

Scholarship Opportunities



SHSU Study Abroad Scholarships

The Office of International Programs offers a merit-based scholarship to assist qualifying students cover some of the expenses of studying abroad. There is no set amount of how much each student will receive. Due to limited funds, we recommend you apply early. Contact the Study Abroad Coordinator, [Malin Hilmersson](#) for more info.

To receive the scholarship, applicants must adhere to the following requirements:

1. Undergrads: Have a 3.0 or better SHSU GPA. Graduates: Have a 3.5 or better SHSU GPA.
2. Be participating in an authorized study abroad program, and be receiving academic credit for that program.
3. Submit the scholarship application by the deadlines, along with a copy of your unofficial transcript.
4. **DEADLINES:**
 - September 15th: winterbreak programs
 - November 1st: spring semester and priority deadline for summer programs
 - February 1st: summer programs (fall semester accepted early)
 - May 1st: fall semester
5. If awarded the scholarship, submit the [Scholarship Award Response](#) to the Study Abroad Coordinator in the Office of International Programs as soon as possible after receiving the email.
6. For faculty-led & exchange programs, scholarships are disbursed after students enroll in the SHSU study abroad courses.

For independent programs, students must have submitted the Course Equivalency Form and show proof that they have been accepted to the university abroad to the Study Abroad Coordinator before the scholarship is disbursed.

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International Student Spotlights



Feiyang Gao,
from China,
Major: Health and
Wellness

"It is easy to make friends at SHSU. SHSU is located in Texas, and Texas is known for its hospitality and friendliness. As long as you are willing to step

[Apply Here!](#)

International Student Organization. If you come to Sam Houston State, don't forget to join ISO!"

Some departments and colleges also offer scholarships for students participating in study abroad programs. To find out more about these opportunities, speak with the department.

Non-SHSU Study Abroad Scholarships

*Please verify application deadline information by visiting the website of each scholarship organization below. Not all deadlines will be the same.

*Not all scholarships will disburse before program fees are due; therefore, students should expect to pay at least some of their study abroad costs before being able to access scholarship awards.

*The below list is meant as an information tool and should not be taken as an official endorsement of a particular scholarship by SHSU.

The Gilman Scholarship Program

Awards of up to \$5,000 to support U.S. citizen undergraduate receiving Federal Pell Grant funding. Students studying in Critical Need Language countries may receive a \$3,000 supplement for a total possible award of \$8,000. Applicants must be studying abroad for at least 4 weeks.

Website: www.iie.org/gilman

Boren Scholarships & Fellowships

Funding from the National Security Education Program (NSEP) focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. This scholarship supports U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions (Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East). Recipients must agree to seek work in the federal government for at least one year in a position related to national security.

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 (Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East).

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency.

Website: www.borenawards.org

Foundation for Global Scholars

Awards scholarships to U.S. undergraduates & graduates studying abroad. Scholarships are valued at \$2,000. General eligibility requirements include a minimum GPA of a 2.5 and studying abroad for at least 28 days/4 weeks. Several study abroad scholarships are offered including the STEM Scholarship (majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics discipline), the Financial Need Scholarship for PELL Grant Recipients, Ethnically Diverse Student Scholarship,

Website: <http://www.foundationforglobalscholars.org/overview/>

Fund for Education Abroad

Offers 30 scholarships of up to \$10,000 to support U.S. undergraduate students planning to participate in education abroad programs for a minimum of 4 weeks/30 days. There are also two dedicated scholarships that are awarded to a student who demonstrates a love for Vietnam and a desire to give back to the world community as well as a scholarship award for a deserving LGBTQI student who aims to participate in a high-quality, rigorous education abroad program.

Website: <http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/scholarships/>

Go Overseas Scholarship

Go Overseas.com awards a \$500 scholarship to any student studying abroad through a photo essay contest.

Website: www.gooverseas.com/go-overseas-study-abroad-scholarship

Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship

The fellowship is intended for American college/university students who express an interest in international collaboration but as of yet have not been afforded many opportunities to travel abroad.

Website: <http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/143138.htm>

Tortuga Backpacks Study Abroad Scholarship

The Tortuga Backpacks Study Abroad Scholarship is awarded to passionate students who want to see the world. The winner will receive \$1,000 for a semester abroad plus a travel backpack. Requirements: U.S. citizen or student visa holder, full-time undergraduate student in good standing, applied to or been accepted into a study abroad program.

Website: <http://www.tortugabackpacks.com/pages/study-abroad-scholarship>

Texas Academy of Science Research Awards

They allocate \$13,500 to provide support to ongoing research, with equal shares going to PhD students, MS students and undergraduate students. They award funds to applicants who submit the top three proposals (1st = \$2000, 2nd = \$1500, 3rd = \$1000). Proposal deadlines occur in mid- January and the proposals then get sent out for peer review by the coordinator of the program.

Website: <http://www.texasacademyofscience.org/awards-and-honorees>

Sigma Xi Research Grants

The Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) program has provided undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences. The program awards grants of up to \$1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. Designated funds from the [National Academy of Sciences](#) allow for grants of up to \$5,000 for astronomy research and \$2,500 for vision related research. Students use the funding to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project.

While [membership in Sigma Xi](#) is not a requirement for applying for funding from the Grants-in-Aid of Research program, approximately 75% of funds are restricted for use by dues paying student members of Sigma Xi or students whose project advisor is a dues paying member of Sigma Xi. Students from any country are eligible to receive funding.

Website: <https://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/grants-in-aid>

Country-Specific Scholarships:

Study Abroad in Japan: Bridging Scholarships

The American Association of Teachers of Japanese offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. They award up to 100 scholarships each year to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan for a semester or academic year. Bridging Scholarship recipients receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students on semester-long programs) or \$4,000 (for students on academic year programs).

Website: <http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships>

BUTEX Scholarships: Study Abroad in the U.K.

The Scholarship is open to all undergraduate students who are studying abroad at a university in the U.K. that is affiliated with the British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX). You must be studying abroad between September 2015 and August 2016 for a minimum of one semester. The value of each scholarship is £500 and will be paid to the winners once they have arrived and registered at their host university.

Website: <http://www.butex.ac.uk/scholarships/are-you-eligible/>

Eligible U.K. Universities: <http://www.butex.ac.uk/members/list-of-members/>

TCA Scholarships: Study Abroad in Turkey for American Minority Students

The Turkish Coalition of America awards up to 100 scholarships per year for African American, Hispanic American, Native American and Filipino American undergraduate and graduate students who have been accepted to a study abroad program at a university in Turkey for a summer or semester. TCA awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 to full-time undergraduates and graduate students on a case-by-case basis.

Website: <http://www.tc-america.org/scholarships/study-abroad-in-turkey-for-american-minority-students/about-53.htm>

Independent Affiliated Program Study Abroad Scholarships:

AIFS

Automatic \$400 grant (semester) or \$200 (summer) for SHSU students who attend an AIFS study abroad program, since SHSU is affiliated with AIFS. Other study abroad scholarships & grants are available.

Website: <http://www.aifsabroad.com/scholarships.asp>

API

Students may apply for multiple API scholarships (though may only be awarded one) and are encouraged to refer to the list of additional scholarship and funding resources included on their website.

Website: <http://www.apistudyabroad.com/students/financial-information/scholarships/>

ISA

As affiliate partners, SHSU students will get an automatic \$200 discount on all ISA programs and are eligible to apply for the [Carlos Casteneda semester scholarship](#) of \$2000, which is only available to students from affiliated universities. There are additional ISA scholarships & there is a list of [outside scholarships](#) easily accessible for students.

Website: <http://studiesabroad.com/admissions/documents/scholarships/study/isa-scholarships>

KEI

SHSU students who attend a KEI-affiliated university or college may receive a \$1000 grant for a semester abroad. Affiliate grants may be combined with other grants, scholarships, promotions and payment plans offered by KEI. The KEI Scholarship Program also offers awards of \$500-\$1,000 if students have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0.

Website: <http://www.keiabroad.org/students/financialAid.php>

Online Directories of Study Abroad Scholarships:

Institute of International Education

Features a detailed directory of hundreds of study abroad scholarships, fellowships, grants, and paid internships for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students. Students can search by Keyword, Field of Study, and Destination.

Website: www.studyabroadfunding.org

Study Abroad.com

Browse study abroad scholarships based on a list of merit-based, student-specific, destination-specific, program-specific, and subject-specific.

Website: <http://www.studyabroad.com/scholarships.aspx>

Go Abroad.com

Search for general study abroad scholarships, grants and fellowships as well as study abroad scholarships in diversity and for nontraditional countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

Website: <http://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad>

Fast Web.com

Sign up and search for scholarships with this free scholarship matching service, get student financial aid and find money to pay for your study abroad experience.

Website: www.fastweb.com

Private Loans:

If you are ineligible for Financial Aid and need additional funds, apply for Educational Loans. You can do so through a private lender such as Wells Fargo, Sally Mae or Wachovia.

Crowdfunding/Fundraising:

Fund My Travel

Create your own Travel Campaign and start raising funds now.

Website: <https://www.fundmytravel.com/>

Go Fund Me

Create your own personal fundraising website.

Website: <http://www.gofundme.com/>

MyTab

MyTab is an online travel registry. Family and friends can contribute to the cost of your travel.

Website: <https://mytab.co/>

Transfer Student Scholarships

Please click the link below to view transfer student scholarships.

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