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Apply for scholarships

There are different types of scholarships

- Non-Specific- Open to all
- Need based
- Merit based
- Diversity
- Specific for underrepresented groups (First generation, STEM major, Multicultural to name a few)

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There are scholarships available through different sources

- Iowa State- University wide / College Specific / Department Specific
- Iowa State Financial Aid
- Foundations/Non-profits/Government
- Location Specific
- Nationally Competitive
- Scholarships through third party study abroad program providers

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Apply for scholarships

- Plan early
- Do your research
- Identify the scholarships you qualify for
- Stack up scholarships- Apply for all scholarships you qualify for
- Keep track of deadlines
- A good essay will make you a competitive applicant, If you need feedback or assistance to write a good scholarship letter, Iowa Stater university's Writing and Media center can help. [Writing and Communication Consultations - Academic Success Center \(iastate.edu\)](https://www.iastate.edu/writing-and-communication/consultations)

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Links to various scholarship applications

- [ISU study abroad Scholarships](#)
- [Outside Sources](#)
- [Financial Aid for study abroad](#)
- [Privately Funded Scholarships listed on ISU financial aid website](#)
- [Iowa State Scholarships listed in OneApp](#)
- [Iowa State Scholarship not listed in OneApp](#)
- Google search for additional scholarships
- Third-party provider websites for their scholarships (applicable only if you are studying abroad through a program offered by the third-party provider)

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Find **F**inancial Aid

There are different types of financial aid available through Financial Aid Office. Stacking up scholarships and making use of all available funds will help planning for study abroad finances.

Types of Aid

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Loans

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- All aid awarded for the regular semester at ISU can be used for study abroad except for Work-Study.
- National Merit Scholars, Science Bound, George Washington Carver, and Multicultural Vision Program recipients who receive a tuition award may receive their award up to the value of tuition at Iowa State for the semester but cannot exceed their tuition charge for the study abroad program.

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Find **F**inancial Aid

- Make sure you have your FAFSA on file. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is filed each year by students to qualify for institutional and federal financial aid. It is important to remember to file the FAFSA by December 1 of the previous school year.
- Apply for other Financial Aid Office scholarships and department scholarships through the [OneApp system](#). Deadline for most applications is December 1st.

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Find **F**inancial Aid

- Go over your program costs with the study abroad office and Financial Aid Office
 - What costs are covered by scholarships or out of pocket money?
 - What is left that needs to be covered by loans?

Office of Student Financial Aid

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Focus on Saving

Get	Get a rough estimate of study abroad costs
Learn about	Learn about the different costs of study abroad
Discover	Discover the different financing options (scholarships, loans, family)
Recognize	Recognize what your personal contribution would be
Understand	Understand your income and expenses
Set	Set a goal for saving towards your personal contribution
Open	Open a savings account and contribute towards the goal

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Organize Your Priorities



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Request for funding from local businesses and organizations

- Corporations
- Small businesses
- Religious groups
- Charitable Individuals
- Civic groups (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Club)
- Sororities and Fraternities (local and national chapters)
- Heritage Groups that have interests in specific countries (i.e., Swedish American Society)
- Media (T.V., Newspaper, Magazines, Radio)
- High school alumni association

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Request for funding from local businesses and organizations

- Be passionate
 - ⑩ Show your eagerness
 - ⑩ Share your excitement
 - ⑩ Articulate your interest genuinely
- Talk about the program
 - ⑩ Program goals and your desire to learn
 - ⑩ Itinerary and what you are looking forward to explore
 - ⑩ What the program means to you

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Request for funding from local businesses and organizations

- Connect with potential sponsor at a personal level
 - ⑩ What does this opportunity mean to you and your future?
 - ⑩ Why do you want to study abroad?
 - ⑩ What is the significance of choosing this program?
- Be clear about your needs
 - ⑩ What is the cost of the program?
 - ⑩ What are the ways you will be funding the program?
 - ⑩ What is your fundraising goal?

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Request for funding from local businesses and organizations

- Include a photo of yourself to establish personal connection
- Make donation simple (Cash, Check, Online donation)
- Follow-up if you have not received a response
- Pledge to give back, in exchange for support
 - ⑩ Write an article
 - ⑩ Lead a discussion or seminar
 - ⑩ Give a presentation
 - ⑩ Contribute to community service and outreach
 - ⑩ Bring back a token of appreciation
 - ⑩ Send a post card from your study abroad location

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**Rrequest for funding
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organizations**

- [Sample Letter](#)
- Source Credit (Arizona State University)

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Do without gifts

- Take advantage of gifting holidays
- Waive holiday and birthday gifts
- Request financial gifts instead

In return you could do

- Postcard from abroad
- Emails/snail mail from abroad
- Small souvenirs from abroad
- Photos/Videos from abroad
- A small gathering upon return to share your experience

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Ask

Ask your academic advisor and study abroad advisor about scholarships

Ask your financial aid advisor about aid, scholarships and loans

Ask your family

Ask your community

Ask businesses to host a donation jar at their business

Ask For Support- Big or small, every bit counts!

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Be Creative- ways to raise funds

Crowdsource funding- An online platform to raise money (Ex. Gofundme)

- Use this platform to tell your family, friends, social media community & even strangers why you want to study abroad, how you will benefit from the experience
- Read and understand the policies of the platform you are using
- Most will have a processing fee per donation
- Understand what you are committing to
- Talk to someone who has done a campaign
- Share your campaign link with your social network

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Be Creative- ways to raise funds

Effective crowd-sourcing campaign

- Engage and interact with the audience
 - Post updates, fun facts of the country you are visiting
- Make it personal
 - Give details of your study abroad program- Why this program, When & Where is the program, What is this program about
- Post a video / picture
- Make your “Asks” specific
- Offer small gifts or incentives- Postcards, small gifts, pictures, access to blog
- Share your campaign link with your social media network

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Be Creative- ways to raise funds

Host

Bake Sale

Pancake
breakfast

Spaghetti dinner

Odd jobs

Wash cars
Run Errands

Remove snow
Yard Work

Baby sit
Take care of pets

Sell / Trade

Trade using-
Apps
Network

Collect used
items - host a
sale

Collect cans

Share your knowledge

Tutoring

Offer lessons

Dancing
Quilting
Computer Skills
Yoga

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Look on the internet

Internet has myriad of resources

- Search for study abroad scholarships
- Search for study abroad grants
- Search for fundraising ideas
- Search for money saving tips

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Exclude unnecessary purchases

Excluding unwanted purchases = saving for study abroad

- Don't eat out, cook instead
- Don't buy coffee, make your coffee
- Avoid impulse buying

Save, Save, Save !!!!- Mantra for making study abroad Affordable!