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Fund for Education Abroad Awards Summer/Fall 2025 & Academic Year 2025-2026 Scholarships 106 awardees will study in over 35 countries

WASHINGTON, D.C., 16 April 2025 – The <u>Fund for Education Abroad</u> (FEA) continues to increase access to international education by awarding more than \$228,500 in scholarships and funding to 106 undergraduates planning to study abroad in Summer/Fall 2025 and Academic Year 2025-2026. With this new cohort, a total of 1369 students with financial need have benefited from more than \$4.6 million in scholarships granted since FEA's inception in 2010.

This cycle, which awards funding for programs taking place between May 2025 and January 2026, as well as Academic Year 2025-26 programs, was the fifth cycle in which applicants' loans were considered in addition to other factors to determine financial need. Finalists were determined by 146 volunteer reviewers and FEA staff who read and scored more than 3,300 applications over four review phases.

This cycle has been FEA's largest in terms of applicants in the organization's 15-year history. 26 US states are represented in this cohort, and scholars are attending programs in over 35 countries across six continents.

"We are grateful to all of FEA's supporters, donors, partners and volunteer reviewers who make study abroad scholarships possible," said FEA Executive Director Angela Schaffer. "While we celebrate the accomplishments of the current cohort of scholars, we recognize that scholarship programs crucial to education abroad access are in jeopardy as federal funding freezes have impacted the Gilman, Fulbright, Critical Language Scholarships and the IDEAS program. At this time, the need for philanthropic support for study abroad like that we offer through FEA is perhaps greater than ever before."

"As someone who benefitted greatly from study abroad, I am especially excited for this cohort of FEA scholars to have a similar transformative experience and work to increase global understanding, give back to their communities, and mentor future generations as the leaders of tomorrow," said Dr. Amar Rewari, Chair of the FEA Board of Trustees.

FEA awards many different types of scholarships, including named & dedicated Scholarships that are funded by specific donors; 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 Named & Dedicated Scholarship recipients include:



- <u>A. Rewari Family Scholarship for Study Abroad in Denmark</u>: Brandon S., *University of Texas at Arlington*, Summer 2025; Gracie T., *California State University Fullerton*, Fall 2025
- Breakout Scholarship: Lina L., Los Angeles City College, Spain, Summer 2025
- Virginia & Robert Craig Scholarship: Yveliz T., Union College, Spain, Fall 2025
- Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship for Study in the United Kingdom: Angelina C., University of South California, Santa Cruz, Summer 2024; Aileen J., The University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2025; Amaya P., Berkeley City College, Fall 2025; Fenny C., Villanova University, Summer 2025; Francesca J., Florida State University, Summer 2025; Katarina G., Naugatuck Valley Community College, Summer 2025; Kelsey P., Boston University, Fall 2025; London P., Pepperdine University, Academic Year 2025-2026; Pola T., Iowa State University, Fall 2025; Janai C., University of California Los Angeles, Summer 2025
- <u>Hilary Echo Douglas Scholarship:</u> Eshna V., *Perimeter College at Georgia State University*, Indonesia, Summer 2025
- <u>Gateway International Group Scholarship</u>: Donari M., *Western Kentucky University*, Austria, Summer 2025
- J. Scott Van Der Meid Memorial Scholarship: Darwin R., Rutgers University, Italy, Summer 2025;
 Gerardo P., Austin Community College, Peru, Summer 2025; Tommy N., Bentley University, Spain,
 Fall 2025
- <u>Kacenga-Cladera Family Rainbow Scholarship</u>: Amaya O., *Kennesaw State University*, Japan, Summer 2025; Rebeca C., *Portland State University*, Chile, Summer 2025
- <u>Jan Kieling Rainbow Scholarship</u>: Octavio A., *University of San Francisco*, Taiwan, Summer 2025
- Malú Alvarez Global Access Scholarship: Cyrus C., Kalamazoo College, Ecuador, Fall 2025; Hope N.,
 St. Lawrence University, Morocco, Fall 2025
- <u>Martha and Jeff Johnson Scholarship:</u> Mason W., *University of California, San Diego*, South Korea, Summer 2025
- Meg Witty Scholarship: Jose J., Temple University, Spain, Summer 2025
- NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship: Aminat B., Texas Woman's University, Vietnam, Summer 2025; Aziyah H., Spelman College, France, Summer 2025; Angelo W., Western Kentucky University, South Korea, Summer 2025; Deborah A., Augusta University, Italy, Summer 2025; Danielle P., University of Connecticut, France, Summer 2025; Gabrielle B., Villanova University, Japan, Summer 202; Kiera B., Georgia State University, Japan, Summer 2025; Kevin R., California State University, Dominguez Hills, Italy, Summer 2025; Liana D., Ursinus College, Spain, Summer 2025; Londyn W., SUNY Purchase College, South Korea, Summer 2025; Maya L., Mercer University, South Africa, Summer 2025; Ti'Ana L., University of Incarnate Word, South Korea, Summer 2025;
- David & Susan Parry Founders Scholarship: Cindy T., Mercer University, South Korea, Summer 2025;
 Deandra R., University of New Mexico, Italy, Summer 2025; Gesenia R., CUNY John Jay College,
 Austria, Summer 2025; Mimi C., University of Alabama, Greece, Summer 2025
- <u>Lynn Stevens Memorial Scholarship</u>: Nia J., *Connecticut State Community College, Naugatuck,* United Kingdom, Summer 2025
- Patricia & Robert Walker Scholarship: Mia L., Florida Southwestern State College, Costa Rica,
 Summer 2025



- <u>Pyramid Systems Scholarship</u>: Heba A., *University of Virginia,* Lithuania, Summer 2025; Toyin A., *Northern Virginia Community College*, South Korea, Summer 2025
- Rainbow Scholarship: Carolina T., Bentley University, Jamaica, Summer 2025; Jaime R., University of Connecticut, Austria, Summer 2025
- Rasmussen Family Scholarship: Ashley L., College of Saint Benedict, Japan, Fall 2025; David H., University of California, San Diego, United Kingdom, Fall 2025; Diego J., Texas A&M University, Germany, Summer 2025; Dylan S., Citrus College, Italy, Fall 2025; Marcel M., California State University, Fullerton, Italy, Summer 2025
- <u>Simpson Sisters' Scholarship</u>: Shavon Nelson, *University of Massachusetts Boston,* South Korea, Fall 2025
- <u>Steckley-Weitzel Family Scholarship:</u> Talia H., *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, Uganda, Summer 2025; Faiez S., *Texas Woman's University*, Japan, Summer 2025

FEA Access Partner Scholarship recipients include:

- <u>AIFS Access Partner Scholarship</u>: Melina S., *Fullerton College*, Ireland, Summer 2025
- CEACAPA Access Partner Scholarship: Antonella D., Binghamton University, Spain, Fall 2025; Carlos G., Rutgers University, United Kingdom, Summer 2025; Jamie M., Harper College, France, Summer 2025; Jaeqwon S., Long Island University, Spain, Summer 2025
- <u>CET Academic Programs Access Partner Scholarship</u>: Jose A., *University of Virginia*, Italy, Fall 2025; Jia Z., *Brandeis University*, China, Fall 2025
- <u>DIS Access Partner Scholarship (Denmark)</u>: Joseph D., *Brandeis University*, Denmark, Fall 2025; Rahiem Brooks, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, Denmark, Summer 2025; Shiloh F., *Portland State University*, Sweden, Summer 2025
- EF Study Abroad Access Partner Scholarship: Ariana G., Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, Japan, Summer 2025; Alina R., Snead State Community College, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Summer 2025; Genesis Taylor, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, France & United Kingdom, Summer 2024; Angelo T., Brunswick Community College, France & United Kingdom, Summer 2025; Cielo R., Snead State Community College, Italy, Germany & Switzerland, Summer 2025; Destiny B., Ozarks Technical Community College, Greece, Summer 2025; Haley R., Southern New Hampshire University; Jorge L., South Plains College, Italy, Summer 2025; Kristen C., Southern New Hampshire University, Japan, Summer 2025; Rose L., Northeastern State University, Costa Rica, Summer 2025; Silvia M., South Plains College, Italy, Summer 2025
- <u>FIE Access Partner Scholarship (United Kingdom)</u>: Tina L., *University of Wisconsin Madison,* Summer 2025
- <u>IFSA Access Partner Scholarship:</u> Diana S., *Brandeis University*, Mexico & Cuba, Summer 2025; Kimberly A., *Brandeis University*, Mexico, Summer 2025
- Inclusive Ireland Access Partner Scholarship (Ireland): Akarie A., Chandler Gilbert Community College, Summer 2025; Alyssa S., DePaul University, Fall 2025; Believe C., University of Notre Dame, Summer 2025; Bianca O., Tarleton State University, Summer 2025; Jackson G., St. John Fisher University, Summer 2025; Jada-Kai, Lone Star College, Summer 2025; Kaitlynn T., Kirkwood Community College, Summer 2025; Makayla R., Elizabeth City State University, Fall 2025; Alex S., University of California, Santa Cruz, Academic Year 2025-2026; Riana P., University of California,



Santa Cruz, Summer 2025; Siham D., University of Minnesota, Fall 2025; Trinity R., Susquehanna University, Fall 2025

- <u>Semester at Sea Access Partner Scholarship</u>: Gaelle L., *Howard University*, France, Spain, Morocco, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Vietnam & Hong Kong, Fall 2025
- <u>University of Sydney Access Partner Scholarship (Australia)</u>: Anastasiya K., *University of Wisconsin Madison*, Fall 2025
- <u>USAC Access Partner Scholarship</u>: Brianna A., *Hunter College*, South Korea, Academic Year 2025-2026; Liberty O., *Brandeis University*, South Korea, Summer 2025; Majesty D., *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*, United Kingdom, Summer 2025
- WorldStrides Access Partner Scholarship: Jakelin V., Texas Woman's University, Vietnam, Summer 2025; Matthew C., Elmhurst University, Australia, Summer 2025; Sherrice B., Siena College, South Korea, Fall 2025

FEA General Scholarship recipients include: Harold P., *Macalester College*, New Zealand, Fall 2025; Derrick R., *Florida Memorial University*, New Zealand, Fall 2025; Maya W., *Drexel University*, Singapore, Summer 2025

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About the Fund for Education Abroad

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) supports U.S. students with financial need who face barriers to participation in education abroad. FEA has awarded more than \$4.6 million in FEA scholarships to more than 1,300 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 has received the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid, and was awarded the 2023 Organizational Champion Award by Diversity Abroad, 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.