

## FUNDING to Improve & Use Your Language Skills

### LANGUAGE TRAINING & STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS - SUMMER

The [Critical Language Scholarship](#) (CLS) provides opportunities for American undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities across the country to spend eight to ten weeks learning one of thirteen languages at an intensive study abroad institute. The CLS Program is designed to promote rapid language gains and essential intercultural fluency in regions that are critical to U.S. national security and economic prosperity. The deadline is usually in early- to mid-November for awards that take place the following summer. This award is funded by the US Dept. of State. Campus contact: Amy Kehoe [amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu](mailto:amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu). **Deadline: Nov 14, 2023**

The [Fulbright-Hays Swahili Group Project Abroad in Kenya](#) is an intensive community-based Swahili language and culture program designed to enhance participants' language proficiency and promote knowledge and understanding of East Africa in a global context through Swahili language immersion. Participants will spend eight weeks studying Swahili language and culture in Kenya. Students will spend about two weeks in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, and six weeks in Kilifi. Participants will also visit the South Coast to learn more about coastal Swahili culture and Indian Ocean trade. Additionally, students will immerse themselves in the local culture through interaction with local people. All enrolled students who have at least three semesters of Swahili and are US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply. Campus contact: Steve Hill [s-hill@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-hill@northwestern.edu).

The [Korean Intensive Summer Language Program](#), hosted by Chungbuk National University (CBNU) in Cheongju, South Korea is open to all US undergraduate and graduate students who have completed one year of Korean language study or the equivalent, the program provides approximately 140 hours of classroom instruction in Korean language and culture, housing in university dormitories on the CBNU campus, comprehensive onsite support from a US resident director, engaging and varied cultural activities, and extensive opportunities for participants to connect with local South Korean families and peers. Prospective applicants may also apply for funding through the Judith Ehm Foundation Fellowship.

The [DAAD University Summer Course Grant](#) provides scholarships to attend a broad range of three- to four-week summer courses at German universities, which focus mainly on German language, and literary, cultural, political, and economic aspects of modern and contemporary Germany. Extensive extracurricular programs complement and reinforce the core material. Second-, third-, fourth-year, and master's students who are US or Canadian citizens, or are permanent residents or foreign nationals are eligible to apply. Campus contact: Steve Hill [s-hill@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-hill@northwestern.edu). **Deadline Dec. 1, 2023**

[Summer Fellowships for Advanced Turkish Language Study](#), offered through the American Research Institute in Turkey, are for students to participate in the summer program in advanced Turkish language at Boğaziçi University, in Istanbul. This intensive program offers the equivalent of one full academic year of study in Turkish at the college level. The fellowships cover round-trip airfare to Istanbul, application and tuition fees, and a maintenance stipend. Full-time students who are US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply.

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**FUNDING FOR STUDY ABROAD – this is only funding – you pick the program!**

The [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity. To be eligible for the Gilman Program, applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of their study abroad program or internship. The Gilman Scholarship may be applied to the program abroad of your choice; Gilman does not have designated language sites. There are two deadline per year, one in October and another in March. Campus contact for help with the application: Amy Kehoe [amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu](mailto:amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu); Financial aid contact: Krista Bethel [krista@northwestern.edu](mailto:krista@northwestern.edu).

The [Fund for Education Abroad](#) (FEA) grants scholarships of up to \$10,000. Applicants from groups underrepresented in study abroad and those destined for non-traditional locations are given preference in an effort to make the demographics of US undergraduates studying abroad reflect the rich diversity of the US population. First-, second-, and third-year students who are US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply. Check the website for deadlines. Campus contact: Amy Kehoe [amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu](mailto:amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu).

[David L. Boren Scholarships](#) provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Scholars represent a variety of academic backgrounds, but all are interested in studying less-commonly-taught languages. Campus contact: Steve Hill [s-hill@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-hill@northwestern.edu).

- The [Language Flagship Initiative](#) (only for Boren applicants) aims to increase the number of Boren Scholars and Fellows studying languages and regions that are critical to national security. This serves to further the United States' high demand for specialists who possess both linguistic and regional experience across a range of academic and professional fields. The Initiatives further linguistic and on-the-ground regional knowledge through rigorous, credit-bearing language courses that include a summer (domestic) and a fall (overseas) component. This is a language intensive sub-section of the Boren Scholarship.

The [Bridging Scholarships](#) offer funding to American undergraduates participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. The scholarships are funded by the US-Japan Bridging Foundation through contributions from corporations, private foundations, and individual donors. Students who are US citizens and who are studying in Japan for at least three months are eligible to apply.

Northwestern's [Undergraduate Language Grant](#) (ULG) provides \$5,000 towards the cost of intensive summer language study either in the US or abroad. The program's goal is to fund students for whom this language training is central to the achievement of specific academic or professional goals. The applicant identifies the language program and applies for a ULG to fund the chosen program. The deadline is usually in January. This program is managed by NU's Office of Undergraduate Research. Campus contact: Megan Wood [Megan.Novak.Wood@northwestern.edu](mailto:Megan.Novak.Wood@northwestern.edu).

The [Freeman-ASIA](#) program is designed to support US-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning 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, and books. The program's

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goal is to increase the number of US citizens and permanent residents with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures. Award recipients are required to share their experiences with their home campuses or communities to encourage study abroad by others and fulfill the program's goal of increasing understanding of Asia in the US. First-, second-, and third-year students are eligible to apply.

#### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES**

The US-UK Fulbright Commission offers special [Fulbright Summer Institutes](#) for US citizens to come to the United Kingdom on an academic and cultural summer program. Participants will get the opportunity to experience an exciting academic program at a highly regarded UK university, explore the culture, heritage, and history of the United Kingdom, and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research, and communication skills. First- and second-year students who are at least 18 years old and have at least a 3.7 GPA and who are US citizens are eligible to apply.

The [Humanity in Action](#) Fellowship brings together international groups of university students to explore national histories of discrimination and resistance, as well as examples of issues affecting different minority groups today. The program is interdisciplinary and features daily lectures and discussions with renowned academics, journalists, politicians, and activists, as well as site visits to government agencies, nonprofit and community organizations, museums, and memorials. The program highlights different models of action to remedy injustice. Second-, third-, and fourth-year students, as well as graduate students and recent alums are eligible to apply.

The [Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship](#) is a fully funded four-week summer study abroad program in Ireland designed for students of color who are traditionally underrepresented in study abroad. The fellowship was launched in 2017 to empower students of color with a curated study abroad experience focused on developing leadership skills, intercultural communication skills, and the tools needed to create positive change. First-, second-, and third-year students who are US citizens or permanent residents, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and are from an ethnicity typically underrepresented in study abroad programs are eligible to apply.

[ThinkSwiss](#) encourages collaboration between Swiss and US students and academics in a variety of fields. The scholarship is open to outstanding students in all fields with an interest in conducting research or participating in a summer school course in Switzerland. The program provides a monthly scholarship of approximately \$1,100 for a period of two to three months. Currently enrolled second-, third-, and fourth-year students as well as graduate students at US universities are eligible to apply. Campus contact: Steve Hill [s-hill@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-hill@northwestern.edu).

The [Vienna BioCenter Summer School](#) provides a unique opportunity for up to thirty undergraduate students to work side by side with leading researchers in a dynamic scientific environment. Our program aims to attract talented students from around the world, creating a vibrant and diverse atmosphere. It is the perfect preparation for those students who are interested in graduate study in the life sciences. Applicants who are successful are provided with accommodation, a travel allowance, and a stipend for the duration of the scholarship. Second-, third-, and fourth-year undergraduates, first-year students in master's degree programs, and advanced MD students are eligible to apply.

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### **POPULAR POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD – think ahead!**

The [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#) is a funded year of postbaccalaureate research, study, or English teaching in one of 140 countries worldwide. This is the flagship program of the US Department of State. The campus deadline is early September. Seniors, graduate students, and alum are eligible to apply. Campus contact for research/study awards: [s-hill@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-hill@northwestern.edu); Campus contact for English Teaching Assistantship Awards: Amy Kehoe [amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu](mailto:amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu).

- [Critical Language Enhancement Award](#) (CLEA) provides an opportunity for Fulbright U.S. Student Program grantees to receive three to six months of intensive language study as an enhancement to their Fulbright grants. It is offered to students once they have been awarded a Fulbright U.S. student grant and intend to use one of the eligible languages in their Fulbright project. The purpose of the Critical Language Enhancement Award is to cultivate higher levels of language proficiency prior to and during the Fulbright grant period and beyond. The Critical Language Enhancement Award helps promote the Fulbright Program's goals of cross-cultural exchange and dialogue.

[Princeton in Africa](#) develops young leaders committed to Africa's advancement by offering year-long fellowship opportunities with a variety of organizations that work across the African continent. Prior experience in Africa is not required. Graduating seniors and recent alums are eligible to apply. Campus contact: Amy Kehoe [amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu](mailto:amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu).

[Princeton in Asia](#) (PiA) has long been driven by a mission to foster mutual appreciation and cultural understanding by connecting service-minded graduates and partner organizations in Asia through immersive work experiences that transform perspectives and cultivate long-lasting friendships. It is PiA's vision that, through extended exposure to Asian workplaces and cultures, fellows will develop a lifelong appreciation for and engagement in this part of the world. PiA offers service-oriented posts in the fields of education, international development, journalism, and business, with a majority of fellows working as English teachers at universities and high schools. Graduating seniors and recent alums are eligible to apply. Note: this award requires an application fee and a financial contribution from fellows, though financial aid may be available. Please check the website for details.

The [Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals](#) is a fellowship funded by the German Bundestag and US Department of State that annually provides seventy-five US citizens and seventy-five German young professionals, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four, the opportunity to spend one year in each other's countries, studying, interning, and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program. The program is open to candidates in all career fields who are interested in a year of academic, professional, and cultural exchange. Campus contact: Steve Hill [s-hill@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-hill@northwestern.edu).

The [Luce Scholars Program](#) is designed to enhance the understanding of Asia among potential leaders in American society. The program provides stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia for up to eighteen scholars each year. Graduating seniors, graduate-school students, professional-school students, and alums in any field who have had limited exposure to Asia are eligible to apply. Candidates who have spent up to 24 weeks in a placement country may still apply but will not be eligible to return to that country. Asian studies majors are ineligible. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents under the age of 32 (or, if older, no more than three years removed from completing their bachelor's degree). Successful candidates should have a record of high achievement, outstanding leadership ability, and clearly defined interests with evidence of potential for professional accomplishments.

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Through the [North American Language and Culture Assistants Program \(NALCAP\)](#), American college students and graduates who are native-like speakers of English partner with elementary and secondary schools in Spain to bolster language programs as language assistants, under the supervision and guidance of teachers in Spain. As a language assistant, you will be fulfilling the role of a cultural ambassador as you advance English language learning and mutual understanding through cultural exchange. As such, your role is to encourage students of all ages in Spain to broaden their knowledge of your language and culture. Second- and third-year students as well as graduating seniors and holders of at least a bachelor's degree who are up to sixty years of age and who are US citizens are eligible to apply.

Founded in 1987, the [Japan Exchange and Teaching Program \(JET\)](#) has sent more than 70,000 participants from around the globe (including more than 35,800 Americans) to work in schools, boards of education, and government offices throughout Japan. What makes JET unique is that it is the only teaching exchange program managed by the government of Japan. With more than fifty-five countries around the world currently participating in JET, this program offers a unique cultural exchange opportunity to meet people from all around the world, living and working in Japan. Graduating seniors and holders of at least a bachelor's degree who are US citizens are eligible to apply.

The [Teaching Assistant Program in France \(TAPIF\)](#) offers you the opportunity to work in France for seven months, teaching English to French students of all ages. Each year, over 1,500 American citizens and permanent residents teach in public schools across all regions of metropolitan France and in the overseas departments of France, such as French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Réunion. The American cohort is part of the larger Assistants de langue en France program, which recruits approximately 4,500 young educators from sixty countries to teach fifteen languages annually in France. Graduating seniors and holders of at least a bachelor's degree who are up to thirty-five years of age and are US citizens or permanent residents of the United States are eligible to apply. Non-US citizens may be eligible; check website for details.

The [US Teaching Assistantships at Austrian Secondary Schools](#) has provided college graduates from the United States with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to work as secondary school teaching assistants in communities all over Austria. In addition to serving as valuable linguistic models in classroom English instruction, US teaching assistants are also valuable resources for firsthand information about the "American way of life" and serve as informal representatives of the United States. Graduating seniors and recent alums who are US citizens are eligible to apply.

[Peace Corps](#) volunteers are putting their purpose, passion, and skills to work in partnership with welcoming host communities in more than sixty countries worldwide. Volunteers live and work on locally prioritized projects, receiving a stipend and other support as they are immersed in a new culture. They build relationships, exchange knowledge, and help transform lives for generations. The Peace Corps recruiter for the Northwestern campus is Alixandria Warren [awarren@peacecorps.gov](mailto:awarren@peacecorps.gov).