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# Fund for Education Abroad Surpasses \$3 Million in Scholarships for U.S. Students Traditionally Underrepresented in Study Abroad 68 new FEA Scholars awarded \$285,000 for spring 2023 programs

**WASHINGTON, D.C., November 14, 2022** – The <u>Fund for Education Abroad</u> (FEA) has increased access to international education by over \$3 million with its latest scholarships awards of \$285,000 offered to 68 U.S. college students traditionally underrepresented in study abroad for spring 2023 programs.

With this new cohort, a total of 935 FEA Scholars, including students of color, first-generation college, and community college students, have benefited in scholarships granted since FEA's inception in 2010.

This application cycle, 85% of awarded scholars identify as students of color: 1% Middle Eastern or North African, 16% Black/African-American, 15% Asian/South Asian, 38% Hispanic/Latinx, and 14% identified as mixed race. Additionally, 57% have never left the United States. Characteristic of FEA scholars, 81% are first-generation college students, and 32% are current or former community college students.

"FEA hits a major milestone by topping \$3 million in scholarships to nearly 1,000 students who may otherwise have been excluded from game-changing opportunities," said FEA Executive Director Angela Schaffer. "Study abroad advances careers and enriches lives, with positive impacts that ripple across communities the world over. Twelve years of intention and collaboration have paid off, inspiring us anew to manifest our vision of a world where international education is accessible to all students."

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 <u>Access Partners</u> 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:**

- Darwin Leyva, Brandeis University, Spain
- Jennifer Lopez, Emory University, Spain
- Jalen Moore, Brown University, Barbados

## **FEA Named & Dedicated Scholarship Recipients:**

- Alumni Scholarship: Joseph Thang, University of Texas, Dallas, Spain
- Artigas-Etchegary Scholarship: Will Morales, Mt. San Antonio College, Spain



- Breakout Scholarship for Community College Students: <u>Dana Sloan</u>, <u>Chattanooga State Community College</u>, *Australia*
- **Virginia & Robert Craig Scholarship**: <u>Yesenia Sosa</u>, <u>University of Texas, San Antonio</u>, *Costa Rica*; and <u>Faustina Than</u>, <u>St. Olaf College</u>, *South Korea*
- Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship for Study in the UK: Makiyah Adams, Ithaca College; Sabrina
  Halk, Georgian Court University; Hailey Kindlon, Syracuse University; Van Neih Lian, Hope College;
  Johandalys Montas, Providence College; Geraldine Palacios Cardenas, University of Houston; Heidi
  Yun, Boston College; Adriana Zazueta, California State University, Long Beach; Grace Zheng,
  University of New Mexico
- **Gateway International Group Scholarship**: <u>Malissa Bouakham</u>, <u>University of Kentucky</u>, *Japan*; and Asjion Catlett, Austin Peay State University, *Costa Rica*
- Hiliary Echo Douglas Memorial Scholarship: <u>Katherine Barragan</u>, <u>Portland Community College</u>, Thailand
- J. Scott Van Der Meid Memorial Scholarship: <u>Diego Beltran</u>, <u>California State University</u>, <u>Fullerton</u>,
   France
- Kacenga-Cladera Family Rainbow Scholarship: <u>Iram Camacho</u>, <u>University of New Mexico</u>, Netherlands
- Malu Alvarez Global Access Scholarship: Cecilia Gomez, Macalester College, Spain
- NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship: <u>Jeremiah Anderson</u>, <u>Ohio Wesleyan University</u>, South Africa; <u>Selah X. Casamalhuapa-Brownlee</u>, <u>University of California</u>, <u>Santa Barbara</u>, <u>Netherlands</u>; <u>Yasmin Jalloh</u>, <u>George Mason University</u>, <u>Turkey</u>; <u>Alina Wise</u>, <u>University of Central Florida</u>, <u>Germany</u>
- David T. Parry Founders Scholarship: <u>Priscilla Marie Hurtado</u>, <u>Cypress College</u>, *Spain*; and <u>Amelia Nofoagatoto'a</u>, <u>Hawai'l Pacific University</u>, *Japan*
- Rainbow Scholarship: <u>Suleima Cervantes</u>, <u>University of California</u>, <u>Santa Cruz</u>, *Italy*; and <u>Miriam</u>
  Arabella Ruiz, Macalester College, *Japan*
- The A. Rewari Family Scholarship for Study in Denmark: Olly Ogbue, Tufts University
- **Simpson Sisters' Scholarship**: <u>Jas Gajewski</u>, <u>Arizona State University</u>, *Japan*; and <u>Milena Maldonado</u>, <u>University of Central Florida</u>, *Australia*
- wondertrunk & co. Scholarship: <u>Susana Olivo Sandoval</u>, <u>University of North Georgia</u>, *Japan*; and <u>Josiel Perez</u>, <u>University of California</u>, <u>Riverside</u>, *Japan*

# **FEA Access Partner Scholarship Recipients:**

- AIFS Abroad Access Partner Scholarship: Diana Castro, Canada College, Italy
- American University in Cairo Access Partner Scholarship: CeeJay Scott, Kent State University, Egypt
- University of Auckland Access Partner Scholarship: <u>Donna Ly</u>, <u>University of Massachusetts, Lowell</u>, New Zealand
- CAPA The Global Education Network Scholarship: Cassandra Casas, Alverno College, UK; Jake Hernandez, Arizona State University, UK; Elen Karagulian, Lehigh University, Italy; Logan Ryan, University of Pittsburgh, Australia; Ellie Song, Hollins University, UK
- CEA Access Partner Scholarship: Lolarose Deforges, Florida Gulf Coast University, Spain
- **CET Academic Programs Scholarship**: <u>Hannah Crace</u>, <u>University of Tennessee</u>, <u>Knoxville</u>, *Japan*; <u>Kelany De La Cruz</u>, <u>Bard College</u>, *Taiwan*; <u>Janette Lopez Ramos</u>, <u>Macalester College</u>, *Brazil*



- **DIS Study Abroad Scholarship**: <u>Brooklyn Climer</u>, <u>Macalester College</u>, <u>Denmark</u>; <u>Kathy Colin</u>, <u>University of Richmond</u>, <u>Denmark</u>; <u>Shea Tomlinson</u>, <u>St. Lawrence University</u>, <u>Denmark</u>
- **FIE Access Partner Scholarship**: <u>Cerys Davies</u>, <u>Loyola Marymount University</u>, *UK*; <u>Paige Van Middlesworth</u>, <u>University</u> of Florida, *UK*
- IFSA Access Partner Scholarship: Anica Acuña, Vassar College, New Zealand
- Inclusive Ireland Access Partner Scholarship: Allie Bacholl, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Paige Cusanelli, Middlebury College; and Laura Krueger, Aquinas College
- The School for Field Studies Access Partner Scholarship: Emily Jones, Hollins University, Tanzania
- SIT Study Abroad Access Partner Scholarship: Aaliyah Moore, Bates College, South Africa
- The Intern Group Access Partner Scholarship: Whisper Johnson, Bowling Green State University, Ireland
- USAC Access Partner Scholarship: <u>Desiree Caraballo Verdejo</u>, <u>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</u>, <u>South Korea</u>; and <u>Chloe Sullivan</u>, <u>Brookdale Community College</u>, <u>Japan</u>
- University of Sydney Access Partner Scholarship: <u>Talia Bergerson</u>, <u>University of Wisconsin</u>, <u>Madison</u>, Australia; and <u>Candice Ogbu</u>, <u>Syracuse University</u>, Australia
- WorldStrides Access Partner Scholarship: <u>Avery Besson</u>, <u>University of Arkansas</u>, *France*; and <u>Talia</u> Flores, University of South Florida, *South Korea*

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### About the Fund for Education Abroad

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) supports U.S. students with financial need who are traditionally underrepresented in study abroad. Focused on first-generation college, community college, and minoritized students, FEA has awarded more than \$3 million in FEA scholarships to 935 scholars since its founding in 2010. The only national non-profit (501(c)(3)) scholarship provider funded exclusively through philanthropy, FEA supports students before, during, and after their study abroad experience with scholarships and programming. FEA is a Guidestar Gold participant and was awarded the 2020 Innovation in Diversity Award by GoAbroad.com, the 2019 Scholarship Provider of the Year Award by the National Scholarship Providers Association, the 2015 Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion in International Education (EDIIE) Award by Diversity Abroad, and the 2015 Innovation in Philanthropy Award by GoAbroad.com. Follow FEA online and on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter.