Study Abroad Fellowship Overview

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Resources for Finding Study Abroad Funding

- Funding Search Tools
  - UCLA GRAPES (travel abroad), COS (activity location)
- The Source
  - [http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/source/](http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/source/)
- GSRC Fellowship Proposal Library
- GradPost (tips, writing workshops, etc.)
  - [http://gradpost.ucsb.edu/](http://gradpost.ucsb.edu/)
- Spring Fulbright Workshop:
  - May 21st 2012, 12-1:30pm, GSA Lounge
NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students (EAPSI)

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5284
NSF EAPSI

- Students in science/engineering
- 8 week research experience in Australia, China, Japan (10 week program), South Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, or Taiwan
- Goal: help students initiate scientific relationships that will enable future foreign collaborations
- June-August
- Deadline for Application: Nov. 14th, 2012
NSF EAPSI

- Approximately 200 awards
- Benefits:
  - $5000 stipend
  - Roundtrip airfare
  - Support for pre-departure orientation in Washington D.C. (March/April)
  - Foreign co-sponsors will provide additional support for living expenses and an in-country orientation to science environment and culture
NSF EAPSI

- Eligibility
  - US citizen enrolled at U.S. institution
  - Enrolled in research-oriented masters or PhD
  - May apply again for new host location (but priority goes to new applicants)
NSF EAPSI

• Application
  ○ May apply to up to three locations (need host researcher per location)—see website for potential host locations and for guidelines specific to country of interest
  ○ Must obtain invitation by first choice researcher to conduct summer research prior to application submission
  ○ Intellectual merit and broader impacts
Critical Language Scholarship Program

http://www.clscholarship.org
Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program

- Fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences overseas over summer
- CLS Program languages include Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu.
CLLS: Program Structure

Academic Program
- 7-10 week fully-funded summer programs
- 20 hrs/week formal language learning
- Peer language partners
- Language-only guidelines

Cultural Engagement
- Home-stays or roommates
- Cultural activities with language-learning component
- Roundtables, guest speakers
- Student-driven projects
CLL: Application Process

• Apply for **one language program only**.
• **Select a language**—not specific country or site.
• May **re-apply** to program in future years.
• **Unofficial transcripts** (official transcripts required upon selection).
• **Two letters of reference**
  o One general letter of reference.
  o One language reference (unless no prior study of target language).
CLS: Eligibility

- U.S. citizens
- Currently enrolled in a U.S. degree granting program
- Must have completed at least the first year of university-level study by the beginning of the CLS Program
- Disciplines including business, engineering, sciences, social sciences and humanities are encouraged to apply.
CLS: Grant Benefits

- All CLS Program costs are covered for participants including:
  - Travel to and from the student’s U.S. home city and program location
  - Mandatory pre-departure orientation in Washington, D.C.
  - Applicable visa fees
  - Room & board
  - Group-based intensive language instruction
  - Program-sponsored travel within country
  - All entrance fees for CLS Program cultural enhancement activities

- Note: U.S. passport fees will not be paid by the scholarship.
Fulbright Research Grant

http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html
Fulbright: Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen
- At least Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent)
- Not a PhD, MD, or other terminal degree
- Proficiency in language of host country (varies by country)
Fulbright: **Research/Study Grant**

- 1,000 awards
- 8-12 months
- ~140 countries
- Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad
Fulbright: General Qualifications

• High level of academic and/or professional achievement

• Demonstrated leadership ability

• Sufficient language proficiency (varies by country)

• A well-developed project
Fulbright: English Teaching Assistantship

- NEW COUNTRIES EACH YEAR!
- IMPROVE STUDENTS’ UNDERSTANDING OF ENGLISH & U.S. CULTURE
- ASSISTANT TEACH 20-30 HRS/WK
- K-12 OR UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE
- LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS OFTEN LOWER
Fulbright: English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

- 600 awards
- 8-12 months
- ~70 countries
- Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom
Fulbright ETA: Grant Benefits

- Round-trip Airfare
- Monthly Stipend *
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- Other Possible Benefits *
  - Support For Dependents
  - Research Allowance
  - Tuition
  - Language Lessons
  - Enhancement Activities
  - Disability-Related Accommodations

* Varies, dependent on grant and host country
The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

http://fulbright.state.gov/grants/fulbright-public-policy-fellowship
The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship: Eligibility Criteria

- U.S citizens
- Completed a master’s degree or J.D. by spring 2013 or be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in applicable fields

Students from these Masters and PhD programs:
- Sciences: Chemistry, Computer/Information Science, Engineering, Geosciences, Life Sciences, Math, Physics, Psychology

- Professional work experience in policy-related fields.
Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship: participating countries

- Bangladesh
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Dominican Republic
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Thailand
- Tunisia
Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship: When

- Application Deadline: February, 2013 (specific date to be determined)
Fulbright Public Policy: Fellowship Benefits

- U.S. Department of State sponsorship and funding
- Professional placement coordination
- Housing and living stipend
- Academic project allowances
- Health/accident insurance coverage
- International travel expenses
- Fellows will participate in a pre-departure orientation in Washington, DC.
Fulbright Public Policy: Professional Assignments

- Serve in positions in foreign governments supporting senior level officials while also pursuing a related academic project.
- Professional placements may include but are not limited to: ministries of health, education, finance, agriculture, or justice.
- May take part in range of activities including:
  - policy and budget development and analysis
  - program monitoring and evaluation
  - drafting speeches and correspondence
  - record keeping and note taking
  - general project management.
Boren Fellowships

http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship
Boren Fellowship: Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Enrolled or applying to a graduate degree program at a U.S. college or university
- Planning an overseas program (outside U.S.) that meets home institution standards in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.
Boren Fellowship: What

- 12 weeks - 24 months.
- Up to $24,000
- Preference for countries, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security.
- Preference given to students who will study abroad for longer periods of time, and who are highly motivated by the opportunity to work in the federal government.
Boren Fellowship: Government Service

- Award recipients must work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities (i.e., Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, or any element of the Intelligence Community).
- The duration is one year or the duration of assistance provided under the program, whichever is longer.
- Boren Fellows must begin fulfilling the service requirement within two years of graduation.
Boren Fellowship: When

- The 2013-14 application will be available in late-August 2012, with an application deadline on January 31, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EST.
- Notifications will be delivered in early May.
Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program

http://www.whitaker.org/
Whitaker Fellowship

- U.S citizens or Permanent Residents
- MS or PhD students in biomedical engineering/bioengineering or a closely related field
- Have language ability to carry out the proposed project in the host country at the time of departure.
Whitaker Fellows: Award Benefits

- Round trip international airfare
- A monthly living stipend
- Health & Accident insurance
- Travel Enhancement Fund
- Enrichment Seminar in Europe
- Tuition reimbursement, capped at US$35,000 (regardless of country of exchange or exchange rate).
Whitaker Fellows: When

- Application Deadline: Late January (application and details still being finalized)
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