Funding for Study Abroad Programs

This is by no means a comprehensive list. Please be sure to use all avenues you can think of, read all printed information on relevant financial opportunities carefully, and follow-up as needed. Above all, start to think about financial aid opportunities very early on so you can meet all the deadlines required.

Using Federal Financial Aid

Reciprocal exchanges enable you to benefit from federal financial aid, because you are enrolled at OSU. It is possible to use your OSU federal financial aid award* to fund enrollment at a non-OSU (Affiliated/Approved) program provided it is ONE of the following:

1. Program through a U.S. university. For example: University of Oklahoma, University of Kansas, etc.
2. Program through an affiliated study abroad provider. OSU is currently affiliated with the following study abroad providers:
   - American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS): [www.aifsabroad.com](http://www.aifsabroad.com)
   - International Studies Abroad (ISA): [www.studiesabroad.com](http://www.studiesabroad.com)
   - Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA): [www.gowithcea.com](http://www.gowithcea.com)
   - Study Abroad Italy: [http://www.studyabroaditaly.com/](http://www.studyabroaditaly.com/)
   - Academic Programs International: [http://www.academicintl.com](http://www.academicintl.com)
3. Program through a university abroad with which OSU has a special agreement to enable you to use your financial aid. For a current list of universities abroad with which OSU has an agreement, please visit the Study Abroad Office.

*Note: To be eligible for financial aid, students need to enroll in courses that will apply towards their degree plan at OSU, regardless of the study abroad program. Students must also meet all other eligibility requirements, including but not limited to, satisfactory academic progress, financial need, and minimum enrollment. For more information on obtaining financial aid, contact the OSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (119 Student Union, 744-6604) or refer to [http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/resources/studyabroad.html](http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/resources/studyabroad.html).

OSU Institutional or Enrollment-based Scholarships

Reciprocal exchange programs enable you to keep your OSU enrollment-based scholarships and OSU tuition-waiver scholarships. Some of your OSU scholarships won’t apply on Affiliated/Approved programs, therefore scholarships not dependent on resident enrollment at OSU are the best way to fund these often more expensive study abroad programs. If you have a tuition-waiver scholarship or similar OSU enrollment-based scholarship (Regents, Valedictorian, etc.), be sure to defer it so it can be used when you return. The appropriate form is available in the Scholarships Office, 213 Student Union.

OSU Study Abroad Scholarships

**Study Abroad Office Scholarship** – Open to full-time OSU students participating in credit bearing programs and activities abroad. Awards are given on a first-come first-served basis and amounts vary depending on program length. Cycles open the second Wednesday of classes for the semester preceding your period of study abroad.

**Contact:** Study Abroad/NSE Office, 060-G Student Union, 744-8569  
**Website:** [http://studyabroad.okstate.edu](http://studyabroad.okstate.edu) (Click on “Study Abroad Office Scholarship” in the menu at the left)

**Bailey Family Memorial Trust Scholarship** – Open to full-time OSU students who wish to pursue liberal arts studies at a recognized university outside of the United States. Awards vary depending on program length and location.

**Deadline:** February 1  
**Contact:** A&S Student Services, 202 LSE, 744-5658  
**Website:** [www.cas.okstate.edu/services/info/about/Bailey.html](http://www.cas.okstate.edu/services/info/about/Bailey.html)

**Foreign Language Department Scholarships**

**Deadline:** February  
**Contact:** Department of Foreign Languages, 309 Gunderson, 744-5825  
**Website:** [http://www.cas.okstate.edu/fll/scholarships/](http://www.cas.okstate.edu/fll/scholarships/)
National Study Abroad Scholarships

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

The Gilman Scholarship Program administered by the Institute of International Education broadens the student population that studies abroad by supporting undergraduates who have been traditionally underrepresented in US study abroad and those with high financial need. Awards are up to $5,000. To be eligible, students must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application. Summer programs are not eligible.
Deadlines: for Fall/Academic Year programs: early April; for Spring programs: mid-September.

Contact: Study Abroad Office
Website: http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/index.html

National Security Education Program (NSEP)- This program awards scholarships to American undergraduate and graduate students to study in foreign countries and world regions critical to U.S. national security. NSEP awards are available for a maximum of $10,000 per semester or $20,000 per academic year. The competition is merit-based. Students may apply for study in summer, fall, and spring.
Deadline: mid-January
Contact: Study Abroad Office
Website: http://www.iie.org/programs/nsep/nsephome.htm

Phi Kappa Phi Undergraduate Study Abroad Grant- The competition is open to qualified members and nonmembers in all fields of study. Criteria includes: 1) must be enrolled at an institution that has an active Phi Kappa Phi chapter and have a minimum academic grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. 2) All applicants must have earned a minimum of 56 semester hours of academic credit but not more than 90 semester hours on or before April 15. 3) The applicant must be accepted into a study abroad program at the time of application.
Contact: Dr. Mary Lawler, lawlerm@okstate.edu
Website: http://www.phikappaphi.org

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship – Scholarship provides funding for one academic year of study in another country. This award is intended to help cover round-trip transportation, tuition, fees, room and board expenses, and some educational supplies up to US$23,000 or its equivalent. Apply one year in advance.
Deadline: Set by local Rotary Club
Contact: Dan Tilley, 422 Ag Hall, 744-6180
Website: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational

Scholarships to Study in Asia

Bridging Scholarship – Sponsored by the Association of Teachers of Japanese Bridging Project Clearinghouse. Open to undergraduate students majoring in any field of study and who will be studying in Japan. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite.
Deadline: October 5
Contact: 303-492-5487, aj@colorado.edu
Website: http://www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html

JASSO Scholarship – Known as the JASSO Short-term Students Exchange Promotion Program Scholarship; this award is available for students who choose to study on a reciprocal exchange at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan.
Contact: Study abroad Office
Website: http://www.jasso.go.jp/scholarship/short_term_e.html

Graduate Scholarships (Be aware: application processes begin during undergraduate work)

Fulbright U.S. Student Program- Grants are available to U.S. graduating seniors and graduate students. It provides qualified applicants the opportunity to develop a proposal for a specific research project to be undertaken in a specific country for one year, or to teach English as a second language (English Teaching Assistantship ETA) in designated countries. Generally, successful Fulbright applicants devote several months to the development of their projects. Thus, you should identify yourself to the Fulbright advisor immediately if you are interested in pursuing this scholarship.
Deadline: mid-October
OAS Fellowships – The fundamental objective of the Organization of American States (OAS) is to promote the economic, social, scientific and cultural development of the Member States in order to achieve a stronger bond and better understanding among the peoples of the Americas. The OAS provides several hundred fellowships for graduate studies and research throughout the Americas.
Deadline: Jan. 15
Website: http://www.oas.org

Mitchell Scholarship (Ireland)—Post undergraduate study, in Ireland, to recognize Senator George Mitchell’s contributions to Irish peace process. All costs plus travel. Application early-October of senior year.
Contact: Office of Scholar Development, 260 Student Union, 744-7313, schdev@okstate.edu
Website: http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchell/index.html

Gates Cambridge Scholarship (UK)—Graduate study at the University of Cambridge, sponsored by the Gates Foundation. Apply to Cambridge by early October.
Contact: Office of Scholar Development, 260 Student Union, 744-7313, schdev@okstate.edu
Website: http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/

Marshall Scholarships (UK)—For 2-3 years study at any school in the UK. Nearly 40 awards given every year to students with highest scholarship/leadership credentials. Intense application process, including interview requirement. All costs. Apply early fall of senior year.
Contact: Office of Scholar Development, 260 Student Union, 744-7313, schdev@okstate.edu
Website: http://www.marshallscholarship.org

Rhodes Scholarships (UK)—The Rhodes Scholarship is available to graduating seniors and graduate students for 2 years of study at Oxford University. Application is highly selective and competitive, and students must be endorsed by their schools. Several interviews required. All costs. Application early-October of senior year.
Contact: Office of Scholar Development, 260 Student Union, 744-7313, schdev@okstate.edu
Website: http://www.rhodescholar.org

The American Scandinavian Foundation Awards (Scandinavia)—Grants and fellowships for post-undergraduate study in Scandinavian countries. Awards range from grants (normally $4,000) to fellowships (up to $20,000).
Deadline: November
Website: http://www.amscan.org/

Huntington Public Service Award—For any graduating senior who wishes to pursue public service anywhere in the world. $10,000 for one year.
Deadline: mid-February
Contact: 508-389-3390, amy.stacy@us.ngrid.com
Website: http://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/shared_award.pdf

Other Sources of Aid
- www.studyabroadfunding.org - This valuable funding resource allows you to search by country or subject to find the study abroad funding information that you need. Our comprehensive database of study abroad scholarships, fellowships, and grants can help make your dream of studying abroad a financial possibility and a profound reality.
- www.studyabroad.com/forum/financial_aid.html - has a listing of various resources for finding funding.
- [www.studyabroaddirectory.com/scholarship/index.cfm](http://www.studyabroaddirectory.com/scholarship/index.cfm) - Provides an online database for scholarships for study abroad. Students can search by using "Field of Study", "Location of Study", or "Host Institution".
- [www.istic.umn.edu](http://www.istic.umn.edu) - The University of Minnesota offers an online database of scholarships for study abroad.
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - Offers access to many different general scholarships for college students.
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) - Provides a comprehensive source for finding financial aid.
- [www.iefa.org](http://www.iefa.org) - International Education Financial Aid (IEFA) scholarship search is a resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for international students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find a college scholarship search and grant listings plus international student loan programs.
- [www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com) - International Education Finance Corporation has developed a range of international student loan programs for the growing population of students who wish to study in foreign countries.
- [www.rspfunding.com](http://www.rspfunding.com) - Reference Service Press (RSP) publishes some of the best hard-copy directories of scholarships for overseas opportunities, which include grants for all levels of students as well as for post-doctorates and professionals.
- [www.internationalscholarships.com](http://www.internationalscholarships.com) - Provides a database for scholarships for U.S. and international students.
- [http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm) - Info on funding for study in the United Kingdom.
- [www.daad.org](http://www.daad.org) – German Academic Exchange Service provides info on funding and study in Germany.
- [www.columbia.edu/cu/sipa/REGIONAL/ECE/grants.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sipa/REGIONAL/ECE/grants.html) - Info on funding for study in East Central Europe.
- [http://web.gc.cuny.edu/RalphBuncheInstitute](http://web.gc.cuny.edu/RalphBuncheInstitute) - Info on fellowships and graduate student research funding.
- [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com) - Provides scholarship search tailored to your needs based on a submitted profile. Annual fee for use of service.

**Affiliated Study Abroad Scholarship Opportunities**

- AIFS: [http://www.aifsabroad.com/ays06/scholarships.htm](http://www.aifsabroad.com/ays06/scholarships.htm)
- IFSA-Butler: [http://www.ifsa-butler.org/services/scholarships.html](http://www.ifsa-butler.org/services/scholarships.html)

Also, stop by the Study Abroad Office to check out these two great funding publications:

- **Financial Resources for International Study**, published by IIE. Current information resource on grants and fellowships for study abroad. Key facts on amount of award and what award covers, eligibility and application, numbers of awards offered, purpose and duration, and complete contact information. Based on a survey of 5,000 donor organizations worldwide.
- **A Student's Guide to Scholarships, Grants and Funding Sources in International Education and Other Disciplines**, published by Michigan State University International Studies & Programs. Useful and comprehensive reference work to obtain information on funding publications, web sites, and grants in international education and on other disciplines. The guide consists of 228 pages and each citation is annotated with a description and appropriate web sites.