# **FINANCING STUDY ABROAD**

Many international education organizations speak of the benefits of an immersive experience abroad.

As a result, a handful of institutions and organizations offer financial support through scholarships for study abroad programs. The key to success when obtaining financial support is to start asking and researching early to learn about the many opportunities for assistance and how you can use your financial aid package to support your study abroad experience.

*COE Support for Study Abroad*

COE is committed to increasing accessibility to study abroad opportunities through its Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program. COE, along with international partners and Keith Sherin, subsidizes the program to lighten the financial barrier of going abroad (if selected for Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program, please refer to the program guide).

Some TRIO state chapters or regional associations may provide financial support to TRIO participants so that they can experience studying abroad. Work with your TRIO director, who can engage with your regional and state associations.

COE encourages all eligible students to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. To be eligible for the Gilman Program scholarship, applicants must receive a federal Pell Grant during the experience or provide proof that they will receive a Pell Grant during their study abroad program or internship. Recipients of this award can receive up to $5,000 to assist with paying for their study abroad experience.  Get more information and apply for the Gilman International Scholarship [here](https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/program-overview/).

Finally, your institution may have funds available within your study area, department, student affairs, or president's office.

*Acquiring Financial Aid to Study Abroad*

Your institution’s financial aid office is a key player in your pursuit of making a study abroad experience a reality. Visit the financial aid office early in your planning process to get financing information and assistance. Consult with a financial aid advisor before applying to a study abroad program to determine the maximum additional aid you can receive.

Ask about private scholarships, as they are generally applicable to study abroad. If awarded additional financial aid, verify the conditions of your award with the scholarship office or donor directly.

Ask a financial aid advisor about federal, state, or institutional aid awarded to support study abroad. If you qualify for financial aid, you can inquire about how to submit a revision form to increase the assistance needed for your study abroad expenses. Note that some additional funds may be in the form of loans.

After selecting your program, meet with TRIO, study abroad, and scholarship advisors to talk through financial questions and plan out your budget, including when payments will be due. Advisors can also give you tips on creative fundraising ideas and options to help you manage costs.

*Study Abroad Scholarships*

Some organizations award scholarship money for studying abroad through special scholarships. Read the fine print to understand the conditions you must meet to adhere to the scholarship requirements successfully.

Here are some study-abroad scholarships and additional lists of aid options:

* [The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/)  - https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/application-overview/
* Fund for Education Abroad Scholarships -   <https://fundforeducationabroad.org/scholarships/>
* Boren Awards for International Study - <https://www.borenawards.org/>
* Global Access Initiative (GAIN) Scholarship - <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/scholarships-grants>
* IES Abroad Scholarship - <https://www.diversityabroad.com/scholarships/ies-abroad/none-49>
* Overseas Ambassador Scholarship - <https://www.diversityabroad.com/overseas-ambassador>
* First Generation Scholarship list of Aid options- <http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/first-in-family.htm>
* Academic Programs International list of Aid options - <https://apiabroad.com/financial-aid-information/>