

Study Abroad Funding for PGA Students

Political and Global Affairs (PGA) majors/minors go abroad and there are many scholarships available to defray the costs of an abroad experience. Some of these scholarships are administered on campus, while others are from other outside organizations.

Most of these scholarships can be 'stacked,' i.e., if you get several they can be stacked and added together.

All PGA Students Can Study Abroad

Global Studies majors and minors all go abroad, but students in all PGA programs are eligible to participate in MTSU Study Abroad programs as a part of their program.

- General Political Science
- Pre-Law
- Human Geography
- Public Policy and Management
- Global Studies
- International Relations

Some of the on-campus study abroad scholarships require you to reach out to the International Education Office, the College of Liberal Arts, or the Honors College. You can always stop by the PGA Department office in Peck Hall 209 to discuss these opportunities and who to talk to on campus to apply for these opportunities.

Section 1: On-Campus Study Abroad Scholarships

1) MTSU Office of Education Abroad Scholarship

Award amount is variable. The average award per student for the most recent five years is \$675 per student for short-term programs (summer, spring break), \$1,700 for long-term programs (semester). Office of Education Abroad scholarship requirements and eligibility requirements apply:

- Overall Combined GPA 2.0 (undergrad) or higher for short term programs (summer, winter)
- Overall Combined GPA 2.50 or higher for long term programs (semester, academic year)
- May be combined with other Office of Education Abroad scholarships

2) MTSU Office of Education Abroad Commitment Scholarship

These are for MTSU Signature Programs only.

- \$500 award
- Competitive: Available to the first eight (8) students per program; students must complete all scholarship requirements by the deadline for consideration
- Requires proof of \$500 non-refundable program deposit
- May be combined with other Office of Education Abroad scholarships

3) MTSU Office of Education Abroad Media Scholarship

The Office of Education Abroad Media Scholarship gives students a chance to share their study abroad story with the MTSU community and inspire fellow MTSU students to study abroad. This scholarship is available each term (summer, fall, winter, spring, and fall or spring break if applicable). The Office of Education Abroad will share the winning projects on our website, in advising, with the campus community, and on our social media channels to highlight the great experiences students have abroad.

- 10 summer awards available, \$500 each
- The number of semester awards is variable, \$700 each
- Available for all programs (Signature Programs, Exchange Programs, Provider Programs, Education Abroad Independent Study)
- Student proposes creative project to showcase their study abroad program (Not just social media, any creative project!)
- Must follow all project options and requirements as submitted
- May be combined with other Office of Education Abroad scholarships
- Awarded prior to program term

4) MTSU College of Liberal Arts - CLA Study Abroad Scholarship

In an effort to encourage students to participate in one of the many MTSU Signature faculty-led study abroad programs, the College of Liberal Arts will offer several scholarships of up to \$1000 each for study abroad activities. Eligibility:

- Student must have a declared major or minor in the College of Liberal Arts.
- Undergraduate students must have completed 30 hours prior to the semester in which the award will be made, with at least 15 of those hours earned at MTSU. Graduate students must have completed 9 hours prior to the semester in which the award will be made, with all 9 hours earned at MTSU.
- Student must have a GPA greater than or equal to 2.5.
- Preference will be given to students participating in a CLA faculty-led study abroad program.

5) MTSU College of Liberal Arts - Elrod Family Scholarship

To be eligible for consideration for this award, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A student whose parent(s) did not receive a bachelor degree
- Be a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree major in the College of Liberal Arts and completed the required minimum credit hours (60 hours) to be a junior or senior level classification
- Have an overall minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale at the time of application
- The scholarship may provide funding for an international educational experience that supports the student's degree program
- Each award is for one academic year or summer term. Prior recipients are not disqualified from consideration for this award during subsequent years. Should the recipient become ineligible to receive the funds, another candidate may be selected using the criteria above.

6) MTSU College of Liberal Arts - Geraldine Sayward Scholarship

The Geraldine Sayward Scholarship will be awarded to the student of any major in the College of Liberal Arts preparing for an International Education Abroad experience who has shown excellence in academics and who best exemplifies the personal attributes of Geraldine, which include her passion for international travel abroad and lifelong learning.

To be eligible for consideration candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Have cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Have declared a major or minor in Liberal Arts
- Have completed at least 30 credit hours
- Preference given to a student participating in an MTSU faculty-led Education Abroad program

7) MTSU College of Liberal Arts - Dr. Francis Koti and Mrs. Margaret Tama Africa Education Abroad Scholarship

The Dr. Francis Koti and Mrs. Margaret Tama Africa Education Abroad Scholarship awards \$500 to study abroad in Africa. Eligibility:

- Global Studies and Human Geography major
- good academic standing
- completed two semesters at MTSU
- financial need
- importance of education abroad in Africa to education at MTSU and future careers

8) MTSU Honors College - June Hall McCash Founder's Award

To be eligible for consideration for this scholarship, a student must be in good standing with the Honors College, be pursuing a major or minor in a foreign language, be in good standing with the University, have completed 15 credit hours or the equivalent in foreign language courses, maintain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher, and plan to study abroad in a country where the student will be able to deepen his or her knowledge of the chosen major or minor language.

9) MTSU Honors College - Hannah/Harris Honors Study Abroad Endowed Scholarships

Scholarships of approximately \$400 (dependent upon availability of funds) will be awarded for the purpose of studying abroad. In order to qualify, students must be admitted to and participating in the Honors College as a full-time student. Each scholarship is awarded for one semester or summer term. Prior recipients are not disqualified from consideration for this scholarship during subsequent years. Demonstrated economic need will be considered in the selection process.

Section 2: Off-Campus Study Abroad Scholarships

10) Gillman International Scholarship Program

The Gillman offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. The eligibility requirements for the Gilman include the following:

- The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will receive the Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study.
- The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution.
- The applicant is studying or interning abroad for at least four weeks (28 days) in one country and no more than one academic year.
- The applicant is studying or interning abroad in any country except those on the U.S. Department of State's current Travel Warning list.

Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being approximately \$4,000 for fall and spring programs, and \$3,000 for summer programs. In addition, applicants who are studying a critical need language while abroad in a country in which the language is predominantly spoken will automatically be considered for the Critical Need Language Award, for a total award of \$8,000. Scholarship money must be used to defray the cost of studying/interning abroad. For more information, visit <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>.

11) Bright!Tax Global Scholar Initiative

Bright!Tax, a leading online tax preparation service for American citizens in over 190 countries, is proud to support students who are US citizens worldwide. The Bright!Tax Global Scholar Initiative provides supplemental funds for American students who are already or will be studying abroad under the auspices of an accredited academic institution. Scholarships are available for full semester programs, and it provides awards of \$1000 (or more) to up to 150 American students studying abroad or foreign nationals studying in the US each year. Applicants must have a 3.8 gpa or higher to apply and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Visit <https://brighttax.com/scholarships/> for more information!

12) DIVERSITY ABROAD OVERSEAS AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

The [DiversityAbroad.com](http://www.diversityabroad.com) Overseas Ambassador Scholarship was formerly known as the AIFS Blogging Scholarship. Diversity Abroad, in cooperation with the AIFS Foundation, will offer \$500 scholarships for fall and spring semesters as well as summer term. Five scholarships are available for each semester and two scholarships are available for summer. Students going abroad for the full fall, spring or summer terms are eligible to apply. Economically disadvantaged students, first-generation, students with disabilities and ethnic/racially diverse students are strongly encouraged to apply. Visit <http://www.diversityabroad.com/overseas-ambassadors> for application details and additional information.

13) Freeman-Asia Award

The Freeman Award provides needs-based funding to help the recipient with the cost of any study abroad program. Grant amounts vary from summer awards (up to \$3,000), semester/quarter awards (up to \$5,000), and academic year awards (up to \$7,000). Students must be a U.S. citizen, must currently receive need-based financial aid or demonstrate a verifiable need for financial assistance, must be an undergraduate student with a minimum GPA of 2.8 pursuing their first bachelor's or associate's degree, must apply through a U.S. home campus and have at least one term of enrollment remaining at that institution, must have applied to or have been accepted by a study abroad based program and have interest in selected countries, and must have little/no previous experience in the interested country.

14) PHI KAPPA PHI STUDY ABROAD GRANTS

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Seventy-five \$1,000 grants are awarded each year. For more information, visit https://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards/undergraduate-students/study-abroad#.Xl_yqqhKi70.