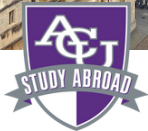


SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

ACU STUDY ABROAD



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DEAR STUDY ABROAD STUDENT,

We understand that, after being accepted to ACU Study Abroad, your next step is going to be sorting through financial matters. That is why we created this Study Abroad Scholarship Guide for you!

This guide lists information about internal as well as external study abroad scholarships that we have compiled information on for you. This is not a wholistic list, but rather a place for you to start your search.

We want to remind you that your program fee can be paid for with any ACU scholarship, not just ones pertaining to Study Abroad. Go by Wildcat Central and talk to your **financial aid counselor** to see about what other scholarship opportunities might be available to you!

B I L L I N G

Basic information about how billing works for Studying Abroad

BILLING

HOW WILL I BE BILLED?

Your program fee will be billed to your ACU account and can be paid through Wildcat PayPortal just like any semester on campus. For semester programs, it will be posted in June for the fall and December for the spring. For the summer, it will be posted in May.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM FEE? WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Program fees for full semesters range between \$7,000 and \$8,500, depending on the destination and length of the program. Summer fees are between \$4,000 to \$7,000. It will be charged to your account at the same time as billing for that semester/summer (fall is usually posted the first week of June, spring is posted the first week of December, summer is posted the first week of May). Semester program fees include airfare, group excursions and overseas medical insurance. Summer fees include all of that as well as housing. Check out each program online for more information!

HOW DO I PAY FOR THIS? CAN I USE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY?

You will still be able to apply your ACU financial aid package to your summer abroad. Also, the program fee counts as an additional academic expense, so it makes some students eligible for more aid. If you currently receive the Pell Grant, you should ask your financial aid counselor about the Gilman Award. For more information about financial aid, talk to your financial aid counselor.

BILLING

WILL I BE BILLED ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES THE PROGRAM FEE?

In addition to the program fee, semester programs will be charged for tuition and fees at the regular ACU rate, study abroad housing (same as a sophomore dorm on campus), and a meal plan. Summer programs are not typically charged anything besides the program fee unless you go over your billed hours.

WHAT OTHER PERSONAL EXPENSES SHOULD I EXPECT?

You will have personal expenses such as traveling on breaks, and souvenirs. From what we have observed, most students spend between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on personal expenses in a semester and around \$1,000 in a summer. However, that is dependent on you and your budgeting needs.

IF I WITHDRAW, WILL I GET A REFUND?

You can withdraw from the program up to 120 days prior to departure without incurring any extra fees. Please see our [Withdrawal Ineligibility Policy](#) to receive more information about how this works. Please do note that the application fee is non-refundable.

I N T E R N A L S C H O L A R S H I P S

*Information about scholarships offered within ACU for study
abroad programs regardless of length or location*

PRESIDENTIAL/ LYNAY SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a Presidential Scholar or a member of LYNAY and complete requirements necessary to maintain membership
- Only valid for first Study Abroad Program, cannot be used twice

AWARD

- Dependent on year of enrollment and length of Study Abroad Program (check with financial aid advisor)

DESCRIPTION

The Presidential Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate a high level of involvement in extracurricular activities, have a history of being chosen for leadership positions, who participate in faith-based settings and who excel academically. LYNAY is an organization of students who are dedicated to service.

If you are a Presidential Scholar or a member of LYNAY, you will automatically receive a scholarship that goes towards Studying Abroad! These awards vary, so check with your financial aid advisor. These two scholarships cannot be combined.

HONORS TRAVEL GRANT

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a member of ACU's Honors College
- Completion of Honors Travel Grant Application (found in the Honors College)

AWARD

- Dependent on availability and length of Study Abroad Program (check with Honors College)

DEADLINE

- Summer Programs: Prior to Spring Break (TBD)
- Fall and Spring Programs: Before the end of the semester directly prior

DESCRIPTION

The Honors College has a number of Honors Travel Grants that they award to each program. You can get one of these grants in exchange for submitting pictures about your experience and a short blog piece about your time abroad.

The exact deadline will vary each semester, so keep an eye on your Honors Newsletters! If you have any questions, feel free to email honors@acu.edu

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

DESCRIPTION

Many departments offer scholarships for studying abroad. Email your department to see if that is any option for you and what that application process might be! The award amount and requirements will depend entirely on your department, so make sure to keep on top of everything.



Remember: It never hurts to ask!

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Scholarship opportunities outside of ACU that are applicable to
any ACU study abroad program, regardless of length or
location*

FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen, DACA recipient, or permanent resident
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at a college or university in the U.S. (graduate students are not eligible)
- Study Abroad program must be eligible for credit at the student's home institution

* **Preferred applicants:** Students underrepresented in education abroad (Community college students, minority students, first-generation students)

AWARD

- Up to \$5,000 for students who study abroad for a fall or spring semester abroad, with a minimum of \$1,000 for short-term programs.

DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Fund for Education Abroad is to provide scholarships and ongoing support to students with financial need who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population. FEA makes international experiences accessible to all by supporting minority, community college, and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs.

DEADLINE

Applications for Spring 2024 are due September 20, 2023 at 11am..

Click [here](#) to apply to the Fund For Education Abroad Scholarship!

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student in good standing
- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of their study abroad program or internship
- Accepted, or in the process of applying to a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program.
- Traveling to a country with a Level 1 or 2 advisory based on the US state department

AWARD

- Up to \$5,000

DESCRIPTION

The Gilman Scholarship Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is an undergraduate program for U.S. citizens of limited financial means to enable them to study abroad, thereby internationalizing their outlook and better preparing them to thrive in the global economy. **The Gilman Scholarship Program offers a multitude of scholarships. Be sure to check out their website for more scholarships opportunities.**

DEADLINE

Fall 2023 & Spring 2024: Oct 5, 2023
Fall 2024 & Spring 2025: March 7, 2024

Click [here](#) to apply to the **Gilman Scholarship!**

MAKE YOUR MARK SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

REQUIREMENTS

- All full-time international students who are active F, J, M, U, T, R, A, or Q visa-holders and DACA recipients currently enrolled in a SEVIS-approved US institution.
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at a college or university in the U.S.
- Studying abroad in Spring 2021
- Create a Literary or Artistic Submission that answers the questions: 1) What do you love most about your home culture, and what part of it would you change? 2) What do you love most about the culture in America, and what part of it would you change?
- Submit application and work to scholarship@lewer.com

AWARD

- Six Winners- \$1,000
- Winners will be notified January 31, 2023.

DESCRIPTION

The Make Your Mark Scholarship Video Contest is a way for students to use their creative skills to express how they believe studying abroad will benefit them as a global citizen. Videos are evaluated and winners are selected based on Creativity (25%), Answering the Scholarship Question (50%), and Uniqueness (25%). BONUS for a letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member at your school.

DEADLINE

The dates for future scholarships have not been announced yet.

[Click here to apply to the Make Your Mark Scholarship Video Contest!](#)

LERNA GOOD COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled, or seeking to enroll, in an accredited college or university.
- Write a 150-250 word essay on the chosen essay theme by Good Colleges
- An email address linked to PayPal is required for the award

AWARD

- \$2,000

DESCRIPTION

The Good College Study Abroad Award essay competition is open to students who want to study abroad at the college level. The cash award can be used to pay for living expenses as an international student. The winning essay will be selected and announced the same month the competition closes. A winning entry may be insightful, informative, entertaining or moving. There are no rules about what style of entry could win.

DEADLINE

For Spring: November 1
For Fall: New application will open after November 1 round closes.

Click [here](#) to apply to the Good Colleges Scholarship!

HONOR SOCIETY STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an active Honor Society member with a completed profile, and upload a headshot to their profile
- Up to 500 word essay
- Current transcript
- Description of the planned study abroad program, including dates of the program.

AWARD

- \$1,000

DESCRIPTION

The Honor Society Study Abroad Scholarship is open to society members wanting the experience of study abroad. Applications will be considered up to 3 months after submission and then after that you can apply with an updated application for consideration over another 3 months.

DEADLINE

For Spring: August 16, 2023
New recipient every month.

Click [here](#) to apply to the Honor Society Study Abroad Scholarship!

SCOTT'S CHEAP FLIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen and/or resident of the U.S.
- Enrolled full-time at an accredited institution of higher learning and planning to study abroad as part of that program.
- 500-1,000 word essay

AWARD

- \$1,500

DESCRIPTION

Many of the Scott's Cheap Flights team members had their first international travel experience when they studied abroad. Thus, they would like to give others this same opportunity through providing scholarships.

DEADLINE

Spring Programs: October 15th
Fall Programs : March 15th

Click [here](#) to apply to the Scott's Cheap Flights Scholarship!

GILMAN-MCCAIN SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student in good standing
- Dependent child of an active duty military member
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid during the time of the application or proof that they will be receiving Title IV federal financial aid during their study abroad program
- Accepted or in the process of applying to a study abroad program that is at least 3 weeks long
- Traveling to a country with a Level 1 or 2 advisory based on the US state department

AWARD

- \$5,000

DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Department of State's Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for undergraduate child dependents of active duty service members to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs in the recognition of the Senator's legacy of public service.

DEADLINE

Spring 24, Summer 24, and Fall 25: October 5, 2023

Click [here](#) to apply to the Gilman-McCain Scholarship!

BRIGHT!TAX GLOBAL SCHOLAR INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- United States citizen currently living in or outside of the US and will be studying outside the US
- Minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA
- A 500 word essay on a topic relevant to the scholarship purpose
- Copies of high school and/or college transcripts
- Award based on academic achievement and financial need

AWARD

- Min. of \$1,000

DESCRIPTION

The Bright!Tax Global Scholar Initiative supports US citizens who are living and/or studying abroad.

DEADLINE

For Spring 2025: November 1, 2024
Summer 2024 and Fall 2024: June 1, 2024

[Click here to apply to the Bright!Tax Global Scholar Initiative Scholarship!](#)

OWNER DIRECT VACATION RENTALS STUDY AWAY SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- US or Canadian full-time student
- Over the age of 18
- Enrolled at an accredited university or college worldwide.
- 600-800 word essay

AWARD

- \$500

DESCRIPTION

Owner Direct values the benefits of education and travel as a way to learn first-hand about the world we live in. Thus, they are offering this scholarship to encourage studying away from home.

DEADLINE

The dates for future scholarships have not been announced yet.

Click [here](#) to apply to the Owner Direct Vacation Rentals Study Away Scholarship!

SIGMA TAU DELTA SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- A current undergraduate student
- Submit an electric copy of their most recent college transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation, with at least one recommendation written by a college English Department faculty member
- Must provide verification that they have arrived on-site (an official letter from the resident director of the program is acceptable for this purpose)

AWARD

- Up to \$3,000

DESCRIPTION

The Sigma Tau Delta Study Abroad Scholarship to further the applicant's engagement with their mission of fostering the discipline of English, including literature, language, writing, or literacy.

DEADLINE

Next Due Date: November 6, 2023
Biannual

Click [here](#) to apply to the Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship!

SIGMA DELTA PI SCHOLARSHIP (JUNIOR & SENIOR SPANISH MAJORS AND MINORS)

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a Spanish major or minor
- Be of at least a junior standing
- Be an active member of Sigma Delta Pi and have an nomination in writing from the chapter advisor
- Be a full time undergraduate student
- Have earned grades in at least 12 semester or 18 quarter hours of Spanish courses
- Have submitted a fully completed official application form together with all required documentation.

AWARD

- \$2,500

DESCRIPTION

The Sigma Delta Pi Scholarship is encouraging Spanish major and minors to step out and study abroad in a foreign country. They give twelve stipends of \$2,500 each for a study abroad program in a Spanish-speaking country.

DEADLINE

The dates for future scholarships have not been announced yet.

Click [here](#) to apply to the Sigma Delta Scholarship!

CORINNE JEANNINE SCHILLINGS SCHOLARSHIP (GIRL SCOUTS)

REQUIREMENTS

- Provide proof verifying receipt of Silver or Gold Award for Girl Scouts
- Females planning to study abroad for a semester or summer term
- Letter of recommendation from a Girl Scout volunteer or staff member who is not a relative.
- Proof of acceptance to study in an accredited study abroad program.
- Proof that cumulative grade point is at least a "B."

AWARD

- \$1,000

DESCRIPTION

The Corinne Jeannine Schillings Foundation is dedicated to preserving the memory of Corinne Schillings, who lost her life on March 6, 2004 in a water taxi accident in Baltimore Harbor. Corinne loved to learn, especially languages and about other cultures. It is the Foundation's intent that she be remembered through the young women who receive scholarships from her foundation.

DEADLINE

Spring 2024: December 1, 2023
Summer or Fall 2024: May 17, 2024

Click [here](#) to apply to the Corinne Jeannine Schillings Scholarship!

S P E C I F I C E X T E R N A L S C H O L A R S H I P S

Scholarship opportunities outside of ACU that are applicable to some ACU study abroad programs, depending on length or location

TORTUGA STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP (SEMESTERS)

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or have U.S. student visa
- Full time undergraduate student in good standing
- Have applied or been accepted to study abroad program
- Semester Programs only (this might change in the future)

AWARD

- \$1,000 scholarship
- 1 travel backpack

DESCRIPTION

Tortuga believes that young people deserve to experience the world beyond their college campuses, but not everyone can afford to travel, especially if you're on a student budget. The Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship is awarded biannually to passionate students who want to explore the world.

DEADLINE

Spring 2024: November 15, 2023

Fall 2024: April 15, 2024

Click [here](#) to apply to the
Tortuga SA Scholarship!

BAFTX TEXAS TO UK AWARD (SEMESTER IN OXFORD)

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a resident of Texas
- Be enrolled in full time education at a college in Texas
- Major in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math or Business
- Come from a low income household
- Maintain a GPA of 3.25 or above
- Be in possession of a valid passport or eligible to receive one.
- FAFSA report
- 400-450 word essay

AWARD

- Amount based on need

DESCRIPTION

The Texas to UK award is intended for low income families and is intended to alleviate the financial burden of funding college fees while studying in the UK for a semester.

DEADLINE

January 31, 2024

Click [here](#) to apply to the BAFTX
Texas to UK Award

FORT WORTH SCHOLARSHIP (SEMESTER IN LEIPZIG OR MONTEVIDEO)

REQUIREMENTS

- A diploma from a FWISD high school
- Preference given to applicants that:
 - Are attending a program at least a semester in length
 - Will study in a country with a primary language besides English
 - Have taken formal classes in the applicable language
 - Have completed 60 or more credit hours earned from an accredited university

AWARD

- \$1,250

DESCRIPTION

The Fort Worth Scholarships main goal is to create an opportunity to make dreams a reality. The scholarship amount will depend on the amount of money raised for this program.

DEADLINE

June 16, 2023

Click [here](#) to apply to the Fort Worth Scholarship!

BOREN AWARDS (MONTEVIDEO)

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen
- Not going abroad to Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand
- A high school graduate or have earned GED
- Attending a college or university in the U.S. and is accredited and recognized by the US department of education
- Program must be at least 12 weeks
- Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least a year after graduation

AWARD

- 12 - 24 weeks: Up to \$10,000
- Stem Majors may apply for an 8-11 week program: Up to \$8,000

DESCRIPTION

Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad.

DEADLINE

January 31, 2024

Click [here](#) to apply to the Boren Awards Scholarship!

AASAP/UK LORD ACTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (OXFORD)

REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled as a full time undergraduate student
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Willingness to share experiences abroad with the AASAP/UK community in person at the beginning and through a reflective written piece at the end of the study abroad experience

AWARD

- £1,000

DESCRIPTION

The AASAP/UK launched the Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship for study abroad students coming to the UK to honor Lord Acton in his career as a banker, human rights campaigner, writer, and politician.

DEADLINE

The dates for future scholarships have not been announced yet.

Click [here](#) to apply to the Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship!

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you want more information on scholarships, make sure to contact your financial aid counselor to see what other opportunities are available.

Also feel free to contact us at studyabroad@acu.edu or come by our office in the Center for Careers and Experiential Learning in the library if you have any questions!