
Financial Aid Resources for International Students

There are many resources available to international students in search of financial assistance. Securing grants and scholarships will require diligent research, but the payoff may be significant. You may also use free and fee-based scholarship search engines, international student loan providers, and other informational websites to begin planning for your educational expenses in the U.S. Below are three well known scholarship programs for international students.

Once a student at CIIS, you will have access to external funding opportunity announcements through the Career Development Coordinator in the Dean of Students Office. Additionally, Program Coordinators for your program often maintain lists of available scholarships and grants for specific areas of interest within your department.

All new, incoming international students are automatically considered for a scholarship. Please review the information on the [prospective international students' pages of the CIIS website](#). For more information about on-going scholarships offered at CIIS, please visit the [Financial Aid pages of the CIIS website](#).

Fulbright Program <http://www.iie.org/fulbright/>

The Fulbright Program is administered in 50 countries by a Bi-national Commission and in other countries by the United States Department of State's overseas staff. All inquiries and requests for application forms must be submitted to your home country's Commission or post.

Organization of American States (OAS) <http://www.oas.org/>

The Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) of the Organization of American States (OAS) administers one of the largest multinational fellowship and training programs. Every year, the IACD provides several hundred fellowships for graduate studies and research, scholarships for undergraduate studies, and awards for specialized, short-term training at educational institutions and training centers in member and observer states.

The Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund, or the Rowe Fund, is an educational loan program of the Organization of American States (OAS). The Rowe Fund helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean OAS Member countries finance their studies or research in accredited universities across the United States by awarding interest-free loans for up to \$15,000 dollars.

Fellowships are awarded to citizens or permanent residents of the OAS member states: Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. Please visit their website for more information.

Rotary International Scholarships <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/>

The Rotary Club provides a variety of scholarships related to international education. Review the information regarding Ambassadorial Scholarships and check with your local Rotary Club.

Scholarship Sites

Carefully review each scholarship, grant, or loan before applying. The International Students Office at CIIS has provided this partial list only as a resource and cannot guarantee the information provided on these sites.

- **The Foundation Center**
<http://gtionline.fdncenter.org/>
The Foundation Center offers a data base of scholarships, fellowships, grants and other awards. You can visit their library in downtown San Francisco and access the database and other resources for free. 312 Sutter St # 606 San Francisco, CA 94108, (415) 397-0903.
- **Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMMF)**
<http://mmmfm-grants.org/>
The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMMF) awards educational grants to women from developing countries studying subjects that benefit the lives of women and children.
- **American Council of Learned Societies**
<http://www.acls.org/>
ACLS offers fellowships and grants in more than a dozen programs for research in the humanities and related social sciences at the doctoral and postdoctoral levels.
- **American Philosophical Society**
<http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/>
APS accepts applications across seven programs from predoctoral and postdoctoral applicants in a wide range of fields in the humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences.
- **International Education Financial Aid Website**
<http://www.iefaf.org>
International students may search for scholarships based on field of study.

General Information

- **Institute of International Education (IIE)**
<http://www.iie.org/>
IIE provides emergency assistance to international students facing financial hardships due to crises such as natural disasters, social unrest, or serious illness that threaten to make it impossible for them to continue their education.
- **National Association of International Educators (NAFSA)**
<http://www.nafsa.org/content/AboutInternationalEducation/ForStudents/ForeignStudentFunding.htm>
Provides advice and resources for students seeking financial assistance.
- **eduPASS**
<http://edupass.org/finaid>
Includes information for foreign students who wish to study in the U.S.
- **CampusAccess**
<http://www.campusaccess.com>
This resource is for Canadian students seeking assistance with financing their education.