

Foreign Funding for International Student Study

Disclaimer: *This document is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all possible foreign funding. It is resources that have been collected as they come to our attention. Study North Carolina cannot answer any questions about these scholarship organizations or eligibility. Scholarships may have specific criteria that you must ensure you meet. Funding is organized by opportunities in the home country.*

Multi-Regional Opportunities

- [AAUW International Fellowships](#) – Fellowships offered by the American Association of University Women for female international students to study in the US.
- [Andrea Scott International Graduate Scholarship](#) – US\$5000 tuition scholarship that is awarded to an international graduate student enrolling in an accredited US college or university. The scholarship can be renewed for up to three years if you maintain a good academic standing. Applicants must have a valid IELTS Academic score that was used to meet their University's (or program's) English proficiency requirement. Only for students in certain fields of globalisation, creative arts, and equal rights.
- [Hagan International Scholarship](#) – Scholarship for incoming international students under the age of 24. Required to work internship while in the U.S.
- [Prodigy Finance](#) offers a scholarship program for incoming master's students from select regions.
- [Study North Carolina](#) together with Prodigy Finance offers a \$1000 scholarship to an incoming fall master's students from a StudyNC member school.
- [#YouAreWelcomeHere Scholarship](#) – International scholarships aimed at all overseas students studying any subject at a participating college or university in the U.S. (of which there are 57. Currently a StudyNC member school does not participate, but that may change in future). You should submit an essay or video demonstrate your interest and initiative in promoting intercultural learning and exchange.
- Scholarships for minority female students are listed [here](#).

Western Hemisphere

1. Multiple Countries.

- Students from [member countries](#) are eligible for [Rowe Fund loans](#). These interest-free loans up to USD\$15,000 are available at the graduate level throughout the region. [Fundacion Beca](#)
- Fulbright Commissions
<https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/funding-and-administration/fulbright-commissions>
The Fulbright Commissions plan and implement educational exchange.
- [Instituto Ling Graduate Scholarships](#) – Scholarships for Brazilian students to study for an MBA, MPA, LLM or Masters in Engineering at leading universities abroad. Instituto Ling also offers a scholarship for graduate journalists.
- [Kodak Student Scholarships Program](#) – International scholarships for students studying in selected countries (including Brazil) to study film, film production or cinematograph

- [Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program](#) – This is a non-degree scholarship program for international, experienced professionals wishing to undertake 10 months of academic study in the US. Although the funding doesn't support degree qualifications, students are able to study and develop their knowledge at academic institutions across the nation.
 - [Civil Society Leadership Awards](#) – Fully-funded scholarships are available for students from eligible countries to study in the US or another host country at master's level.
 - [David P. Shapiro Autism Scholarship](#) – A scholarship worth US\$1,000 open to current or prospective students in the US diagnosed with autism.
 - [Preply Scholarship](#) - Three winners will receive an award of up to \$2,000. Open to all students (domestic and international, and at any study level) aged between 16 and 35. To enter, you'll need to submit a 500-word essay related to online education, multilingualism, and professional development.
 - [Surfshark Privacy and Security Scholarship](#) - A \$2,000 prize is available to a student currently enrolled in the US or another study destination as a high school, undergraduate or graduate student. You will need to submit an essay to apply and the scholarship is open to all nationalities.
 - [Tortuga Backpacks Study Abroad Scholarship](#) – Awarded twice a year to passionate international students wishing to study in the US. Worth US\$1,000.
2. **Argentina.** The Ministry of Education's Department of International Scholarships and International Cooperation (DGCIN) funds scholarships for graduate studies in the U.S. The National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), the National Institute for Agricultural and Technological Research (INTA), and Bunge and Born Foundation award research grants to local scholars.
 3. **Aruba.** The government provides loans to master's-level students pursuing study overseas. Aruban students are eligible to apply for a starter package of 17,000 AWG and 15,375 AWG per academic term for up to eight terms at a 2% interest rate.
 4. **Antigua and Barbuda.** Offers a government-funded grant of approximately USD\$5,000 annually, as well as low-interest loans to students pursuing post-secondary studies, including online study at the graduate level.
 5. **The Bahamas.** Lyford Cay Foundations Scholarships provide maximum awards of USD\$30,000 to approximately 100 Bahamian students each year to pursue graduate education abroad. The Ministry of Education has also implemented a tiered system to award grants and merit-based scholarships ranging from USD\$7,500 to USD\$35,000 for study abroad.
 6. **Barbados.** Approximately 10 students per year receive National Development Scholarships, which provide financial support to students ages 18 to 40 who have been accepted by an accredited university abroad at the undergraduate or graduate level.
 7. **Bolivia.** Soberanía is a government scholarship program that offers up to USD\$50,000 per academic year for graduate studies at select international universities. Eligible fields of study include STEM, medicine, and law. In 2020, the scholarship program was put on hold, and there are no updates as to when it will resume. Contact lapaz@educationusa.org for updates.
 8. **Brazil.** EducationUSA collaborates with the Lemann Foundation, which supports the participation of 20 graduate students in the EducationUSA Opportunity Funds program.

9. **Chile.** The National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT) was renamed the National Agency for Research and Development ([ANID](#)), which now administers Becas Chile and other programs that promote research opportunities in all disciplines, technological development, and scientific technological innovation. In 2020, the government of Chile suspended all Becas Chile graduate scholarships during the pandemic. Resumed 2022?
10. **Colombia.** Colombia Challenge Your Knowledge. <http://www.challengeyourknowledge.edu.co>. Provides information about higher education in Colombia and a list of accredited universities.
 - ICETEX: <http://www.icetex.gov.co/dnnpro5/inicio>. ICETEX provides funding, scholarships, and credits for Colombian students.
 - Colfuturo: <https://www.colfuturo.org/english>. Colfuturo provides scholarships and loans for Colombian post-graduate students.
 - Colciencias: <http://www.colciencias.gov.co/node/1434>. Colciencias promotes research, education, and innovation in Colombia.
 - 100,000 Strong in the Americas: <https://www.100kstrongamericas.org>. This initiative promotes partnerships between institutions across the Americas and provides funding for teams and universities working on regional cooperation.
 - Fulbright Commission in Colombia
11. **Costa Rica.** The Costa Rican USA Foundation for Cooperation (CRUSA) supports international exchange and student mobility initiatives in STEM fields using tools that include the EducationUSA Opportunity Funds program.
12. **Dominican Republic.** The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MESCyT) supports study abroad at the graduate level and for certificate programs. MESCyT prioritizes master's and doctoral degrees in engineering, technology, science, public health, education, and agriculture. Inicia Educación provides scholarships to Dominican educators, administrators, and professionals for master's degrees in education-related fields at top-ranked programs.
13. **Guatemala.** GuateFuturo offers loans of as much as USD\$50,000 for master's programs. Students are eligible for scholarships of up to 50% of the loaned amount, provided they receive their degree within a certain time frame, return to Guatemala, and satisfy residency requirements (typically three to five years). Students can obtain an additional 10% discount if, upon returning home, complete one year of continuous employment in the public sector, teaching, or research, or work in the interior of the country (outside of the Department of Guatemala). Those pursuing master's degrees in management or business programs are limited to 25% of the loan amount as a scholarship.
14. **Honduras.** The government's Becas Honduras 20/20 funds graduate studies abroad with loans up to USD\$50,000 through the International Graduate Scholarships Program initiative. Students can obtain an additional 10% discount if, upon returning to the country, immediately engage in employment for one full year as teachers in local universities. Those pursuing master's degrees in management or MBA programs are limited to 25% of the loan amount as a scholarship.
15. **Mexico.** The government supports graduate students mainly via the Fulbright Commission, the National Council of Science and Technology ([CONACYT](#)), and the Human Resources Development Fund (FIDERH). Local NGOs, such as the Mexican Foundation for Education, Technology and Science (FUNED) and the Becas Magdalena O.

Vda. de Brockmann, offer scholarships and loans to Mexican graduate students. The National Council on Science and Technology promotes scientific development and modern technology in Mexico. [Proyecto 100 mil](#).

16. **Panama.** The Panamanian government's National Secretariat for Science Technology and Innovation (SENACYT) administers several scholarship programs, including the Fulbright-SENACYT scholarship, at the graduate level in a range of fields. The government institution Institute for Training and Development of Human Resources ([IFARHU](#)) offers loans of up to USD\$80,000 to support completion of graduate programs abroad as well as scholarships for short term intensive language training.
17. **Paraguay.** The government's Programa Nacional de Becas en el Exterior don Carlos Antonio López (BECAL) scholarship program funds master's and doctoral students in education and STEM fields at specific U.S. HEIs.
18. **Peru.** PRONABEC is the government agency that manages multiple scholarship programs, including Beca Presidente de la República (soon to be renamed Beca Generación del Bicentenario), a full scholarship program for graduate studies abroad that awards approximately 150 scholarships each year. Reto Excelencia-SERVIR is a government loan-scholarship program that supports public servants pursuing graduate studies abroad. Contact cusco@educationusa.org for updates on these two scholarships.
19. **Uruguay.** National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII) funds Fulbright scholarships for study at U.S. institutions to earn master's or doctoral degrees in subjects such as biotechnology, environmental sciences, information and communications technology, human and animal health, energy, education, creative industries, agribusiness and agro-industry, transportation, and criminology. Of all ANII funds, 40% are dedicated to supporting students attending U.S. institutions.

Europe and Eurasia

1. **Multiple Countries.** Erasmus+ provides a wide range of opportunities to students, educators, and administrators. Signature initiatives include Jean Monnet Activities, Horizon 2020, and Marie Curie Fellowships.
2. **Albania.** The Excellence Fund for Albanian students offers funding to graduate students. The Albanian American Development Foundation fully funds master's degrees for selected fields of study.
3. **Armenia.** More than 15 private foundations provide scholarships for Armenians to study in the United States. All details are listed on the EducationUSA Armenia page.
4. **Austria.** The Marietta Blau Grant for Ph.D. students and the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education, Science, and Research offers additional support that can be accessed through a comprehensive grant database.
5. **Estonia.** The Baltic-American Freedom Foundation funds citizens of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to participate in research and internships in the U.S. focused on economic growth and democratic processes. Awards range from USD\$30,000 to USD\$60,000.
6. **Belgium.** The Belgian American Educational Foundation provides scholarships for graduate studies, the Fernand Lazard Foundation offers interestfree loans, and the Research Foundation— Flanders supports doctoral studies.
7. **Bermuda.** Bermuda has a comprehensive website that provides information on all private and government-funded opportunities.

8. **Croatia.** U.S. Mobility Micro-Grants cover up to USD\$500 for application costs to U.S. universities (for bachelor's and master's programs). Additional details on scholarships are available on the EducationUSA Croatia center page.
9. **Czechia.** Several private foundations offer scholarships for study abroad, including the Bakala Foundation, the Kellner Family Foundation University Scholarship, the Scholar Foundation, and the Krsek Foundation. Amounts vary, but all programs provide as much as USD\$30,000
10. **Denmark.** The State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme supports study abroad, and Scandinavia Grants provide support to Danish students at the graduate and postgraduate levels, up to USD\$20,000. The American Scandinavian Foundation supports graduate and postgraduate students with awards ranging from USD\$2,500 to USD\$10,000.
11. **France.** The Monahan Foundation provides funding of up to approximately USD\$50,000 for master's or doctoral degrees in STEM fields
12. **Finland.** The League of Finnish-American Societies (SAM) provides funding for doctoral students
13. **Georgia.** The Georgian government's Agency Center for International Education awards study abroad scholarships to Georgian citizens pursuing master's and doctoral studies overseas. The number of scholarships and funding levels varies from year to year. Students studying in the United States are typically eligible for scholarships in the range of USD\$20,000 to USD\$40,000.
14. **Germany.** The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides scholarships for non-degree programs.
15. **Greece.** Greece currently offers scholarship support for U.S. study at the graduate level only. Additional details on scholarships are available on the EducationUSA Greece website.
16. **Hungary.** The government of Hungary offers the Stipendium Peregrinum to support undergraduate or graduate studies abroad. Additional details on scholarships are available on the EducationUSA Hungary center page.
17. **Iceland.** FaraBara posts general information about studying abroad. The Thor Thors program awards scholarship funding ranging from USD\$2,000 to USD \$5,000 for graduate studies. The Leifur Eiriksson Foundation awards USD\$25,000 for graduate studies.
18. **Ireland.** The Irish Research Council provides support to researchers across all disciplines. The George Moore Scholarships provide comprehensive support to students in master's programs.
19. **Italy.** The Fulbright Commission and the Zegna Foundation provide full scholarships to economically disadvantaged graduate students.
20. **Kosovo.** The Kosovo American Education Fund (KAEF) provides scholarships for master's-level study in the United States
21. **Latvia.** The Baltic-American Freedom Foundation funds citizens of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to participate in research and internships in the U.S. focused on economic growth and democratic processes. Awards range from USD\$30,000 to USD\$60,000.
22. **Lithuania.** The Lithuanian government's Next 100 (Kitas 100) program provides funding to students applying to, or already studying at, select institutions around the world. Scholarships cover up to four years of study, with a maximum funding level of approximately USD\$22,500 per year. The Baltic-American Freedom Foundation funds citizens of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to participate in research and internships in the U.S. focused on economic growth and democratic processes. Awards range from USD\$30,000 to USD\$60,000.

23. **Luxembourg.** The Information and Documentation Centre for Higher Education (CEDIES) oversees a program from which all residents can receive USD\$5,000 to USD\$14,000. This aid is provided in the form of grants and minimal-interest loans with generous repayment provisions.
24. **North Macedonia.** The Ministry of Education and Science awards academic scholarships of up to US\$40,000 per year to support study in a limited number of fields of study. Additional details on scholarships are available on the EducationUSA North Macedonia center page.
25. **Netherlands.** Low-interest loans are available through the DUO (government) program. KHMW-Eizenga scholarships provide up to USD\$50,000 to pursue a degree in economics or a Master of Business Administration (MBA). The Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds, VSBfonds, and Vrijvrouwe van Renswoude foundations also provide support for graduate students.
26. **Norway.** Lånekassen provides non-merit based financial aid for Norwegian students through a loan and grant package for full-time academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
27. **Poland.** The National Science Centre of Poland offers funding for pre-doctoral and doctoral students. The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange supports research at the doctoral, post-doctoral, and experienced researcher levels. The Kosciuszko Foundation provides support for Polish nationals to pursue research or study in the U.S
28. **Slovenia.** The Ad Futura Programme for International Mobility offers students as much as USD\$33,000 annually for the duration of their academic program. This scholarship program funds undergraduate studies in STEM fields or graduate studies in all fields except the fine and performing arts. The Ministry of Culture awards other generous scholarships to graduate students in the fine and performing arts, cultural management, and other fields.
29. **Slovak Republic.** The Martin Filko Scholarship supports graduate study in economics, mathematics, statistics, and public policy. The Tatra Banka Foundation offers grants at all academic levels. The maximum funding amount is 5,000 euros per student to support IT projects.
30. **Spain.** La Caixa, Rafael del Pino, and Fundación Ramón Areces all provide support for graduate studies. The Banco de España provides grants of up to USD\$29,000 to support graduate-level study in economics.
31. **Sweden.** CSN is the government's academic financial aid program. It provides grants and low-interest loans covering tuition, fees, and living expenses.
32. **Turkey.** The Turkish Ministry of Education offers scholarships supporting graduate level study at select institutions around the world. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey offers scholarship funding for doctoral-level study. The Turkish Educational Foundation offers scholarships supporting master's level study in select fields. All three funding sources listed above provide transportation, health insurance, tuition, and living expenses.
33. **United Kingdom.** The Sutton Trust US Programme supports economically disadvantaged students with outstanding academic qualifications who aspire to study at U.S. colleges and universities. BUNAC provides support in the form of partial scholarships for British students applying to graduate programs in the United States.
34. **Ukraine.** WorldWideStudies provides up to USD\$50,000 to cover tuition, books and materials, and health insurance for students in master's degree programs. Priority fields include agriculture, environmental studies, ecology, law and public administration, alternative energy, and aerospace engineering.

Asia / Pacific

1. **Multiple Countries.**
 - a. [East-West Center Scholarships and Fellowships](#) – Scholarships to study in the US within selected institutions, aimed at international students from the Asia-Pacific region.
 - b. IIE's [Quad Fellowship](#) is for STEM graduate students from Australia, India, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Please read the [Quad Fellowship flyer](#) for more details.
2. **Azerbaijan:** Youth Foundation Scholarship: [Gənclər üçün imkanlar – Azərbaycan Respublikasının Gənclər Fondu \(youthfoundation.az\)](#). Covers tuition fees, accommodation, visa, transportation and insurance costs for master's students. Priority list of schools and majors.
3. **Bangladesh.** Bangladesh-Sweden Trust Fund. The [Bangladesh-Sweden Trust Fund \(BSTF\)](#) was established in 1984 with grants from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). With a view to developing human resources in Bangladesh, one-way travel grant is being provided to Bangladeshi students studying abroad. They fund one-way air travel fare for eligible candidates.
4. **Brunei** continues to offer fully funded scholarships for overseas study at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
5. **Cambodia.** While the Cambodian government does not provide direct funding to support students studying abroad in the United States, external scholarships like SHE-CAN and the Open Society Scholarship Programs provide support to qualified students.
6. **China.** China Scholarship Council offers government scholarships for Chinese students and faculty to study or research abroad. Also the Dr. Lu, Sylvia, and Daniel Kiang Scholarship for Chinese Students Renewable scholarship for Chinese students available for first bachelor's degree or a first master's degree only. Please go to <https://www.cumberlandcf.org/scholarships/how-to-apply-.html> in order to apply.
7. **India.** [DETermined Scholarship](#) is a scholarship for Indian women pursuing a STEM master's degree in the U.S. who took the Duolingo English Test. In addition to financial support, finalists will benefit from mentorship by STEM experts, helping them navigate their academic and professional paths.
8. **Indonesia:** Ministry of Education and Culture supports non-degree study through the Endowment Fund (LPDP) for Education and graduate-level study through a graduate degree scholarship program. Sampoerna Foundation. <http://www.sampoernafoundation.org/en>. The Sampoerna Foundation's focuses on promoting education and private-public partnerships in Indonesia. Indonesian Education Scholarship For Master And Doctoral Programs, 2022, full funded, Engineering, science, agriculture, Energy Security, Fisheries, Education Management, Medical and Health Technology, medicine/health
<https://www.wemakescholars.com/scholarship/indonesian-education-scholarship-for-master-and-doctoral-programs>
9. **Japan.** Japan-U.S. Educational Commission announced the Fulbright-Mikitani Memorial Grant, which will provide nearly USD\$1 million to support five to six future Japanese participants in the U.S. Fulbright program. [Japan-United States Friendship Commission](#) – An initiative run by Japan and the US, this commission offers grant programs to Japanese students wishing to study in the US (and vice versa).

10. **Kazakhstan:** <https://kazakhembus.com/domestic-policy/education/bolashak-scholarship>
11. **Malaysia.** government provides scholarships such as the Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) Public Service Department Scholarship and Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA: an agency under the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development) Scholarship to high achieving students. Public and private sector entities including Khazanah, Petronas, and Bank Negara offer additional funding opportunities.
12. **Pakistan:** HEC Knowledge Corridor
13. **Republic of Korea.** The Kwangjeong Lee Educational Foundation (KEF) provides full scholarships for students pursuing degrees overseas at the undergraduate through doctoral levels. The ILJU Academy and Culture Foundation provides scholarships valued at up to USD\$120,000 for students in doctoral programs.
14. **Thailand.** The government of Thailand provides more than 500 scholarships per year to Thai citizens through the Royal Thai Government Scholarship Program. The organization hosts its annual education fair in November. More information is available on the website.
15. **Vietnam.** Vietnam Education Foundation. <https://vnep.org>. Includes information about fellowships, resources, and exchange programs between the U.S. and Vietnam. Enables financially challenged students to gain higher education in STEM and Humanities:
<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/ethnicity/vietnamese>.
Fulbright Vietnamese Student Program is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program which recruits and nominates young Vietnamese professionals for Master's degree programs at U.S. universities; approximately 20 fully-funded scholarships are granted on an annual basis. The Vietnamese government offers scholarships for overseas study, mainly targeted to master's students.

Sub-Saharan Africa

1. **Multiple Countries.**
 - a. [Aga Khan Foundation International Scholarship Programme](#) – Scholarships for postgraduate international students hailing from countries in Africa.
 - b. [MasterCard Foundation Scholarships](#) – Scholarships for African students to study in the US.
2. **Botswana:** The Government of Botswana offers the Top Achievers Scholarship, which is administered by the Department of Tertiary Education Financing (DTEF).
3. **Cabo Verde:** The Global Scholarship Program and Research Grant Program are initiatives of the government of Cabo Verde aimed at supporting graduate students.
4. **Ghana:** The [Ghana Education Trust Fund](#) (GET Fund) supports local and U.S. study in fields of interest to the government, including public health, policy, and administration.
5. **Mauritius:** The Mauritian government provides funding for students to study in the United States or other countries through the Mauritius State Scholarships. Two students each year (one male and one female) are offered 100 percent funding for study in any country. The government of Mauritius also provides partial scholarships to more than 500 students each year, including some for students with disabilities and students who demonstrate financial need.
6. **Nigeria:** EducationUSA Nigeria and Coca-Cola entered into a partnership in 2019 to support successful

EducationUSA Opportunity Funds program students from Nigeria with airfare to the United States and a “settling-in allowance” upon admission to a U.S. higher education institution. May be able to get scholarships from local employers, such as Igbo Eze South Local Government Enugu State of Nigeria.

7. **South Africa:** Some South African government agencies – namely the National Research Foundation (NRF), the Department of Agriculture, and the National Arts Council – will sponsor exceptional students to provide living stipends for study abroad in specific fields. Unfortunately, there are limited private scholarship opportunities. However, some graduate students have had success with First Rand Bank's Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship.
8. **Tunisia:** Fulbright, Fulbright Commissions.
<https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/funding-and-administration/fulbright-commissions>. The Fulbright Commissions plan and implement educational exchange.

Middle East and North Africa

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