

USF Education Abroad Administered Scholarships

The scholarships below are administered through the USF Education Abroad Office. While none of these scholarships are intended to pay for an entire program, they are meant to aid our students in covering some of the costs associated with international study. Students do not need to submit separate scholarship applications for each scholarship; the Education Abroad Office will determine eligibility based on the one electronic application. In order to be considered for a scholarship, students must have committed to their program of choice, and must have paid their required program deposit.

Scholarship FAQ: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

How to Apply

All of our scholarships require:

- [Education Abroad Scholarship Application](#) (use one scholarship application; the review committee will determine eligibility for individual scholarships)
- A 500 word statement of intent
- A letter of recommendation
- Unofficial Transcript
- [Cost Estimate Form](#) for Non-USF programs
- Resume
- Statement of Financial Need
- Students must have committed to the program of choice and must have paid required deposits.

NOTE: These materials must be submitted by the deadline; late submissions of any of the materials listed above will not be accepted.

Deadline dates remain the same from one year to the next.

Fall Semester Award Deadline:	June 1
Spring Semester Award Deadline:	November 1
Summer Semester Award Deadline:	February 15

Genshaft/Greenbaum Passport Scholarship Endowed Fund

Genshaft/Greenbaum Passport Scholarships aim to expose USF students to the world by providing access to a diverse array of research and education abroad opportunities, including but not limited to semester exchanges, dual degree programs, summer and short term programs, international internships and service learning opportunities.

Passport Scholarships were created by a \$1 million endowment from USF President Judy Genshaft and her husband, Steven Greenbaum. Students receiving this scholarship will be known as Genshaft/Greenbaum Passport Scholars. Scholarship amounts will be \$5,000 to \$2,500 per person.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Full or part-time student
- Any academic level
- Any USF campus
- Any major
- US citizen
- First-time study abroad

Ellsworth G. Simmons Scholarship for International Leadership

Recipients will be full-time USF degree-seeking students. Applicants must have an interest in international business and demonstrate leadership and community service involvement. Scholarships are awarded for Fall and Spring semesters and summer term. A maximum of \$6,000 may be awarded annually.

Scholarship Criteria:

- For USF continuing undergraduate, graduate, transfer students
- Available to all majors
- US Citizen or International Student eligible
- Minimum 3.4 GPA for currently enrolled USF students; 3.5 minimum GPA for new transfer students
- Financial need considered but not the sole determining factor in choosing recipients
- USF Tampa campus only
- Applicants should be residents of Florida; preference to Hillsborough County residents

Leung Global Experience Scholarship

This is a university-wide scholarship is designed for students to have a new global experience. Eligible students must travel to a country foreign to that of their native language. If they are visiting a country of their heritage, but they do not speak the language, this will still be considered a new global experience.

In addition to the criterion described above, eligible students must:

- Participate in a USF-sponsored study abroad trip
- Have a 3.0 GPA as calculated by USF
- Demonstrate financial need as documented by the FAFSA

Mark and Kay Orr International Affairs Study Abroad Scholarship

Special Requirements: For semester or academic year study abroad only. Award amounts are \$1000 minimum. Recipients will have completed one semester at USF at the time of application. Preference given to study in non-traditional locations. Scholarship applicants must have applied to their program of study.

Scholarship Criteria:

- For continuing undergraduate, graduate, transfer students
 - Available to all majors
 - US Citizen or International Student eligible
 - Minimum GPA is 2.5
 - Financial need considered but not a deciding factor
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President's Latin Community Advisory Committee Passport Scholarship

Special Requirement: Eligible students must be current or former scholarship recipients from the Latino Scholarship Program. This scholarship is meant to subsidize an education abroad experience for a student that demonstrates financial need as documented by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and must have a minimum 3.0 GPA as calculated by USF. This scholarship will be one-time award to one student at \$1,000 a year.

- Required to be current or former scholarship recipients of Latino Scholarship Program.
 - For continuing undergraduate, graduate, transfer student
 - Available to all majors
 - Minimum GPA=3.0
 - Financial need must be documented by FAFSA
 - Any USF campus
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USF Federal Credit Union Passport Scholarship Endowed Fund

USF Federal Credit Union Passport Scholarships aim to help USF students be exposed to the world by providing access to a diverse array of research and education abroad opportunities, including but not limited to semester exchanges, dual degree programs, summer and short term programs, international internships, and service learning opportunities.

Scholarship Criteria:

- For continuing undergraduate, graduate, or transfer students
- Available to all majors
- Restricted based on a combination of merit and financial need. USF has established GPA requirements for merit-based aid. USF uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine financial need.

USF Education Abroad Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund is for subsidizing an education abroad experience for a student traveling internationally on a USF sponsored study abroad trip. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need as documented by the Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Financial Aid

Studying abroad does not need to be an expensive experience. Florida and federal financial aid may be used by students participating in USF-sponsored study abroad programs, and many study abroad scholarships exist as well.

Our office will liaison with the [USF Office of Financial Aid](#), however, students are responsible for:

- making an appointment to consult with a financial aid advisor to see what of their aid may apply
- Students receiving financial aid and either exchanging for a semester or transferring credits should complete the USF Financial Aid, Education Abroad Certification Contract (SAE): Linked in the "forms" section of the Office of Financial Aid's Website above. Please note, your main academic advisor must sign off on your intended course selection on part B. They are approving these courses to count towards your degree, not approving the equivalencies (this would already have been done in your course approval form).
- Students completing the SAE must send confirmation of their enrollment from the foreign institution to the Financial Aid Office. Aid for semester exchanges and transfer credit will not be disbursed until after the confirmation of enrollment is processed and aid is disbursed on campus.

Florida Prepaid

Usually, students can use their Florida Prepaid funding to help offset the costs of studying abroad. The total fee amount that Florida Prepaid will cover depends on several factors:

- The number of credit hours the student will receive during his/her study abroad program
- The rate that Florida Prepaid is paying per credit hour
- The total dollar amount that has been accrued in the student's prepaid account

Students interested in using their prepaid funding to help pay the costs of studying abroad should email a statement to the Academic Services Administrator (francesb@iac.usf.edu), expressing his/her wishes to use prepaid funding for this purpose. Education Abroad will partner with the USF Cashier's Office and Florida Prepaid to apply the funding for the student's study abroad trip. Within the term the student should receive a credit on his/her OASIS account for prepaid funding. **Please be advised that Florida Prepaid *only* pays the rate per credit hour that would normally apply if the student were taking courses on-campus.**

USF Credit Union

Financing for Study Abroad Programs

This loan program is available to any current USF student who is an approved, registered participant in any USF Study Abroad program and has made an initial down payment. Qualified members can borrow up to \$2,500 and requests above \$2,500 may be approved with a qualified guarantor. The interest rate is variable and is subject to change quarterly and it is based on the current prime rate plus 5.75% APR*. Small monthly payments are required until the student's anticipated graduation date at the time the loan is taken. After that date, the loan balance will be amortized based upon the remaining loan balance. Loan funds will be disbursed by the Credit Union directly to the University of South Florida or to the agent (such as Carlson-Wagonlit) for program expenses; no funds will be directly paid to the student.

For more information - <https://usffcu.org/StudentLoans.asp>

Outside Scholarships and Grants

[The Fund for Education Abroad](#)

The Fund for Education Abroad scholarships are not limited to specific programs, destinations, or fields of study. FEA awards funds to students planning to study abroad on academically rigorous programs with a preference for underrepresented students. In addition to their general scholarships, FEA also awards the BASAA Scholarship, awarded to a deserving student who attends a US university/college located in the BASAA area (Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Connecticut); and the Rainbow Scholarship, awarded to a deserving LGBT student who aims to participate in an education abroad program.

For more information - <http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/>

[Gilman Travel Grants](#)

for undergraduate students receiving Pell Grant Funding.

For more information - <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>

[Freeman Awards for Study Abroad in Asia](#)

for freshman, sophomore, and juniors currently receiving financial aid

For more information - <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Freeman-ASIA/Eligibility>

[GoOverseas Scholarship](#)

The GoOverseas scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in, or in the process of applying to, study abroad programs. The largest scholarship is \$1,000. For further information, visit GoOverseas online at www.gooverseas.com.

Multi-Cultural Scholarships

A Better Chance: College Scholarships for Minority Students

<http://abetterchance.org/abetterchance.aspx?pgID=871>

Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE): includes programs and services for studying, working and volunteering abroad. Also provides five different scholarships.

<http://www.ciee.org>.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators- this particular link gives NAFSA's stance on study abroad and scholarship information.

<http://www.nafsa.org/students.sec/>