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Dear Prospective Study Abroad Student:

Step one was finding the *Absolutely Perfect Study Abroad program*. You've done it! Congratulations (and we're very glad it was a Brockport Study Abroad Program that you found)!

## Now, the next step: How are you going to pay for it?

Don't despair! We want to help. For one thing, we always keep the cost of our programs as low as possible. Also, we offer scholarships!

The College at Brockport's Office of International Education offers several competitive scholarships to participants in its regular academic year programs. Some apply to specific programs and/or are related to specific geographical areas. Eligibility for some of these scholarships depends on your home campus. The College at Brockport scholarship programs are described in the first section of this booklet.

This booklet also identifies and describes very competitive national scholarship programs (funded from both public and private sources) that can provide support for your participation in a Brockport study abroad program.

The third section of this booklet lists some resources that will help you discover other scholarship opportunities. And finally there is a section of this booklet about using traditional financial aid sources for study abroad.

As with any other aspect of your academic career, early planning and organization is an essential requirement for scholarship hunting!

We wish you the best of luck finding an *absolutely perfect study abroad scholarship!* 

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This booklet is intended as a general informational guide to scholarship programs offered and/or administered by the Office of International Education at The College at Brockport or by other agencies, organizations and/or groups that might be applicable to study abroad programs. The information contained in this booklet is accurate on the date of its publication and it is intended only as a general guide to these scholarship programs. As such, it does not establish any contractual obligations whatsoever.

The terms and conditions of the scholarships described herein – including their availability, eligibility requirements, application deadlines and/or the amounts of awards – are subject to change without notice. Participants should address inquiries concerning these scholarships directly to the sponsoring agencies and organizations.

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## Brockport's Office of International Education Scholarships

The College at Brockport's Office of International Education offers three types of scholarship awards to participants in Brockport-administered Overseas Academic Programs during fall and spring semesters.

## 1. Brockport Travel Scholarships:

# *a.* For participants in Brockport's overseas academic programs in the United Kingdom (England or Scotland):

Each semester Brockport's Office of International Education awards a limited number of travel scholarships to participants enrolled in the Study Abroad Programs it administers in the United Kingdom. A UK travel scholarship consists of a complimentary round trip ticket on the group flight from New York City (JFK or Newark airport) and London (Heathrow or Gatwick airport) to that participant's overseas academic program (travel to/from New York or from London to/from the site of that participant's overseas academic program is not included in the award and therefore the cost of these connecting flights are solely the responsibility of the participant who is awarded this scholarship).

# b. For participants in Brockport's overseas academic programs overseas academic program in Australia.

Each semester Brockport's Office of International Education awards one travel scholarship to a participant enrolled in the Study Abroad Programs it administers in Australia. A travel scholarship consists of a complimentary round trip ticket between Los Angeles and Sydney (travel to/from LAX or from Sydney to/from the site of that participant's overseas academic program is not included in the award and the cost of these connecting flights are solely the responsibility of the participant).

## To qualify for a Brockport travel scholarship, a participant:

- Must have received an offer (and have accepted the offer by the payment of the program acceptance fee) of a place on a Brockport overseas academic program in either the United Kingdom or Australia by the date on which the scholarship is to be awarded.
- Must have indicated an intention to participate on the group flight by the date on which the scholarship is to be awarded.

## *Criteria, deadlines, limitations and other details of Brockport travel scholarships:*

1. Selection Criteria:

The single criterion for the award of either travel scholarship is academic achievement measured by participants' (combined<sup>1</sup>) cumulative grade point average. The qualifying GPA on which the award of a travel scholarship is based is the GPA on which the admissions decision was made (in other words, only those transcripts submitted in support of the original application for admission will be used in the decision about the scholarship).

2. Decision Dates:

The decision regarding the award of a Travel Scholarship is made by the Office of International Education on:

30 November (for spring semester programs);

1 May (for fall semester and year-long programs).

3. Number of Awards:

Approximately one travel scholarship will be awarded for every thirty participants in Brockport overseas programs in the United Kingdom in each semester. Only one Australia Travel Scholarship may be awarded in each semester.

4. Additional Details:

Travel scholarships are non-transferable, they must be used only by the participants to whom they are offered; travel scholarships must be used only for the group flight for the program in which the recipient is enrolled; travel scholarships cannot be exchanged for their cash value. In the event of a tie, duplicate awards will be made. Decisions of the awards committee are final.

For additional information about these travel scholarships, contact the Office of International Education.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "combined GPA" is the grade point average of *all* courses taken at *all* American post-secondary educational institutions attended by the participant. This GPA is taken only from *official* transcripts that have been submitted in support of the participant's application for admission to the overseas academic program. "Unofficial" Transcripts (or "revised" or "amended" transcripts that are submitted and/or received subsequent to the date that the offer of admission was made (i. e., the date of the "offer letter") will not be used in the computation of the candidate's "combined GPA" for the purpose of these awards.

## 2. Non-Brockport Home Campus Participant Scholarships:

Some non-Brockport (and non-SUNY) campuses that have formal agreements with Brockport's Office of International Education are able to offer scholarships to their students who are participating in a Brockport – administered study abroad program. Check with the study abroad advisor on your campus (or with the Office of International Education at Brockport) to find out if your campus is one of our scholarship partner institutions.

## 3. Brockport Home Campus Participant Scholarships:

## Eric M. Steel Scholarship for International Study

This scholarship is given in memory of Dr. Eric M. Steel, professor of French and English from 1943-1974, and founding chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures from 1964-1969.

Dr. Steel was a pioneer among SUNY professors in developing and offering credit-bearing programs of international study for undergraduate and graduate students throughout the SUNY system. Dr. Steel's first credit-bearing course, including an eight-week guided European travel program, was in 1953.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and assist Brockport undergraduate students to participate in overseas programs.

The recipient must:

- 1. be matriculated in an undergraduate program at Brockport,
- 2. have an overall GPA of 2.75 or better at the time of application,
- 3. have demonstrated potential for success in overseas study,

4. be accepted in a SUNY Study Abroad program.

Preference may be given to a first time traveler.

Candidate Selection Process/Timetable:

- 1. This scholarship will be advertised through the College Scholarship Office and the Office of International Education. Application packets for this award will be available in these offices or their websites.
- 2. Candidates must complete the application packet for the Eric M. Steel Scholarship for International Study by the announced deadline.
- 3. The application will include:
  - Completed application form,
  - An essay as requested on the form,
  - Three letters of recommendation, one (1) from the candidate's advisor, two (2) from SUNY professors or staff who can support the candidacy,
  - A copy of the candidate's current transcript.

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- 4. The Eric M. Steel Selection Committee will review all completed applications received from the Scholarship Office and will select a recipient.
- 5. The Selection Committee chair will notify, in writing, the recipient, the Scholarship Office and the Office of International Education.

*Note:* The recipient must use this award for educational expenses at SUNY and may include airline tickets, program fees, and other related overseas study expenses.

## Janie Hill International Scholarship 2010-2011

Businesswoman, educator, and world traveler, Janie M. Hill '85, established this scholarship in 2005 to encourage and assist Brockport undergraduate students to study and travel abroad. Living at home in England, Ms. Hill is dedicated to promoting international study and travel with the hope that students will develop an understanding of cultural and social diversity as it relates to one's own environment. The award is \$1,000.

Candidates must:

- 1. Be undergraduate students accepted in a Brockport Study Abroad Program for 2010-2011.
- 2. Have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.
- 3. Have demonstrated excellent potential for success in studying overseas.
- 4. Complete the Janie Hill International Scholarship Application form.

Applications are available from The College at Brockport Scholarship Office or the Office of International Education.

Completed applications are due March 7, 2010 to:

Adam T. Standish Scholarship Office Room 119 Rakov Center for Student Services The College at Brockport State University of New York

## The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

## Sponsor: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State Administered by: Institute of International Education (IIE)

### Description:

International experience is critically important in the educational and career development of American students, but it can also require a substantial financial investment. The Gilman Scholarship Program broadens the student population that studies abroad by supporting undergraduate who might not otherwise participate due to financial The program aims to encourage students to choose constraints. nontraditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe and Australia. The Gilman scholarship aims to support students who have been traditionally underrepresented in study abroad, including but not limited to, students with high financial need, community college students, students in underrepresented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, students with disabilities, and students of nontraditional age. The program seeks to assist students from a diverse range and type of public and private institutions from all 50states.

## Eligibility:

The Gilman Scholarship is open to all US citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the criteria listed below:

- 1. The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of their study abroad.
- 2. The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution of higher education in the US.
- 3. The applicant is studying abroad for at least 4 weeks in one country. Programs going to more than one country are eligible if the student will be studying one country for at least 4 weeks.
- 4. The applicant is studying abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the State Department's current Travel Warning list.
- 5. The applicant is studying in the fall, spring, or academic year terms including winter inter-sessions. Summer only programs are not eligible.

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If you are unsure about your eligibility status, please consult our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page for Students or Advisors, or contact: <u>gilman@iie.org</u>.

## Selection Criteria:

Priority consideration for awards will be given to applicants of academic merit who receive Federal Pell Grants under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

- 1. The applicant must be a citizen or national of the United States. Permanent Residents of the United States are not eligible.
- 2. The applicant is an undergraduate student in good standing at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States (including both two-year and four-year institutions).
- 3. The applicant is applying to or has been accepted for up to one academic year of study on a program of study abroad approved for credit by the student's home institution. Proof of program acceptance is required for final award disbursement.
- 4. The applicant is receiving need-based student assistance from the federal government under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Title IV student financial aid includes Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study, Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

## Selection Criteria:

The Gilman Scholarship Program aims to broaden the student population that studies abroad by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints. The Gilman scholarship aims to support a diverse range of students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including but not limited to:

- students with high financial need,
- students interested in studying in diverse countries, especially those outside of Western Europe and Australia,
- students attending community colleges,
- students with diverse ethnic backgrounds,
- students from diverse range of institutions including two-year, fouryear, public, private, minority-serving etc.,
- students with disabilities, and
- students of non-traditional age.

The program strongly encourages students to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe and Australia. The program strongly encourages students from community colleges to apply. The program encourages students to study abroad for longer periods of time though short-term programs of

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at least four weeks are eligible. The program also seeks to serve students from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, DC. The program aims to encourage students in non-traditional fields of study abroad such as the sciences and engineering-though all disciplines are eligible.

The program seeks to assist students from a diverse range and type of colleges and universities including, but not limited to: two and four-year public and private colleges, tribal colleges, HBCU's and Hispanic-serving institutions from all 50 states. The program aims to open doors for students who have not previously studied abroad for undergraduate academic credit.

All recipients are required to carry out a follow-on project that promotes the Gilman Scholarship at the students' home institution or community. The follow-on project proposal, statement of purpose essay, and academic progress are criteria are closely considered during the selection process.

The selection criteria for the Gilman Scholarship Program are based upon the Gilman Scholarship Program goals that may differ from other scholarship programs. Meeting one or more of the above criteria does not guarantee acceptance. In sum, applications are reviewed in their entirety-no one criterion outweighs another. Award recipients are selected using the following criteria:

- Diversity of applicant,
- Statement of purpose essay,
- Follow-on project proposal essay,
- Academic progress and performance,
- Fields of study,
- Country of destination,
- US institution and state distribution,
- Length of study,
- Lack previous undergraduate study abroad experience.

### Award Amounts:

Awards of up to \$5,000 are made for US citizen undergraduates to study abroad. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being \$4,000. Students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding at 2-year or 4-year undergraduate colleges or universities are eligible to apply.

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#### Application deadlines:

The Spring 2011 cycle is for programs beginning between December 15, 2010 and April 15, 2011.

#### Timeline:

Late August 2010: Online application opens for Spring 2010 application cycle.

October 7, 2010: Student deadline for submission of online application.

October 10, 2010: Postmark deadline for official, university undergraduate transcripts. Applicants must submit three copies of their undergraduate transcript from their current university and most recently attended transfer institution, if applicable.

October 14, 2010: Advisor deadline for submission of online study abroad advisor and financial aid advisor certification.

October/November: Complete applications are processed and distributed to selection panels for review.

Early December: All applicants are notified of the status of their application via email. Study abroad and financial advisors will be notified of scholarship recipients via email.

Mid-December: Award recipients must accept/decline their award and send in required documentation.

### For additional information on the Gilman Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship Program visit:

http://www.iie.org/gilman Contact for Applicants: Lindsay Calvert E-mail: gilman@iie.org Tel: (713) 621-6300 ext. 25 Contact for Advisors: Jennifer Eisele E-mail: gilman scholars@iie.org Tel.: (713) 621-6300 ext. 16



## David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships

National Security Education Program [NSEP]Sponsored by:The U.S. Department of DefenseAdministered by:Institute of International Education (IIE)

#### **Description:**

NSEP was established by the National Security Education Act of 1991, which created the National Security Education Board, the National Security Education Program and a trust fund in the U.S. Treasury to provide resources for scholarships, fellowships and grants.

#### Four principal objectives form NSEP's mission:

- 1. Equip Americans with an understanding of less commonly taught languages and cultures and enable them to become integrally involved in global issues.
- 2. Build a critical base of future leaders, both in the marketplace and in government service, who have cultivated international relationships and worked and studied alongside foreign experts.
- 3. Develop a cadre of professionals with more-than-traditional knowledge of language and culture, who can use this ability to help the United States make sound decisions and deal effectively with global issues.
- 4. Enhance institutional capacity and increase the number of faculty who can educate U.S. citizens toward achieving these goals.

### **Requirements:**

1. U.S. National Security Focus:

NSEP focuses on geographical areas, languages and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Emphasized world regions include Africa, Asia, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. The program draws on the broad definition of national security applied by the president in his annual National Security Strategy, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NSEP Boren scholarships are intended to provide support to US undergraduates who will pursue the study of languages and cultures currently underrepresented in study abroad critical to U.S. national security.

Boren scholarships can be applied to study abroad in all countries, except Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Preference will be given to applications for study in areas deemed critical to national security. Countries that are specifically excluded as study abroad sites are: Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Iceland, Austria, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal,

2. Academic Focus:

Evidence of a clear link between your proposed overseas study and your academic and international career goals will be a critical element in your application. You should present a study abroad proposal that describes specifically how you plan to demonstrate this link. This should be directly reflected in your Statement of Purpose.

3. Language Study:

Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country must be part of each proposal. In addition, you must meet any language requirements of the study abroad experience you propose. The language component should incorporate opportunities to learn a language in a meaningful context, including instruction and application both inside and outside the classroom setting. The integrated nature of this aspect of the study abroad experience should be readily apparent in your program description.

4. Length of Study:

Awards are for a minimum of one academic term. NSEP goals will be promoted most effectively if students experience cultural and linguistic immersion in the overseas program for at least one academic year. For this reason, study abroad proposals based on two consecutive semesters of study are strongly encouraged, particularly for juniors and seniors.

5. Service Requirement: The NSEP enhances opportunities for its award recipients to gain federal employment. All recipients of NSEP awards are required to seek employment with a federal agency or office involved in national security affairs. If, after making a "good faith" effort, a federal job is not identified, NSEP award recipients may fulfill the requirement by working in the field of higher education in an area of study for which the scholarship was awarded.

## For further information on NSEP Undergraduate Scholarships:

National Security Education Program Institute of International Education 6th Floor 1400 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20005-2403 Tel: 1-800-618-NSEP (toll-free) or (202) 326-7697 Fax: (202) 326-7698E-mail: <u>nsep@iie.org</u> Web site: <u>www.iie.org/nsep</u> (Information and on-line application available on web)

### Application deadline for the 2010-11 Boren Scholarship is February 11, 2010.

Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Greece.

## The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program

## Sponsored by: Administered by:

Local Rotary Clubs The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is *Ambassadorial Scholarships*, established in 1947. Since that time, more than 47,000 scholars from 110 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$476 million. In 2005-2006, 731 scholars from 59 countries studied in 60 countries. Program awards were \$14.8 million.

### Description:

The purpose of the *Ambassadorial Scholarships* program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Today, the program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with local Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

A benefit not found in other scholarship programs is the scholar's association with Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Each scholar is assigned both a sponsor and a host Rotarian counselor who provide orientation, advice and assistance.

Scholarship availability is determined by local Rotarian contributions to The Rotary Foundation. As a result, not all-Rotary clubs will offer scholarships. Prospective scholars must apply through a local Rotary club.

### *Types of Rotary Scholarships and Award Amounts:*

The Rotary offers several types of scholarships for study overseas by undergraduates at American colleges and universities:

*Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships* provide funding for one academic year of study in another country. This award is intended to help cover round-trip transportation, tuition, fees, room and board expenses and some educational supplies up to US \$25,000 or its equivalent.

Academic-Year Scholarships are the most common type of scholarship offered by Rotary; nearly 1,000 were awarded for study in 2000-01.

## **Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships are for either three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in and provide funds country to cover round-trip another transportation, language training expenses, and homestay living arrangements, up to US \$12,000 [three months] and US \$19,000 [six months] respectively. Applications are considered for candidates interested in studying Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili and Swedish.

Some Rotary districts may only offer one type of scholarship (or none at all); applicants must check with the local club regarding availability

## Eligibility:

- 1. All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there are Rotary clubs.
- 2. Applicants must have completed at least two years of college-level coursework or equivalent professional experience before commencing their scholarship studies.
- 3. Initial application must be made through a local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment.
- 4. Candidates cannot be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians or employees of a club, district or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, and ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood) of persons in the foregoing categories are also ineligible. Please note that Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has resigned from club membership.
- 5. The scholarships are not appropriate for students seeking to continue studies already begun at a foreign institution.
- 6. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- 7. In addition to the criteria listed above,
  - a. Applicants for **Ambassadorial Scholarships** must be proficient in the language of the proposed host country.
  - b. Applicants for *Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships* must have completed at least one year of college-level coursework or equivalent in the proposed language of study.

For additional information go to: http://www.rotary.org/foundation

## John E. Bowman Travel Grants

# Sponsor: The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)

The Bowman Travel Grants provide assistance to students participating in educational programs in *non-traditional destinations*. These awards were established by CIEE in the memory of John E. Bowman, Executive Director of Council from 1952 to 1979 and are funded through sales of the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) in the United States.

## Eligibility:

Applicants for CIEE Bowman Travel Grants must be undergraduate students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents only) matriculated at an American college or university who will be participating in a study abroad program in one of the designated countries<sup>3</sup>.

Because Brockport's Office of International Education is an official International Student Identity Card (ISIC) Issuing Office all participants in Brockport overseas academic programs and internships in Costa Rica, Ghana, Mexico and Vietnam are eligible to apply for a Bowman Travel Award.

## Selection Criteria:

In considering applications to any eligible geographical site, the selection committee will show preference for educational programs, and work/internship activities in which applicants interact in a significant way with the host population. No restrictions are placed on the specific focus of the program, project or activity, although reviewers are particularly interested in activities that contribute to enhancing an applicant's language skills and/or understanding of cultural and social issues. Applicants should demonstrate how the activity is related to their future academic and/or career interests. Students who have limited education abroad experience are encouraged to apply. Financial need *is* taken into account.

## Award Amounts:

Awards are issued as vouchers to Council Travel, to be exchanged for round-trip airline tickets to the program destination. Thus the amount of the award will vary based on the destination and high/low season fares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Selection Committee will consider applications for travel grants to destinations in any country EXCEPT Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, and the following European countries and principalities: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

## **CIEE Bowman Awards**

## Application deadlines:

March 15 for summer, fall and academic year programs (beginning between June 1 and December 31),

October 15 for spring programs (beginning between January 1 and May 31).

### For additional information:

(and to obtain an application for a Bowman Travel Grant)

visit: <a href="http://www.ciee.org/study/scholarships/bowman.htm">http://www.ciee.org/study/scholarships/bowman.htm</a>

or write to: **The Council on International Educational Exchange** Bowman Travel Grant Committee International Study Programs 633 Third Ave. 20th Floor New York, NY 10017



## **Fulbright Program for U.S. Students**

## Sponsor: The U.S. Department of State

"Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations." – Senator J. William Fulbright, 1983

The U.S. Student Fulbright Program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide, with more than 1,500 students each year receiving a Fulbright grant to go overseas in all fields of study.

## Eligibility:

- 1. All applicants must be a U.S. citizen, and
- 2. Are a graduating senior; hold a B.S./B.A. degree; are a master's or doctoral degree candidate; or are a young professional or artist, *and*
- 3. Are thinking of studying, teaching or conducting research abroad, and
- 4. Are in good health

## Application deadlines:

The application cycle for the 2010-2011 U.S. Fulbright Student competition opens on May 1, 2010. The deadline for applications to be received electronically by IIE is October 20, 2010. Hard copy applications and all support documents must be received by October 22, 2010. Applications submitted to IIE become the property of IIE. No part will be returned under any circumstance.

You should begin an application as early as possible, but:

- At least 2 months prior to the campus or the IIE deadline; for full research and study grants or grants in the Creative and Performing Arts.
- At least 6 weeks prior to the campus or IIE deadline: for Teaching Assistantships or Travel Grants.

For information on how to apply, visit: <u>http://us.fulbrightonline.org/howtoapply.html</u>

## **Resources for Further Research**

(Sources and Tips for finding Scholarships and other types of financial aid for Study Abroad)

# Some Web Pages that deal with the Subject of Paying for Study Abroad: (good places to start).

### About.com

[http://internationaled.about.com/library/weekly/aa100200a.htm?iam=dpi le&terms=%2Bstudy+%2Babroad+%2Bscholarships]:

A useful discussion of the realities of finding support for your semester overseas plus some very good links to other web pages on the same topic.

#### StudyAbroad.com

[http://www.studyabroad.com/forum/financial\_aid.html]: An on-line discussion forum about financial aid for study abroad.

**Fastweb** [http://www.fastweb.com]: A very popular American college scholarship database. Registration required (no-fee).

### The International Education Financial Aid [http://www.iefa.org]:

IEFA is the premier Internet resource for financial aid information for students intending to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive listing of grants, scholarships, loan programs and other information to assist students in their pursuit to study abroad.

#### FinAid.com [http://www.finaid.com]:

This is a very well known college financial aid site. Try the words "study abroad" in the search engine on this page.

### Sallie Mae's web site [http://www.salliemae.com]:

The largest educational lender in the USA.

Study Abroad: An Investment in Your Future [http://www.study-abroad.msu.edu/shared/afford.html]:

A very useful online brochure from Michigan State University that includes some great tips about funding your study abroad experience.

### **Study Abroad Scholarships**

[http://www.istc.umn.edu/study/scholarships.html]:

On-line search through International Study and Travel Center at the University of Minnesota.

### Studyinbritain.com

**Studentawards.com** [http://www.studentawards.com]:

At Studentawards, high school, college and university students can search from thousands of unique scholarships, bursaries, grants and other forms of financial assistance. It's free, private and personalized.

#### **Grants Net** [http://www.grantsnet.org]:

This is a free online database for students and faculty in the natural sciences that provides information about (among other things) grants, fellowships and scholarships.

**Some Books on the Subject of Paying for Study Abroad:** (most of these can be ordered from Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble [www.bn.com]).

*Financial Resources for International Study: A Guide for US* <u>*Nationals*</u> (1996, Institute of International Education; ISBN No. 0872062201).

Contains detailed descriptions of nearly 700 fellowships, grants, scholarships and paid internships for undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral students as well as working professionals.

The contact information tends to be a little out of date, but it is possible to find the current information with a little searching.

#### Free Money for Foreign Study: A Guide to More Than 1,000 Grants and Scholarships for Study Abroad by Laurie Blum.

This book is currently out of print. But, many places [Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble.com, etc] have used copies of it for sale.

*International Studies Funding and Resources* by Education Interface Staff, G. Gutierrez (Editor) (Hardcover - June 1990).

# *The International Scholarship Book: the complete guide to financial aid for study abroad* by Daniel. J. Cassidy.

This book is also currently out of print. But, many places [Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble.com, etc] have used copies for sale.

*Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad, (1999-2001)* by Gail A Shlachter, et. Al.

<u>A Student's Guide To Scholarships, Grants And Funding</u> Publications In International Education And Other Disciplines. (April 1997, Michigan State University).

A very popular reference work that contains 79 pages of annotated citations including websites. It can be purchased for \$5 (which includes postage and handling) from Michigan State University. Office of the Dean, International Studies and Programs, Room 209 Center for International Studies and Programs. Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

## **Financial Aid for Study Abroad**

Don't forget that most, if not all (and sometimes even slightly more) of the financial aid that you normally receive at your home campus can be used to cover the cost of your study abroad program.

The first step is to find out from your home campus Office of Financial Aid if your current financial aid package can be used for your participation in a Brockport study abroad program. For most students that answer is usually "Yes."

Generally, for your financial aid to be "portable" from your home campus to a Brockport study abroad program, you must:

- carry at least a half-time credit load during the period of your participation (this is never an issue because all Brockport study abroad programs offered during the regular academic year require participants to enroll as full-time students).
- receive credit for the program toward your degree at your home institution, that is, the Brockport study abroad program that you are enrolled in must advance you toward a degree and not merely be providing an enrichment experience.
- There may also be other eligibility restrictions, depending on the financial aid program, but *usually* you will be able to take your Title IV funding (Pell, Stafford and PLUS) overseas with you on a Brockport study abroad program. Institutional aid, however, is subject to the policies of the school awarding that aid.

In matters of financial aid, each case is usually unique, but the following four general principles frequently apply:

1. Financial aid is intended to cover the difference between the total cost of a program and the family's ability to contribute to those costs. If the costs of the overseas program you choose are greater than your current costs, you may (all other things being equal) anticipate receiving additional financial aid to meet these additional costs. If the costs of the overseas program you choose are lower than your current costs, you may (all other things being equal) anticipate receiving additional financial aid to meet these additional costs. If the costs of the overseas program you choose are lower than your current costs, you may (all other things being equal) anticipate receiving less financial aid during your term/semester/year abroad.

2. If you are currently receiving financial aid in the form of grants and/or loans from government financial aid programs--either New York State or the US federal government--you will very probably be able to continue to apply that same financial aid towards the cost of your participation in any one of Brockport's Study Abroad programs.

3. Because Brockport's Study Abroad programs are administered by an accredited American college, and because, during their participation, students in Brockport study abroad programs are enrolled as full-time students in that US college, they are usually able to receive financial aid from the same federal and state sources as they were as students in the US. Usually a participant in a SUNY Overseas Academic Program is able to receive the same aid package that s/he would receive if s/he were attending a SUNY campus.

4. If your home campus is not able to transfer your financial aid, Brockport's Office of Financial Aid can *sometimes* process certain types of financial aid, such as Pell Grants, Stafford Loans (subsidized *and* unsubsidized), PLUS Loans and some types of New York State grants (including TAP).

If you are currently receiving financial aid in the form of a scholarship, grant or loan from your home campus you *may* be able to continue to receive that same financial aid towards the cost of your participation in one of Brockport's Study Abroad programs. Check with the study abroad advisor at your home campus to find out if your home campus has a "consortium agreement" with Brockport that allows you to transfer all of your current financial aid.

Students who are planning to finance all or part of their study abroad by financial aid should be aware that the rules and regulations governing financial aid change frequently and the single best - make that THE ONLY – really accurate and up-to-date source of information about your financial aid package is the OFFICE of FINANCIAL AID at your HOME CAMPUS.

Students who participate in study-abroad programs that cost more than the usual cost of attendance for their school may be able to get an increase in their Federal Pell Grant to help cover those costs.

### U.S. Department of Education Student Guide

[http://www.ed.gov/prog\_info/SFA/StudentGuide/]:

This is the most comprehensive resource on student financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education. Grants, loans and work-study are the three major forms of student financial aid available through the Department's Student Financial Assistance office.

### US Department of Education, Financial Aid Information

[http://www.ed.gov/funding.html]

### The International Student Loan Program (ISLP)

[http://www.iefc.com]:

The ISLP, developed by the International Education Finance Corporation (IEFC), offers Stafford and alternative loan programs for US students studying abroad, and for international students studying in the US. ISLP loans are funded by the Bank of Boston and Educaid and are guaranteed by the Education Resources Institute (TERI).

## **Remember Financial Aid**

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