study in Canada. \$5000/semester plus a travel allowance. Open to US or Canadian undergraduates.

[George J. Mitchell Scholarship](#) sponsors one year of graduate study at an Irish University. Funded by the US-Ireland Alliance. Includes tuition and stipend. Open to American citizens, ages 18 to 30.



[BUTEX Scholarships](#) offer \$1000 for US students accepted to study at a member University of the British Universities TransAtlantic Exchange Association. Simple application due by September 1.

[American-Scandinavian Foundation Awards for Study in Scandinavia](#) offer fellowships of up to \$23000 and grants of \$5000 to fund study or research. Open to college graduates.

[DAAD Fellowships](#) from The German Academic Exchange offers a range of study and research grants to undergraduates and graduate students for summer or school-year study in Berlin.

[Kress Travel Fellowships in the History of Art](#) funds research in Europe towards dissertation. \$3500 to \$10,000. Open to American pre-doctoral students in art history

[IREX Short Term Travel Grants Program Fellowships](#) for researchers holding graduate degrees for up to eight weeks in Eurasia. Research must be broadly related to policy concerns.

[Freeman Awards for Study in Asia](#) supports study in Asia for students demonstrating financial need. \$3000-\$7000 based on the duration of study. Open to undergraduates with little to no experience in country of travel.

[Bridging Scholarships](#) are offered by the Association of Teachers of Japanese, to fund travel and living expenses for academic study in Japan. Grants range from \$2500 to \$4000.

[Monbusho Scholarships](#) available to current and graduated students between 18 and 30. Funded by the Japanese government. [Short term exchange program of particular interest to current undergrad and grad students.](#)

[Huayu Enrichment Scholarship for Mandarin language study in Taiwan.](#) Stipend of approx US\$790/month. Open to overseas students who apply through their local Taiwan representative.

[Halide Edip Adivar Prize](#) For current undergraduates who have not studied Turkey. \$1000. Open to American and Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Other funding

[Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants](#) towards study abroad. \$1000. Open to all students of universities with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

[NSF: Developing Global Scientists and Engineers](#) offers funds for international research and study to undergrads, grad students and doctoral students in science and engineering fields. Grant