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Fund for Education Abroad Receives Increased Donation of \$120,000 from NAFSA to Fund Scholarships for African American Scholars

The NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship has been extended for three years at \$40,000 per year

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 9, 2021 – [NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#) has committed \$120,000 to The [Fund for Education Abroad](#) (FEA) to continue funding of the NAFSA: Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarships for African American undergraduate students to study abroad. First awarded in 2019, the scholarship will continue to fund multiple students each year. This new donation both increases funding by 30% to \$40,000 per year and extends it an additional three years through 2024.

“It is an honor to work with NAFSA to help realize Tamara H. Bryant’s vision for her endowment,” said FEA Executive Director Jennifer Calvert. “There is no shortage of highly qualified candidates for the NAFSA: Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship, and we are delighted to be able to award more students from across the country in the coming years.”

Tamara H. Bryant, who immigrated to the United States from Rangoon, Burma in the 1960s, established an endowment at NAFSA to foster intercultural exchange through the provision of scholarships. Bryant left Burma during World War II as a refugee, traveling more than 1,500 miles to India by foot, and eventually settled in the U.S. Through her journey in life, Mrs. Bryant came to realize the difficulties women faced in reaching their potential in the workplace – particularly, women of color in her newly adopted country. With the recognition of these challenges, her endowment was established at NAFSA to assist promising, globally minded students in achieving their career goals.

FEA will award these funds to African American undergraduate students in the U.S. who hope to study abroad, and who also embody Mrs. Bryant’s spirit of resilience and commitment to intercultural exchange, per her endowment purposes. Students who fit these criteria are eligible to apply through FEA.

“Our board greatly appreciates the work that FEA does, their professionalism, and the opportunities they create for students to have meaningful international experiences,” says NAFSA CEO and Executive Director [Esther D. Brimmer](#). “I look forward to continuing our partnership with FEA helping realize Tamara Bryant’s wish to foster intercultural exchange for African American students.”

FEA scholars come from a variety of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and represent higher education institutions across the country. Students study across the globe, from a minimum of four weeks to a full academic year. FEA funds scholarships of up to \$10,000 for study abroad.

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About the Fund for Education Abroad

[The Fund for Education Abroad](#) (FEA) is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to provide scholarships and ongoing support to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population, making 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. FEA Access Partners participate on the FEA Access Advisory Board (AAB), established to share best practices in international education and actively engage in FEA’s mission to increase the number of Americans studying abroad. FEA is a [Guidestar Platinum](#) participant, and won the 2015 [Diversity Abroad Excellence in Diversifying International Education Award](#) and [GoAbroad.com’s 2015 Innovation in Philanthropy Award](#). Follow FEA at www.fundforeducationabroad.org, and on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and Instagram and Twitter: [@FEAScholarships](#).

About NAFSA: Association of International Educators

[NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#) is the world’s largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education and exchange. NAFSA’s 10,000 members are located at more than 3,500 institutions worldwide, in over 150 countries.