

# Finding Scholarships For Study Abroad, Virginia Tech

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## Section 1: Strategies for finding scholarships

- Start with Virginia Tech's Addison library catalog (<http://addison.vt.edu>) using the search term *scholarships*. You will find more than 180 subject categories and more than 300 resources available here at Virginia Tech.
  - Start early! It is important to allow yourself enough time to gather necessary documents (letters of recommendation, copies of your transcript, a statement of purpose or essay, etc.).
  - Invest some time in looking at a variety of sources. Patient effort will help you identify possible scholarships that you might not notice at first glance.
  - Using Addison and other online resources, try a variety of different search terms. Use terms that relate to who you are, what you study, where you are from, etc. You may be surprised at the number of scholarships and other sources of funding that are reserved for students in a certain discipline or from a certain part of the country
  - Ask your parents or family members to check out possible work-related scholarships. Some businesses provide scholarships for children or family members of employees, for example.
  - Consider approaching clubs and organizations (Kiwans Club, Lions Club, VFW, etc.) in your home community. Write a polite but direct letter, then customize it for each club or organization. Offer to give a community presentation (at your high school, or an elementary school, for example) in exchange for \$200 or \$300. Emphasize how your international experience will benefit you, and that you are willing to "give back" to the community in return for this assistance. (Then make good on any promises you made!)
  - Apply on time. Many scholarships have just one deadline per year, so starting early will ensure that you submit your materials in advance of the deadline. Contact the scholarship provider in advance to make sure you know what is required for each application.
  - For non-VT programs, contact the program provider to inquire about scholarships. It may be as simple as checking off a box on the application form. If you are required to write an essay, emphasize how the overseas program will strengthen you academically and in your career.
  - Apply, apply, apply! Each application pool is different, and you may be surprised at how good your chances are of getting a scholarship.
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Specific Resources to Consider:

- *A Student's Guide to Scholarships, Grants, and Funding Publications in International Education and Other Disciplines*. (April 1997, Michigan State University)
- *Free Money for Foreign Study: A Guide to More than 1,000 Grants and Scholarships for Study Abroad*
- *The International Scholarship Book: The Complete Guide to Financial Aid for Study Abroad*
- Financial Resources for International Study: A Guide for US Nationals

The LB section of Newman Library, on the 2nd floor in the reference room, also has several financial aid resources, some specific to study abroad. See reference numbers below.

*Free Money for Graduate School* - Ref. LBG2337.2 B58 1990  
*Free Money for College* - Ref. LB 2337.2 B57 1992  
*The Scholarship Book* - Ref. LB 2337.2 C37 1990  
*Directory of Financial Aid for Women* - Ref. LB 2338 D58 1995/1997  
*Directory of Financial Aid for Minorities* - Ref. LB 2338 D56 1991/1993  
*Work Study and Travel Abroad* - Ref. LB 2376 W48 1992/1993  
*Scholarships Fellowships and Loans* - Ref LB 2338 F4 9th  
*Graduate Schools Students Complete Scholarships Book* - Ref. LB 2338 6675 1998

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## **Section 2: Known VT scholarships for study abroad**

### **Need-based VT scholarships**

If you are participating in a residential program at the Center for European Studies and Architecture (CESA), you may apply for a need-based award. To do so, you must first file a FAFSA with the Virginia Tech Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Applications must be submitted through Education Abroad/OIRED. You may access the appropriate application form here:

- For a Spring semester 2007 program at CESA programs (apply on or before October 9, 2006)

### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences scholarships**

If you have a major housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, you are invited to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the College. CLAHS students in good academic standing should apply by November 1, 2006. Preference is given to students who are studying abroad on programs sponsored by CLAHS. The College has one application cycle per year, and students can apply even before being official accepted into a program. The student's overseas academic program must take place in spring, summer, or fall 2007. Contact the CLAHS Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office, 238 Wallace Hall.

### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Study Abroad scholarship**

Virginia Tech students who have a major housed in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences are invited to apply for a scholarship to support a study abroad experience that is being sponsored by the College. CALS students in good academic standing and with an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher should apply on or before Friday October 20, 2006. The student's education abroad program must take place before the end of summer 2007. Applications will be assessed based on the merit of the scholarship application.

<http://www.oired.vt.edu/Education/Study/scholarships.htm#cals>

### **Education Abroad/OIRED scholarships**

Virginia Tech students participating in education abroad programs may apply for these scholarships. The deadline for submission of all application materials is **Friday October 27, 2006** for education-abroad programs taking place in Spring 2007 or Calendar Year 2007. The deadline for submission of all application materials is **Friday March 30, 2007** for education-abroad programs taking place in Summer or Fall 2007 or Academic Year 2007-2008. Students can access the application form here or outside Education Abroad, 1820 Litton Reaves Hall.

### **ACC Scholarships**

New scholarships sponsored by the Atlantic Coast Conference will be available for students participating in semester-long or year-long programs beginning in 2007-2008. There are five \$1000 scholarships available. The first deadline (primarily for Spring Semester 2007) is Friday October 20, 2006. The second deadline (primarily for Fall Semester 2007 and full-year programs) is March 30, 2007.

### **Soonchunyang University**

Participants in Tech's bilateral exchange program with this Korean university will receive airfare, a full room waiver, and weekly living expense support, in exchange for language conversation with Korean students. Contact Education Abroad/OIRED for more information.

<http://www-english.sch.ac.kr/>

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### **Section 3: Known non-VT scholarships for study abroad**

ISEP, non-VT programs, and some Bilateral sites, such as Soonchunyang University in Korea, offer small grants and scholarships to their participants. Check out non-VT program websites or come into the Education Abroad Office for more details. Barbara Cowles of the Honors Program coordinates the Fulbright scholarship. This, along with the NSEP Program, Rotary Scholarship Program, Freeman Asia, and the Gilman Scholarship, are excellent opportunities for students.

**AIFS Scholarship Programs** AIFS offers a variety of scholarships for semester-long and summer programs for students on AIFS programs. <http://www.aifsabroad.com/css/scholarships.htm>

**American Association of University Women** – The largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women in the world, the AAUW supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

[http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm)

**American InterContinental University** Scholarships available for students studying on AIU programs in London and Dubai. [http://www.aiustudyabroad.com/financial\\_aid/scholarship.asp](http://www.aiustudyabroad.com/financial_aid/scholarship.asp)

**Association of Commonwealth Universities** Provides lists of scholarships and fellowships to and from over 480 universities drawn from the Commonwealth countries of Africa and Asia, Australasia and the South Pacific, Canada and the Caribbean, the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Malta.

<http://www.acu.ac.uk/cgi-bin/frameset.pl?ml=scholarships&sl=scholarships&select=scholarships>

**AWC Sweden** The scholarship, which is based on academic excellence, is awarded in the form of a travel grant for \$1,500. The grant was initiated to cover the cost of a round-trip airplane ticket between the US and Sweden. In order to qualify for the AWC Scholarship, you must be an American female citizen and accepted for a period of study or research at a Swedish educational institute.

<http://www.awcstockholm.org/scholar.htm>

**Bridging Scholarships for Study in Japan** Funding from private foundations and major U.S. corporations has made it possible to award 100 scholarships annually to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan.

<http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html>

**British Council** Funding and scholarship information for study in the United Kingdom.  
[http://www.educationuk.org/pls/hot\\_bc/page\\_pls\\_user\\_article?d=scholarship](http://www.educationuk.org/pls/hot_bc/page_pls_user_article?d=scholarship)

**Council ISP Scholarships** This is a list of CIEE Student Scholarship Programs for Education Abroad, including John E. Bowman Travel Grants, Robert B. Bailey Scholarship, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Scholarships, Department of Education Scholarships for Programs in China, and the Jennifer Ritzmann Scholarship for Studies in Tropical Biology.  
<http://www.ciee.org/study/scholarships.aspx>

**Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA) Scholarship Program** This is a list that includes CEA's own scholarship programs as well as some others.  
<http://www.gowithcea.com/financing/scholarships.html>

**Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)** German Academic Exchange Service - association of the institutions of higher education in the Federal Republic of Germany, whose goal is to promote closer international relations among universities and other institutions of higher education, especially through the exchange of individual students and scholars.  
<http://www.daad.org/>

**Freeman-ASIA Program** The primary goal of the Freeman-ASIA Award Program is to increase the number of American undergraduate students who study in East and Southeast Asia, by providing them with the information and financial assistance they will need.  
<http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia>

**Fulbright Scholarships** For both Americans going abroad and incoming foreign students. Grants are made to citizens of participating countries, primarily for: university teaching, advanced research, graduate study and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.  
<http://www.iie.org/TemplateFulbright.cfm?section=Fulbright1>

**The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** This program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education. This program seeks to lower barriers to undergraduate study abroad by offering scholarships to students with financial need, and we encourage those underrepresented in study abroad to apply. The award is up to \$5,000 for semester or academic year programs. <http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/faq/student.html>

**Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS)** Founded and incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1982 and currently located at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service of the Georgetown University, the oldest and largest school of international affairs in the country, the Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS) is the only non-profit, private educational foundation in the United States that sports the development of Turkish Studies in American higher education.  
<http://www.turkishstudies.org/>

**Institute for the International Education of Students (IES)** IES commits more than \$1 million each year to merit and need-based scholarships for students on IES programs.  
<http://www.iesabroad.org/financialAid.do>

**Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development** Information on Fellowship Programs and Student Loans in Latin America and North America.

<http://www.iacd.oas.org/>

**International Education Financial Aid (IEFA)** IEFA is an Internet resource for financial aid information for students wishing to study in a foreign country. At this site, you will find a searchable list of grants, scholarships, loan programs, and other information to assist students in their pursuit to study abroad. <http://www.iefaf.org/>

**International Education Finance Corporation** In this time of globalization and increased desire to study abroad, the International Education Finance Corporation (IEFC) has developed a range of international student loan programs for the growing population of students who wish to study in foreign countries. <http://www.iefc.com/>

**International Partnership for Service-Learning Scholarships** IPSL offers a variety of scholarships for participants in their programs.

<http://www.ipsl.org/partnershipexperience/financialaid.html>

**International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Scholarships** ISEP offers the following scholarships:

**Africa Study Abroad Scholarships**

ISEP is accepting nominations for student scholarships funded through the IFSA Foundation for study in Ghana or South Africa during the 2006-2007 academic year. Award criteria include strong academic background and genuine financial need.

**University of Canberra Study Abroad Scholarship**

The University of Canberra is offering one Aus\$500 scholarship to a student from an ISEP member institution participating in the ISEP-Direct program for SM1 2006-07 (Australian SM2 2007).

**South America Study Abroad Scholarships**

ISEP is accepting nominations for student scholarships funded through the IFSA Foundation for study in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, or Uruguay during the 2006-2007 academic year. Award criteria include strong academic background and genuine financial need.

[http://www.isep.org/students/Programs/financial\\_aid\\_scholarships.asp](http://www.isep.org/students/Programs/financial_aid_scholarships.asp)

**International Studies Abroad** Scholarships for students studying abroad through ISA.

<http://www.studiesabroad.com/interested/document/usingFinancialAid>

**George J. Mitchell Scholarships** Scholars are eligible to attend institutions of higher learning in Ireland, including the seven universities in the Republic of Ireland and the two universities in Northern Ireland, for one academic year of post-graduate study.

<http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/>

**NAFSA Grants and Scholarships** These include ASEAN Student Assistance Awards Program (ASAAP), Korean Student Assistance Awards Program (KSAAP) and Rhys Glynn-Jones Memorial South Pacific Scholarship Program.

[http://www.nafsa.org/about.sec/institutional\\_grants/page\\_moved\\_grants](http://www.nafsa.org/about.sec/institutional_grants/page_moved_grants)

**National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships** NSEP offers undergraduate scholarships to encourage U.S. citizens to undertake

graduate-level study of language, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. interests. . The maximum award is \$8000 for a summer, \$10,000 for a semester, or \$20,000 for a full academic year. Steve is the on-campus representative for the program. Interested students should speak with Steve. <http://www.iie.org/nsep>

**National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Graduate Fellowships** NSEP has created a new set of graduate fellowships to encourage U.S. citizens to undertake graduate-level study of language, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. interests. Steve is the on-campus representative for the program. Interested students should speak with Steve. <http://www.iie.org/nsep>

**Phi Kappa Phi** Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants exist to recognize scholarly endeavors. They are designed specifically to recognize and assist undergraduates as they seek knowledge abroad. Thirty-eight grants, valued at \$1,000 each, are awarded annually. <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/studyabroad.html>

**RMIT International** RMIT is a program in Melbourne, Australia, which offers scholarships to international students. <http://www.rmit.edu.au/international/scholarships>

**Rotary Foundation Scholarships** The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program of the Rotary Foundation is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. More than 1,200 scholarships were awarded for study in 2000-01. [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html)

**Studyabroad.com Financial Aid** Has a database of study abroad scholarships. [www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com)

**Study Abroad: An Investment in Your Future** A very useful online brochure from Michigan State University including some great tips about funding your study abroad experience. <http://study-abroad.msu.edu/shared/afford.html>

**Social Science Research Foundation** Provides pre-dissertation and dissertation fellowships, postdoctoral fellowships, and advanced research grants in both the social sciences and humanities. <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/>

**Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation** Awards merit-based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service, and wish to attend graduate or professional school to help prepare for their careers. Truman Scholars participate in leadership development programs and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government. <http://www.truman.gov/>

**U.S. Department of Education Student Guide** The most comprehensive resource on student financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education. Grants, loans, and work-study are the three major forms of student financial aid available through the Department's Student Financial Assistance office. <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

**US Department of Education Financial Aid Information** Federal database of financial aid and grant programs. <http://www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml?src=ln>