

STUDY ABROAD: AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE AND CAREER

Studying abroad is an appealing possibility for many students, but the bottom line is that in this era of globalization, you can't afford NOT to go!

The benefits of studying abroad are considerable, as they allow you to achieve academic, personal, social, cultural, and professional discovery. As the world becomes more interconnected and job markets more competitive, a study abroad experience is more vital than ever.

CONSIDER SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD:

Personal Growth

Our alumni have consistently commented on how much personal growth they have enjoyed abroad. You can expect to gain valuable skills such as independence, self-reliance, increased confidence, and even a better understanding of your own culture.

Global Work-Place Exposure

Constantly expanding global connections mean that people who can understand how the global economy works and how people in different parts of the world are conducting business, scientific research, or working within your chosen field will be at a great advantage when the time comes to apply for a job. First-hand experience via a study abroad education or an international internship puts you in this highly sought after group.

Cultural Adaptation Skills

When you study abroad, you will not only be learning about the field of study you chose, you will also learn how to adapt to new environments and cultures. A study abroad program allows you to prove you can bridge cultural and language barriers (even in English-speaking environments) to successfully work with others. You will be faced with small challenges every day pertaining to communication barriers and understanding various points of view from a cultural perspective. By learning to navigate cultural differences of a foreign country, you gain valuable skills that will benefit you in future personal and professional relationships.

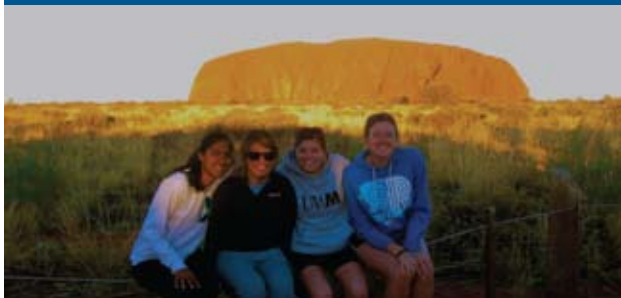
IF YOU THINK YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO STUDY ABROAD, THINK AGAIN.

Funding is Available

There are many scholarships, financial resources, and people willing to help you make your dream a reality, yet cost is one of the biggest reasons why students choose not to study abroad. Take some time to consider your funding options before you decide that you can't go.

This is an investment in your future and like any other type of investment, it requires planning, careful management, creativity, perseverance, and commitment.

At GlobalLinks Learning Abroad, we offer more than \$600,000 each year in scholarships, work with your home university to transfer your financial aid, and provide payment plans and budgeting advice for all of our programs to students, parents, advisors, and study abroad offices.



SCHOLARSHIPS

GLOBALINKS LEARNING ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

GlobalLinks Learning Abroad offers over \$600,000 in scholarship awards every year. These scholarships are designed to further enhance affordability of semester, year, or summer abroad opportunities that we offer. You will be required to fill out a full scholarship application (only available upon acceptance to a program) by the required deadline. Scholarship decisions are made by a committee and not all students receive an award. Many students mistakenly believe scholarship programs are only awarded to a small, select group of students. While all of our scholarships are competitive, we strongly encourage you to apply.

GlobalLinks Learning Abroad Scholarship Categories:

1. Affiliate Student Awards

Students who attend U.S. or Canadian institutions which are affiliated with GlobalLinks Learning Abroad receive discounts on their semester abroad program fees and are eligible for our affiliate student awards.

2. University-Sponsored Scholarships (see next page)

3. Travel Grants

In partnership with Qantas Airways, Air Zealand, and Air Pacific, these awards provide selected participants with awards equivalent to the international round-trip airfare to/from programs in Australia, New Zealand, or Fiji.



4. Special Awards

GlobalLinks Learning Abroad also has special scholarship awards targeted to certain populations or to support specific initiatives. Those scholarships include:

Diversity Scholarship: These awards of \$1,500 are given to eligible students of ethnic minority.

University of California and California State University Awards: GlobalLinks Learning Abroad has \$20,000 in scholarships for eligible students from any UC or CSU school.

Gilman Scholarship Support: Students who earn a Gilman scholarship will be awarded \$500.



THE FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL SCHOLARS

The Foundation for Global Scholars is a 501C(3) non-profit organization founded by GlobalLinks Learning Abroad which provides scholarships for students studying abroad. Each year, the Foundation awards more than \$350,000 in scholarships to help students who may otherwise be unable to have an affordable international experience.

www.foundationforglobalscholars.org



OTHER SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

While budgeting, be sure to consider all potential sources for scholarships and aid. We have compiled a pool of additional scholarship resources for your study abroad program. A few resources are listed below, but be sure to view a complete list on our website at: www.globalinksabroad.org/SCH

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship: www.iae.org/gilman.

Diversity Abroad: www.diversityabroad.com

Boren Scholarships: www.borenawards.org.

Phi Kappa Study Abroad Grants: www.phikappaphi.org

You should also investigate if your home university study abroad office or academic department offer scholarships for study abroad.

GLOBALINKS LEARNING ABROAD UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

These awards are offered only to GlobalLinks Learning Abroad students by our member universities. We hope you will consider these universities as they strongly support study abroad students and welcome you to join them on their campuses. **For details of each scholarship, go to www.globalinksabroad.org/SCH**

EUROPE

Kingston University (England)
One £500 (GBP) scholarship each semester

Lancaster University (England)
Three \$750 USD scholarships per year

University of Strathclyde (Scotland)
One £500 GBP scholarship each semester

Institute of Technology Carlow (Ireland)
Several €3000 (EU) scholarships to students with Irish heritage who attend IT-Carlow for an academic year.

American College of Thessaloniki (Greece)
An automatic Academic Merit Scholarship of \$1,000 USD to all students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher. ACT also offers a Hellenic-American Heritage Scholarship, for students who demonstrate Greek heritage. These range from \$3,500-8,000 USD.

NEW ZEALAND

AUT University (Auckland)
Three \$1,000 NZD scholarships per year

Lincoln University (Christchurch)
Two \$500 USD scholarships per year

Massey University (Palmerston North, Wellington, or Auckland)
Four \$1,000 NZD scholarships per year

University of Waikato (Hamilton)
Two \$300 NZD scholarships per year

Victoria University of Wellington (Wellington)
Provides \$2,000 USD per year in scholarships

AUSTRALIA

Bond University (Gold Coast)
\$8,000 USD per year for semester or year abroad students and \$750 AUD - \$1,000 AUD to each student for summer programs

CQUniversity (Rockhampton)
\$1,000 AUD scholarship to every GlobalLinks Learning Abroad student who enrolls

Edith Cowan University (Perth)
Four \$500 AUD awards per year

Griffith University (Brisbane and Gold Coast)
Four \$500 AUD awards per year

International College of Management, Sydney
\$10,000 in scholarships each year

James Cook University (Townsville and Cairns)
Two \$500 AUD awards per year

La Trobe University (Melbourne)
Two \$1,000 AUD award per year

Macquarie University (Sydney)
Gina Rosko Memorial Scholarship - full tuition - July Term Only

Monash University (Melbourne)
Two \$1,000 USD awards per year

Murdoch University (Perth)
Two \$750 AUD awards per year for semester/year abroad and two \$500 AUD scholarships for summer

Queensland University of Technology (Brisbane)
Two \$1,000 AUD awards each year

Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne)
Two \$500 AUD scholarships each year

University of Canberra (Canberra)
\$1,000 AUD scholarship to every GlobalLinks Learning Abroad student who enrolls

University of Melbourne (Melbourne)
Two \$1,000 AUD scholarships per year

University of Newcastle (Newcastle)
Two \$1,000 AUD scholarships per year

University of Queensland (Brisbane)
Two half-tuition scholarships per year

University of South Australia (Adelaide)
Four \$500 AUD scholarship per year

University of Tasmania (Hobart & Launceston)
One \$1,000 AUD scholarship per year

INSTITUTIONAL & FEDERAL AID

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

The U.S. Department of Education advises that the Perkins Loans, SSIG Grant Program, Pell Grants, FSEOG Grants, Stafford Loans, SLS Loans, PLUS Loans, and Consolidation Loans can be used for study abroad. Because federal financial aid can only be released to the institution where you will be receiving your degree, your financial aid will continue to funnel through your home institution.

You should make arrangements to meet with your advisors at the study abroad office or financial aid office of your institution. They can help you make arrangements to transfer your current federal financial aid to pay your program fees. Upon request, GlobaLinks Learning Abroad will provide estimated program budget sheets and necessary paperwork to make this process easier. If you are not already qualified to receive financial aid, you can apply at your home institution. You can also apply for an increase in aid if your study abroad program will be more costly than a semester at home.

Typically, your financial aid is not released at the same time your payments are due to GlobaLinks Learning Abroad. For this reason, we allow for deferred payments on a portion of the program fees for students who provide the proper forms describing the aid amounts and disbursement dates.

INSTITUTIONAL AID AND CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have been awarded scholarships or tuition discounts by your institution or another private organization, these may or may not transfer to pay for your program abroad. Please check with your study abroad office, financial aid office, or the granting organization of the scholarships you currently hold to determine which awards will transfer to your study abroad program.



BUDGET WORKSHEET

In order to consider the approximate total cost of your complete semester abroad, consider the cost of the following individual items. You should compare the total with the amount you are currently spending on your education and spending needs for room, board, and other daily expenses.

Program Fees \$ _____

The program fees for all of our programs can be found online at www.globalinksabroad.org/fees. Be sure to check the website for information on our fee inclusions and extra add-ons you can consider.

Flight \$ _____

This will vary by location. We suggest you budget \$800-\$2,200.

Housing \$ _____

The housing fees listed online are approximates as actual fees vary based on the exact accommodation in which you are placed.

Meals \$ _____

You may have a meal plan or will purchase your own groceries for meals. You should budget between \$75 and \$100 per week or whatever you currently budget at home, as the cost of food is comparable at most international destinations.

Books \$ _____

The cost of books will vary by program and subject area. We generally recommend \$300 - \$400 for a semester.

Student Visa \$ _____

Each country has different visa/immigration fees depending on the length of the program. In some cases you will apply in advance and/or upon arrival. Prices vary from free to \$600 USD.

Local Transportation \$ _____

This will vary by location but we suggest budgeting \$10-\$30 per week.

Additional Spending Money \$ _____

Suggested budget of \$150 - \$200 a week.

Total \$ _____

PLANNING AHEAD IS KEY

Here are some guidelines to help you plan financially for your study abroad experience:

- **Research Program Information** – Determine the best study abroad program type that meets your academic and personal needs.
- **Compare Costs** – Add up your current on-campus costs, including tuition, housing/rent, meals, transportation, university fees, and travel expenses to attend your university and use the budget worksheet to the left to compare that amount with the cost of a program abroad.
- **Begin Planning** – Be sure to meet with your family as well as your study abroad office to discuss budgeting and financial planning.
- **Research Scholarships** – We've outlined our scholarships in this brochure, however many more awards are available from independent sources.
- **Contact GlobaLinks Learning Abroad** – We are here to help you every step of the way in your study abroad experience.



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