

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. Potential sources to contact could include: businesses, civic and community organizations, national and local governments, private foundations and charities, professional or trade associations or religious organizations. Inquire about scholarships or grants for studying abroad in the U.S., in your field of study or based on your dissertation research topic. It can't hurt to also call organizations and foundations in your field to see if they have grants, or know of other organizations that do.

Please review the information on the CIIS Financial Aid Office page for details about applying to the CIIS Opportunity Scholarship and the Diversity Scholarship.

The International Students Office at CIIS has provided this partial list only as a resource and does not guarantee the information provided on these sites.

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 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.

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.

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMMF) <http://mmmf-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.

United States-India Foundation <http://www.usief.org.in/>

The United States–India Educational Foundation (USIEF) promotes mutual understanding between the nationals of India and the nationals of the US through the educational exchange of outstanding scholars, professionals and students. Since its inception, USIEF has awarded approximately 17,000 Fulbright, Fulbright-Nehru, and other prestigious grants and scholarships in almost every academic discipline.

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.

Hellenic Times Scholarship <http://www.htsfund.org/guidelines.html>

For students of Greek decent up to the age of 25.



The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

<http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/index.php>

Several fellowships support doctoral students in women and gender studies, religion and ethics and master's students in conservation.

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.

The American Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) http://www.amscan.org/study_in_america_details.html

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers over \$500,000 in funding to Scandinavians to undertake study or research programs (usually at the graduate level) in the United States for up to one year. Awards are made in all fields.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) <http://www.peointernational.org/>

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is passionate about its mission: promoting educational opportunities for women. The P.E.O. sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies that include five programs that provide higher educational assistance.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellows_directory/

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Davis Putter Scholarship Fund http://dpsf.davisputter.org/?page_id=1828

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community.

Open Society Foundations http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas

The Open Society Scholarship Programs fund the participation of students, scholars, and professionals from the former Soviet Union, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East in rigorous, competitive academic programs outside of their home countries. Scholarship Programs work to revitalize and reform the teaching of the social sciences and humanities, provide professional training in fields unavailable or underrepresented at institutions in the countries served.

The Tan Kah Kee Foundation http://www.tkkfoundation.org.sg/tkk/foundation/post_eng.shtml

This new scholarship seeks to encourage Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents to pursue their Master or PhD degree in the field relating to the Humanities.

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New American <http://www.pdsoros.org/>

A \$20,000 maintenance grant and half of tuition **for U.S. naturalized citizens or permanent residents** who retain loyalty and a sense of commitment to their country of origin as well as to the United States and will continue to regard the United States as their principal residence and focus of national identity.

Lynn Adamson Memorial Scholarship <http://www.whce.net/Default.aspx?pageId=175590>

Women Health Care Executives of Northern California (WHCE), a professional association dedicated to the career advancement of women pursuing a career in health care, annually offers the Lynn Adamson Memorial Scholarship to graduate students focused on public health/public policy.



La Caixa http://obrasocial.lacaixa.es/ambitos/becas/convocatorias_es.html

La Caixa, the largest savings bank in Spain, sponsors 50 Spanish students each year to pursue advanced academic degrees in the United States. The scholarship covers tuition and fees plus an allocation for moving expenses and living expenses.

Fundación Caja Madrid www.fundacioncajamadrid.es

Caja Madrid, a savings bank in Spain, runs one of the major scholarship programs in the country for Spanish citizens pursuing advanced degrees abroad. The funds are awarded on a merit basis and usually cover tuition and fees, plus living and traveling expenses.

Scholarships for Australian students

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/Pages/OtherScholarships.aspx>

Becas MOB and CONACYT Scholarships <http://www.becasmob.org.mx/home.html> and
<http://conacyt.gob.mx/index.php/el-conacyt>

The foundation aims at promoting a high level of education for Mexicans who wish to study abroad and intend to return to Mexico to improve knowledge in their chosen field of study. Up to \$20,000/year.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/>

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has an ongoing commitment to support graduate students making extraordinary contributions to their fields of study.

Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/>

This award offers nine to twelve months of support to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who are enrolled in PhD programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research on non-US topics. Sixty-eight fellowships are awarded annually. Fellowship amounts vary depending on the research plan, with a per-fellowship average of \$21,000.

General Information

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.

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. They also sponsor the Fulbright Program.

International Education Financial Aid Website <http://www.iefaf.org>

International students may search for scholarships based on field of study.

National Association of International Educators (NAFSA)

<http://www.nafsa.org/content/AboutInternationalEducation/ForStudents/ForeignStudentFunding.htm>

CampusAccess <http://www.campusaccess.com>

This resource is for Canadian students seeking assistance with financing their education.

EducationUSA <https://educationusa.state.gov/>

There are over 400 advising centers around the world to speak with via phone or in person.