

**Scholars Without Borders**

**Graduate Study Abroad Scholarship Application**

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**Scholarship Application Deadlines for:**

Spring Semester and Winter/Spring break programs -------------------------------------- November 1

Fall Semester, Summer Term and Academic Year programs---------------------------- March 1

Complete applications must be received via email to Seth Kaplowitz ([skaplowitz@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:skaplowitz@mail.sdsu.edu)) **no later than 4:00 p.m**. on the deadline date. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

**General Criteria for Scholarships:**

This scholarship is to support academic study and research in SDSU-approved activities abroad. Applications will be accepted from graduate members of Scholars Without Borders who are currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program at San Diego State University. Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application and maintain their good standing to receive award money. Qualified applicants should demonstrate their involvement in international programs, events, or studies at SDSU, and they must explain how their award would be utilized in conjunction with academic studies or research abroad.

Students applying for programs that consist primarily of independent thesis or dissertation research will be considered, but they must submit evidence of local institutional affiliation, clear outcomes, and a structured format for their time abroad.

The Scholars Without Borders Scholarship Committee will rate applications based on the following selection criteria (in no particular order):

* the relevance of the chosen study abroad program to the applicant’s academic program, career goals, and/or community service activities and evidence of a well-planned experience with clear outcomes
* the applicant’s ability and commitment to become immersed in the host community
* the applicant’s potential to enrich the SDSU campus community, the academic field of study, and/or the global community as a result of the proposed study abroad experience
* the overall quality of the applicant’s response to the essay questions

Students may apply for study abroad scholarships even if they have not yet been accepted into their chosen study abroad program, **but award money will not be released without proof of acceptance into an authorized study abroad program**. For questions, please contact [scholarswithoutborders@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:scholarswithoutborders@mail.sdsu.edu)

**Awards**

Awards typically range from $500-$1,000. In addition, the Fu Foundation has contributed special funding and will annually select one student studying abroad in Asia to receive the $1,000 Fu Scholar Award. The Fu Foundation will give special priority to Philosophy majors.

These awards are separate from the [Associated Students (AS) Study Abroad Scholarship awards](https://studentaffairs.sdsu.edu/faodad/webss$getScholarshipDetail?p_account_no=A21597&p_ss_year=2011), which you are also encouraged to apply for, along with other study abroad scholarship programs.

All applicants will be notified within one month of the application deadline if they have been selected for an award. Actual disbursement of scholarship funds occurs according to the disbursement timetables of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, typically after the award semester begins. Plan ahead for costs that you will need to cover up-front, such as airfare, deposits, and program fees.



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**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Red ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total units completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Units completed at SDSU: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Units enrolled this semester: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are conducting independent study or research abroad, who are your host country points of contact? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Aid: Do you receive either a Pell Grant or a Cal Grant? □ Yes □ No

Will you receive additional funding for this study abroad program through your academic department? □ Yes □ No

Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Study Abroad Program Information**

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location (city/country): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Program Provider (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Host Institution Abroad (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates of program: from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**Itemized Program Budget**

Tuition and fees: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Food and housing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Round-trip airfare to Host Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Educational materials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Incidentals\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* For incidentals, include associated costs like passport and visa costs, required immunizations, required local travel, and personal expenses required for day-to-day living in the host country. Do not include the cost of vacation travel or optional program excursions.

**Essay Question**

Please attach the following:

1. Please answer question A if you are participating in a study abroad experience and question B if you are doing independent research.
   1. Write a 1-2 paragraph description of your chosen study abroad program, the classes you will take, and/or what you expect to get out of the experience.
   2. If you are conducting independent research or study abroad, submit an abstract of your thesis or dissertation. What are the expected outcomes of your time abroad? How will you structure your time?
2. All applicants should submit a personal statement of no more than 500 words that addresses each of the following elements:

* why you selected your particular study abroad program or location/affiliation
* how those are relevant to your academic program, career goals and/or community service activities
* how you plan to learn about and become integrated into the community and culture you will be visiting
* how you will use your experience abroad to enrich the SDSU campus, your academic field, and/or the global community (address both short- and long-term impact)

**Agreement**

I certify that the information submitted as part of this application is true and complete. Upon submission of this application, I authorize Scholars Without Borders to verify all information provided and to release information contained in my application for publicity purposes.

I understand that the release of any funds awarded is contingent upon proof of acceptance to an authorized study abroad program. If I am awarded scholarship funds, I agree to use these funds only to attend the program indicated above.

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