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## **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LEADER WORLDSTRIDES JOINS FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS UNDERREPRESENTED IN STUDY ABROAD**

*FEA expands its flagship partnership program with WorldStrides, the organization that houses study abroad program providers ISA and TEAN*

**Washington, D.C., June 23, 2022**—Leading education abroad provider [WorldStrides](#) has joined forces with [The Fund for Education Abroad](#) (FEA) as an [Access Partner](#) to provide scholarships to high-achieving U.S. undergraduates who are underrepresented in the study abroad population, including students of color, first-generation college students, and community college students.

FEA's Access Partner program is a collaborative venture launched in 2017 to bring together study abroad providers and international education leaders to create scholarship opportunities for students with financial need seeking to participate in international education programs.

"We are proud to join forces with FEA and the many Access Partners who share our belief in the expansive opportunities of international education, as well as our longstanding commitment to access and inclusion in study abroad," said Jennifer Acosta, Senior Vice President and General Manager of ISA and TEAN by WorldStrides. Jennifer will join the program's Access Advisory Board (AAB). Comprising staff representatives of each member organization, the AAB offers guidance and feedback on the Access Partner program.

WorldStrides joins established Access Partners [CAPA The Global Education Network](#), [CET Academic Programs](#), [DIS Study Abroad](#), [AIFS Abroad](#), [The American University in Cairo](#), [Education in Ireland](#), [FIE](#), [GoAbroad.com](#), [Institute for Study Abroad \(IFSA\)](#), [The Intern Group](#), [The School for Field Studies](#), [SIT Study Abroad](#), [University of Auckland](#), and [USAC](#).

"We are thrilled to welcome WorldStrides as an Access Partner as we work collaboratively with a growing group of leaders in international education to change the face of study abroad," said Angela Schaffer, Executive Director for FEA.

Access Partners pledge support to FEA scholarship applicants who are planning to participate on one of their study abroad programs, and support FEA's operations. Qualified applicants studying on programs hosted by providers in FEA's Access Partner program may receive additional dedicated scholarship funds. Detailed information is available at <http://fundforeducationabroad.org/access-partners-scholarships>.

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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 Gold](#) participant, and won the 2020 GoAbroad.com Innovation in Diversity Award, [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](#).

### **About WorldStrides**

Education and personal growth are the heart of WorldStrides' mission – and they have been since the beginning. Founded in 1967 by a middle school social studies teacher from Chicago who discovered the incredible power of education outside the classroom while traveling to Washington, D.C. with his students, the company has since grown to become a leader in experiential learning for students of all ages throughout their lifetime learning journey.