



Fund for  
Education Abroad



## Study Abroad Advisor Handbook

# What is an FEA Scholar?

*The Fund for Education Abroad aims to fund students that are typically underrepresented in study abroad. Racial and ethnic minorities, community college students, first-generation college students, students with financial need, and students attending HBCUs or MSIs are just a few categories of students we have funded.*

## Eligibility Requirements

- \* Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- \* Students must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate at a U.S. college or university.
- \* The desired study abroad program must be eligible for credit at the student's educational institution.
- \* The desired study abroad program must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) long.

## Award Amounts

FEA awards up to \$5,000 for a full semester of study, and up to \$10,000 for an academic year.

Summer programs are prorated; the minimum FEA award amount is \$1,250 for a 4-week program.

## Application Components

There are four major components of the FEA Scholarship Application (all to be submitted online):

1. Online application form
2. Unofficial transcript
3. Letter of recommendation from a professor or advisor
4. Financial aid form

In order to submit everything on time, encourage your students to start early!

## Essay Questions

**Essay #1:** Please describe your intended study abroad program. Why have you chosen this program and how do you anticipate that it will build on your previous experience and support your future goals? Be specific. (750 word limit)

**Essay #2:** Studying abroad is often challenging, requiring participants to be open-minded and perseverance in sometimes isolating circumstances. Please describe a personal experience in which you were similarly challenged to demonstrate these qualities. (750 word limit)

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Top Center Amy Odaira, FEA Scholar 2018-2019, Japan  
Bottom Center Yosita Yeerong, FEA Scholar 2016-2017, Denmark  
Right Alberto Weeks, FEA Scholar 2018-2019, Japan



Scholar Gala  
November 2017, Washington, DC



Minnesota Curl-a-thon  
February 2014, St. Paul, MN



Cherry Blossom Run  
April 2018, Washington, D.C.

# What scholarships does FEA offer?

## FEA General Scholarships

Awarded to underrepresented students with financial need.

## FEA Access Partner Scholarships

Awarded to students participating in a program with one of FEA's Access Partners with scholarships available:

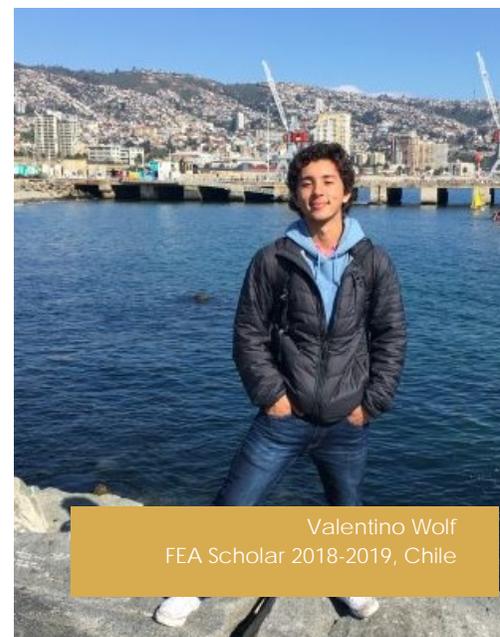
- \* CET Academic Programs
- \* CAPA The Global Education Network
- \* AIFS Study Abroad
- \* FIE: Foundation for International Education
- \* Institute for Study Abroad (ISA)
- \* The Intern Group
- \* School for Field Studies (SFS)
- \* SIT Study Abroad
- \* University of Auckland
- \* University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

## FEA Dedicated Scholarships

Awarded to students that fit the specific requirements given to each of the following scholarships:

- \* BASAA Scholarship (Boston-Area)
- \* DC-Area Scholarship
- \* Foundation for Global Scholars Scholarship
- \* Hiliary Echo Douglas Memorial Scholarship
- \* Jane Gluckmann & Carol Rausch Go Global Scholarship
- \* Minnesota Scholarship
- \* PDX Scholarship (Portland-Area)
- \* Rainbow Scholarship
- \* The A. Rewari Family Scholarship for Study Abroad in Denmark

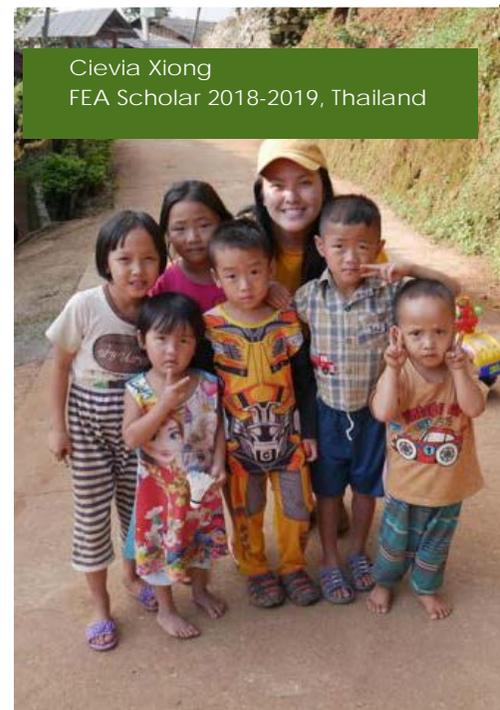
Learn more about the requirements of FEA General, Access Partner, and Dedicated Scholarships at <https://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/>.



Valentino Wolf  
FEA Scholar 2018-2019, Chile



Marell Alvarez  
FEA Scholar 2018-2019, Spain



Cievia Xiong  
FEA Scholar 2018-2019, Thailand



**ABOUT** | Founded in 2010, Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) is a philanthropically funded, independent 501(c)(3) located in Washington, DC (EIN # 26-3041520) governed by a volunteer board of directors, which has disbursed more than \$1.3 million in scholarships to 268 undergraduates for study around the world. FEA Scholars are 64% first generation college students, 75% minority students, and 37% community college students (now or in the past). In the 2018-2019 application cycle, 2308 undergraduate students applied, representing each of the 50 states, and 517 colleges/universities. FEA Scholars are selected by a group of more than 100 volunteer reviewers scoring for 25% financial need, 25% underrepresented factors, and 50% academic plan and preparedness. In the most recent cycle, \$335,000 was awarded to 100 students, or 4% of applicants.

**MISSION** | The Fund for Education Abroad provides scholarships and ongoing support to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population. FEA makes life-changing, international experiences accessible to all by supporting minority and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs.

**VISION** | FEA envisions a future in which any U.S. student who dreams of studying abroad will be able to participate. We believe that the value of education abroad is so great that no barrier—financial, curricular, or personal—should be insurmountable. We foresee a future in which our scholars work to increase understanding, give back to their communities, and mentor future generations of FEA Scholars.



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