Fund for Education Abroad Awards $400,000 to 123 Scholars Traditionally Underrepresented in Study Abroad

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 18, 2022 – The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) has increased access to international education by offering 123 flexible scholarships totaling more than $400,000 for study abroad in summer 2022, fall 2022, and academic year 2022-2023 to students traditionally underrepresented in U.S. study abroad.

With this new cohort, a total of 867 scholars, including students of color, first-generation college and community college students, have benefited from more than $2.5 million in scholarships granted since FEA’s inception in 2010. The newly awarded FEA scholarships are flexible, an innovation introduced in spring 2020 in response to the disruption in higher education and travel triggered by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

This application cycle, 85% of awarded scholars identify as students of color: 3% Middle Eastern or North African, 22% Black/African-American, 29% Asian/South Asian, 24% Hispanic/Latinx, and 7% identified as mixed race. Additionally, 34% of these FEA Scholars identifies as LGBTQ+ and 35% have never left the United States. Characteristic of FEA scholars, 82% are first-generation college students, and 35% are current or former community college students.

"For these FEA Scholars to remain intent on realizing their study abroad goals despite the last two years of interruptions to their educational pathways truly humbles us. We are grateful to our reviewers and volunteers for their dedication throughout the selection process. We look forward to supporting this amazing cohort of FEA Scholars as they continue to break down barriers in education abroad and beyond,” said FEA Executive Director Angela Schaffer.

FEA awards many different types of scholarships, including Named & Dedicated Scholarships that are funded by specific donors; Designated Scholarships that are destination- or demographic-specific; and Access Partner Scholarships. FEA Access Partners engage in the mission of the organization through annual support towards co-branded and allocated scholarships, and they participate on the Access Advisory Board, providing critical leadership-level feedback to FEA.

FEA General Scholarship Recipients:

- Emmanuel Abeye, Drexel University, Australia
- Ibrahim Al-Ramahi, University of Illinois, Chicago, Japan
- Jose Alberto Beltran-Lara, California State University, San Bernardino, Japan
- **Alyssa Bonifacio**, Mercer University, **Japan**
- **Nicolette Alexandra Brito-Cruz**, Rutgers University, **Italy**
- **Dominique Coronel**, DePaul University, **Costa Rica**
- **Katie Yuki Hastings**, University of California, San Diego, **South Korea**
- **Linda Lor**, Macalester College, **Hungary**
- **Fritz Loracle**, Drexel University, **Germany**
- **Logan Taylor Pender**, Winthrop University, **South Korea**
- **Jocelyn Tao**, University of California, Santa Barbara, **Taiwan**
- **Dora Jasminy Tobar Batres**, San Francisco State University, **Spain**
- **Shelsy Zarate**, Pomona College, **Mexico**

**FEA Named & Dedicated Scholarship Recipients:**

- **Sabrina Alcin**, University of Connecticut, **Japan**, NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship
- **Zaynab Ali-Salahuddin**, University of South Florida, **Senegal**, Gugel-McPherson Family Scholarship
- **Hong Anh Nguyen**, University of California, San Diego, **UK**, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Melena Appling**, University of North Georgia, **UK**, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Amy Arceo**, Texas A&M University, **Spain**, Jan Kieling Rainbow Scholarship
- **Janely Breton**, Borough of Manhattan Community College, **Spain**, Rainbow Scholarship
- **Patricia Calma**, Loyola University Chicago, **Spain**, Malú Alvarez Global Access Scholarship
- **Alejandro Canela**, University of North Georgia, **Japan**, Jan Kieling Rainbow Scholarship
- **Allyson Carlos**, University of Florida, **India**, South India Term Abroad (SITA) Nallennam Scholarship
- **Li Chen**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, **Sweden**, David T. Parry Founders Scholarship
- **Cyn'Clara Cofer**, Western Kentucky University, **Greece**, Simpson Sisters Scholarship
- **Sherell Comeaux**, University of Houston, **UK & Netherlands**, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Cheikh Dieng**, Miami University, **Italy**, Martha and Jeff Johnson Scholarship
- **Nayat Dukmak**, Miami Dade College, **Italy**, Simpson Sisters Scholarship
- **Janah Esplana Balane**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, **UK**, Gugel-McPherson Family Scholarship
- **Valerie Fernandez Gonzalez**, Marian University, **France**, Gugel-McPherson Family Scholarship
- **Alexandra Gallagher**, Diablo Valley College, **Italy**, Breakout Scholarship for Community College Students
- **Nayeli Gallardo**, University of California, Los Angeles, **Spain**, Martha and Jeff Johnson Scholarship
- **Nina Gaona-Menchavez**, University of Texas at Austin, **South Korea**, Malú Alvarez Global Access Scholarship
- **Suhani Gaug**, Georgetown University, **India**, South India Term Abroad (SITA) Nallennam Scholarship
- **Nehemi Gauthier**, University of Florida, **Mexico**, David T. Parry Founders Scholarship
- **Denisha George**, Michigan State University, **Spain**, Simpson Sisters Scholarship
- **I’Maya Gibbs**, Case Western Reserve University, **UK**, NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship
- **Jaylon Gooden**, University of Southern Mississippi, **UK**, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Kamari Gouin**, Florida Southwestern State College, **Italy**, Martha and Jeff Johnson Scholarship
- **Michaela Greenlee**, New York University, **UK**, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Faraz Hameed**, Baruch College, *Japan*, David T. Parry Founders Scholarship
- **Maheen Hassan**, University of Houston, *Jordan*, Simpson Sisters Scholarship
- **Tazrean Hossain**, Wellesley College, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Emily Huang**, Boston University, *France*, BASAA Scholarship
- **Jenine Jarrar**, James Madison University, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Brooklyn Jennings**, University of Washington, Tacoma, *Peru*, Martha and Jeff Johnson Scholarship
- **Blessing Kasongoma**, Augsburg University, *South Korea*, Hiliary Echo Douglas Memorial Scholarship
- ** Christiansl Lowery**, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, *South Korea*, Lynn Stevens Memorial Scholarship
- **Odalys Lozado**, Augsburg University, *Mexico*, David T. Parry Founders Scholarship
- **Dewayne Martin**, Hamilton College, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Megan Mendoza**, University of Houston, *Argentina*, Calvert Family Scholarship
- **Sarah Naqvi**, University of Houston, *Spain*, Calvert Family Scholarship
- **Brandon Nguyen**, University of Alabama, *Italy*, Sarah Saleh Scholarship
- **Ikrans Noor**, Macalester College, *Denmark*, The A. Rewari Family Scholarship
- **Khawl Nuam**, Western Kentucky University, *South Korea*, Steckley-Weitzel Family Scholarship
- **Tagalsir Osama**, University of Houston, *South Korea*, J. Scott Van Der Meid Memorial Scholarship
- **Leonardo Padilla**, University of California, Riverside, *Denmark & Sweden*, The A. Rewari Family Scholarship
- **Joshua Paez**, University of California, San Diego, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Ji Pan**, Temple University, *Czech Republic*, Steckley-Weitzel Family Scholarship
- **Abe Jinhyeok Park**, Temple University, *Spain*, Calvert Family Scholarship
- **Dakota Pereira**, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, *UK*, Kacenga-Cladera Family Rainbow Scholarship
- **Brandon Perez**, SUNY Geneseo, *Japan*, Gateway International Group Scholarship
- **Denilson Perez**, University of California, Santa Cruz, *Italy*, Virginia & Robert Craig Scholarship
- **Juan Carlos Pineda**, Macalester College, *Denmark*, Malú Alvarez Global Access Scholarship
- **Cvetanka Rizvanovic**, University of Utah, *Netherlands*, Malú Alvarez Global Access Scholarship
- **Francisco G. Rodriguez Martinez**, University of California, San Diego, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Julia Santiago**, Kean University, *South Korea*, Rainbow Scholarship
- **Ahlain Santos**, University of California, Berkeley, *Denmark*, The A. Rewari Family Scholarship for Study in Denmark
- **Leeda Sea**, University of California, San Diego, *Indonesia*, Steckley-Weitzel Family Scholarship
- **Krista Thomas**, University of Louisville, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Frank Thong**, Kansas City Art Institute, *Hungary*, J. Scott Van Der Meid Memorial Scholarship
- **Anh Tran**, University of North Georgia, *UK*, Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- **Anna K. Zavala**, Drury University, *Spain*, Gugel-McPherson Family Scholarship
- **Mary Zeray**, University of California, San Diego, *South Korea*, NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship

**FEA Access Partner Scholarship Recipients:**

- **Luis Avila**, DePauw University, *UK*, FIE Access Partner Scholarship
- **Riya Bam**, Gettysburg College, *Italy*, SIT Access Partner Scholarship
- **Izabelle Brande**, Smith College, *Taiwan*, CET Academic Programs Scholarship
- **Megan Buchar**, University of Texas at Austin, *Denmark*, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Gianna Calderon**, University of Iowa, *Italy*, USAC Access Partner Scholarship
- **Erica P. Cano-Garcia**, Northern Illinois University, *Japan*, USAC Access Partner Scholarship
- **Emily Cortez**, Illinois Wesleyan University, *Denmark*, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Kristian Derrick**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, *Morocco*, SIT Access Partner Scholarship
- **Anastasia Katherine Dorenbusch**, Miami University, *Tanzania*, SFS Access Partner Scholarship
- **Olivia Eccleston-Murdoch**, Clark University, *Germany*, AIFS Abroad Access Partner Scholarship
- **Nafisah Fathima**, Santa Barbara City College, *UK*, AIFS Abroad Access Partner Scholarship
- **Emily Flores**, University of San Francisco, *Denmark*, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Hannah Fulk**, Florida State University, *UK*, The Intern Group Access Partner Scholarship
- **Birdie Hadfield**, Lycoming College, *Ireland*, Inclusive Ireland Access Partner Scholarship
- **Rina Jiang**, Purdue University, *Italy*, CAPA The Global Education Network Scholarship
- **Ellieka Keida**, University of North Florida, *Denmark*, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Dimond Little**, Middle Tennessee State University, *Spain*, USAC Access Partner Scholarship
- **Alyssa Raquel Lizarraga**, Arizona State University, *Spain*, CAPA The Global Education Network Scholarship
- **Rebecca Lynn**, Iowa State University, *Australia & Tanzania*, SFS Access Partner Scholarship
- **Ashton Lyvers**, Western Kentucky University, *Denmark & Sweden*, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Katie Miller**, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, *Spain*, SIT Access Partner Scholarship
- **Shayla Miller**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, *Ireland*, CAPA The Global Education Network Scholarship
- **Tiarra Mitchell**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, *Spain*, USAC Access Partner Scholarship
- **Tyler Nieto**, Texas Woman’s University, *Argentina*, AIFS Access Partner Scholarship
- **Delaney Nunez**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, *South Korea*, USAC Access Partner Scholarship
- **Hannah Oliver**, University of Pittsburgh, *UK*, CAPA The Global Education Network Scholarship
- **Maggie Onsager**, Wake Forest University, *Denmark*, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Jaylen Peacox**, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, UK, AIFS Abroad Access Partner Scholarship
- **Isabella Powell**, University of Utah, Denmark & Sweden, DIS Study Abroad Scholarship
- **Molly Pults**, College of Saint Benedict, Ireland, FIE Access Partner Scholarship
- **Giovanny Rodriguez**, Florida Gulf Coast University, Colombia, The Intern Group Access Partner Scholarship
- **Kay Stanford**, University of Texas, Arlington, Ireland, Inclusive Ireland Access Partner Scholarship
- **Mak Stroud**, University of Minnesota, Panama, SFS Access Partner Scholarship
- **Chenyu Wei**, Boston University, Jordan & Israel, CET Academic Programs Scholarship
- **Paulina Zamarripa Miranda**, University of Nevada, Reno, Spain, USAC Access Partner Scholarship

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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 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 Gold participant, and won the 2019 Scholarship Provider of the Year Award from the National Scholarship Providers Association, 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](http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org), and on Facebook, LinkedIn, Tumblr and on Twitter: @FEAScholarships.