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Education in Ireland Commits \$25,000 Annually to Fund for Education Abroad for “Inclusive Ireland Scholarships”

EI joins FEA’s Access Partner Program to promote equity and inclusion in study abroad

Washington, D.C., June 9, 2021 – Study in leading universities in Ireland is now within reach of American students traditionally underrepresented in study abroad thanks to the new **Inclusive Ireland Scholarships** made possible by a \$25,000 annual grant from [Education in Ireland](#) (EI) and its partnership with the [Fund for Education Abroad](#). As the newest member of FEA’s Access Partner Program, EI joins other leaders in international education working collaboratively to increase equity and inclusion in study abroad.

Beginning with the Spring 2022 semester, Inclusive Ireland Scholarship recipients will receive up to \$5000 from EI in scholarship funding. In addition, a number of Irish universities have committed to offering FEA Scholars generous tuition waivers. The scholarships and waivers will be available each year for single-semester terms in fall, spring and summer.

“Ireland is committed to welcoming students of all backgrounds and identities to study at our universities,” said EI Vice President Sara Dart. “I’ve long admired FEA’s work in breaking down barriers and increasing access to international opportunities, and am thrilled that this new partnership will allow us to support so many scholars to study in Ireland.”

The FEA Access Partner Program brings together study abroad providers, institutions, and other international education leaders to increase scholarship opportunities for students with financial need seeking to participate in study abroad programs. The Access Partners share a commitment to FEA’s core mission to increase equity and inclusion in study abroad programs for students of color, first-generation college students, community college students, and other students traditionally underrepresented in the American study abroad population.

The program has grown from its 2017 launch to include 14 total Access Partners today: [CAPA The Global Education Network](#), [CET Academic Programs](#), [DIS](#), [AIFS](#), [The American University in Cairo](#), [FIE: Foundation for International Education](#), [GoAbroad.com](#), [The Institute for Study Abroad \(IFSA\)](#), [The Intern Group](#), [The School for Field Studies \(SFS\)](#), [School for International Training \(SIT\)](#), [University of Auckland](#), and the [University Studies Abroad Consortium \(USAC\)](#).

“We are so grateful for the support of Education in Ireland as we work to diversify the U.S. study abroad population,” said FEA Chair Anne Krieg. “The Access Partners are a unique group because they are almost all competitors, but they are united by a common goal—collaboratively changing the face of 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 students of color and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs. FEA Access Partners participate on the 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 2019 [Scholarship Provider of the Year Award](#) by [NSPA](#). Follow FEA at www.fundforeducationabroad.org, and on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and Instagram and Twitter: [@FEAScholarships](#).

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