

Financial Resources for Undergraduate Study Abroad

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- Financial Aid information for students who want to study abroad (from the Financial Aid Office website) http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/types_travel.htm
- Financial Aid and Scholarships for EAP (BPSA website) <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/Finances/>
- EAP information on financial aid and payment plans http://eap.ucop.edu/financial_information/
- EAP information on scholarships http://eap.ucop.edu/financial_information/scholarships.shtm

The Judith Lee Stronach Undergraduate Travel Scholarships To honor Judith Lee Stronach's legacy and love for art, architecture, and travel, the Judith Lee Stronach Undergraduate Travel Scholarships are used to award annual travel scholarships meant to encourage the study of new places, cultures and peoples, as well as commitment to social responsibility, within the context of a formal study abroad program. The Scholarships are open to undergraduates who are majoring in Architecture, Landscape Architecture or Urban Studies in the College of Environmental Design at the University of California, Berkeley. Awards will be based on a statement of purpose, merit, and financial need. See http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/judith_lee_stronach_travel_scholarships/about.html for more information.

The Michael Ho Memorial Travel Scholarship To honor Michael Ho's legacy and love of learning, architecture, and travel, the income from the Michael Ho Endowed Scholarship Fund will be used to award an annual travel scholarship to an undergraduate student in their junior year majoring in architecture at the College of Environmental Design. The award is primarily based on financial need and secondarily on merit. <http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/events/calendar/prizes>

Gilman Summer Scholarship Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, an undergraduate student at a 2 or 4 year institution in the United States, and must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study abroad. Applicant must be applying to a study abroad program that spends at least 4 weeks in one country and is eligible for credit at the home institution. The study abroad program can take place in any country that is not on the U.S. Department of State's Travel Warning List or Cuba. The Gilman Program strongly encourages applications from Students from diverse backgrounds, those going to non-traditional study abroad destinations, students with disabilities, and students in fields of study underrepresented in study abroad. There are a limited number of summer scholarships. Average award offered: \$3,000. Available to all majors. www.iie.org/gilman For info about recent Cal scholarship winners see http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/AboutUs/News/Gilman_UCBLeader_12-3-2010.php

Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) DIS offers special scholarships for UC students. For the 2011 year, each student can receive a \$4000 scholarship per fall and/or spring semester at DIS. Students participating in the 7-week summer program can receive a \$1500 scholarship; additional funding is available for the 3-week sessions. Questions can be directed to Professor W. Mike Martin at wmmartin@berkeley.edu.

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia Freeman-ASIA accepts applications from U.S. citizens or permanent residents studying at the undergraduate level at a two-year or four-year college or university who demonstrate financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. A Freeman-ASIA Award provides need-based funding to assist the recipient with the cost of the study abroad program and related expenses, including airfare, basic living costs, local transportation, books, etc. <http://www.iie.org/en/programs/freeman-asia>

UCB Financial Aid Information The UCB Financial Aid and Scholarships Office provides federal, state, and campus funds to eligible students enrolled in University-approved travel study abroad programs. The University participates with several foreign travel study programs that enable Berkeley students to enroll in classes at a foreign university for one semester, the full academic year, or a summer session. Financial aid is available to assist students with costs for the travel study program of their choice. http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/types_travel.htm

Education Abroad Program (EAP) Generally speaking, students are offered the same financial aid package that they would have received at Berkeley, but their budget is adjusted for the specific EAP travel program they will be attending. Over half of EAP's countries have options that cost less than or equal to a semester or year at Berkeley - and that includes airfare! Participants pay the usual UC fees. Factors that make the year abroad in some countries more expensive than a year at Berkeley are: round-trip

transportation, higher cost of living, the length of the program (some are for 12 months instead of 9), and the exchange rate between the dollar and foreign currency. All UC financial aid is applicable to the year on EAP except work-study, which is converted to a loan. The Financial Aid Office **increases** your aid package if the EAP budget for your country is higher than it is at Berkeley. To see the latest EAP program budget, go to http://eap.ucop.edu/financial_information/ and click on “Participants” in the top horizontal menu bar. Use the drop down menu to select your Country, Academic Year, Abroad Program & Option. Then click on the “Money Matters” Tab to see the latest budget. You may have to search in the previous academic year if the budget is not yet available.

Summer EAP Financial Aid The same types of financial aid you would receive if you attended a summer session on the UC Berkeley campus can be used to attend any [summer EAP program](#). See http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/summer_eapfaq.htm

Extended Payment Plan The Extended Payment Plan is designed to give students an opportunity to pay their EAP program fees over an extended period of time. There is no interest charge because the Extended Payment Plan is not a loan. Students who owe EAP money or have a history of payment difficulty may be denied an Extended Payment Plan. http://eap.ucop.edu/financial_information/

Need-based EAP scholarships are awarded from \$1,000 to \$2,000 (based on financial need of student and availability of funding). EAP students are also eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources. Each year over \$1 million in need-based scholarships are awarded to EAP students. EAP awards typically range between \$1,500 and \$4,000 and vary by program and participant's financial situation. Even if you have not been eligible for financial aid in the past, consult with the financial aid office—you might be eligible for financial aid while on EAP. All EAP students, regardless of income level, are encouraged to apply for financial aid. See <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/Finances/>

Consortium Study Agreement Program (Non-EAP) Under the campus Consortium Study Agreement Program, students approved to take a leave of absence from the standard on-campus curriculum may study abroad for a semester, full year, or summer session. Financial aid is available to assist eligible CED participants with the costs of these foreign study programs if program participation is determined by an adviser to be part of the UCB degree. Aid available through this program is limited to federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Direct Loans, and parent loans. For more information about the consortium travel study process, contact Rich Hardenbrook (richiestu@berkeley.edu), the Financial Aid office consortium study specialist. To be considered for this program and as directed by Rich Hardenbrook, you will probably need to schedule appointments with the Office of Undergraduate Admission and the Financial Aid Office months in advance of your departure. Start early!

Berkeley Summer Sessions Program Financial aid is available for eligible Berkeley students to supplement the cost of UCB Travel Study programs. The aid available for these summer programs is primarily made up of loans. Loans can only be offered if the student has not received the maximum for the fall and/or spring semester prior to the summer of travel. If the student is not eligible for a student loan, they will be offered a parent loan if they are dependent students. http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/types_travel.htm

Human Rights Center Summer Fellowships The UCB Human Rights Center awards summer fellowships to UC students to work with human rights organizations in the United States and abroad. <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/HRCweb/fellowships.html>

Other Funding Sources In addition to EAP scholarships, funding may also be available from your host institution and other public and private organizations. After acceptance to a study abroad program, contact your host institution to inquire about additional scholarship opportunities. See “Other Funding Sources” and “Additional Resources” at http://eap.ucop.edu/financial_information/scholarships.shtm.