Critical Language Scholarships

Website: https://clscholarship.org/home.php

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – First Year, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Recent Grads (within 2 years of graduation) – GPA of 3.0 or higher recommended – All Majors

Description: Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Critical Language Scholarships Program was launched in 2006. The Program offers intensive summer overseas study in the critical need foreign languages of Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu, Chinese, Korean, Persian, and Russian.

The Program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Scholarship recipients - U.S. citizen undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. students and recent graduates - receive funding to participate in beginning, intermediate and advanced level summer language programs at American Overseas Research Centers and affiliated partners. Recipients are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period and later apply their critical language skills in their professional careers.

Students in all disciplines including business, engineering, science, the social sciences and humanities are encouraged to apply.

Program Preferences: Applicants should have a firm intention of continuing language studies after completion of the summer language institutes.

Award Amount: All program costs are covered for participants. This includes travel between the student's home city and program location, pre-departure orientation costs, applicable visa fees, room, board, travel within country and all entrance fees for program activities. Note: U.S. passport fees will not be paid by the scholarship.

Duration: The CLS summer intensive language programs last approximately two months. See individual program details for exact length and dates.

National Deadline: Winter, 2009 – Date To Be Determined. (The 2009 CLS Program online application will be available in early September.)
Boren Scholarship (Undergraduate) – National Security Education Program

Website: http://www.borenawards.org/

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – First Year, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors – GPA of 3.4 or higher recommended – All Majors – Scholarship must be used before graduation

IMPORTANT: Boren/NSEP Scholarships CANNOT be used for study abroad in Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.

IMPORTANT: Summer-only study abroad programs are limited to students majoring in the sciences or in engineering (regardless of class year) AND to First Year or sophomores with outstanding qualifications. Applications for a summer-only program will be considered only if the program is eight (8) weeks or longer and is designed as a language immersion program.

IMPORTANT: All candidates for Boren Scholarships must evaluated by their college or university. Please contact the Office of National Scholarships for information about the USF’s evaluation process. Our deadline is January 28, 2019 (see below).

Description: The Boren/NSEP Scholarship program provides awards to American students for study abroad in world regions critical to U.S. national security. These regions include Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American & the Caribbean, and the Middle East. (The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.) The Boren/NSEP program uses a broad definition of national security, including the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being as well as the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness. A full list of countries and languages eligible for Boren/NSEP study abroad scholarships can be found at: http://www.iie.org/programs/nsep/undergraduate/preferences.htm

Program Preferences: IMPORTANT: The Boren/NSEP Scholarship Program strongly prefers applicants planning two semesters of study abroad (summer and fall or fall and spring), but well-qualified applicants may apply for a single semester of study abroad, or in special cases (see above), for a summer of intensive language study abroad.

Preference will be given to applicants planning to study languages at any level (where applicable).

Preference will be given to students with a strong interest in working for the US Government.

Service Obligation: Boren/NSEP Scholarship recipients must agree to seek employment in an agency of the federal government involved in national security.

Award Amount: Up to $20,000 for an academic year of study abroad, $10,000 for an academic semester, or $8,000 for summer study.
**Duration:** Proposals for two consecutive semesters of study abroad (summer and fall or fall and spring) are strongly preferred. Well qualified applicants may also seek a single semester of study. Summer programs are eligible for students in designated fields (see program preferences above).

**USF Campus Deadline:** January 28, 2010 – All USF applicants must complete their on-line applications and submit all hard-copy supplementary materials to the Office of National Scholarships (SVC1088) by this date.

**National Deadline:** February 10, 2010
Bridging Scholarships for Study in Japan

Website: http://www.colorado.edu/calld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html

Who Can Apply: US Citizens or Permanent Residents – First Year, Sophomores, Juniors – GPA of 3.0 or higher recommended – All Majors

IMPORTANT: Prior Japanese language study is NOT a prerequisite.

IMPORTANT: Summer programs are NOT eligible for support. Only semester and year-long programs are eligible for Bridging awards.

Description: The Association of Teachers of Japanese Bridging Project offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. The goal of the Bridging Project is to promote study abroad in Japan by larger numbers of American undergraduate students. Funding from private foundations and major U.S. corporations has made it possible for ATJ to award 100 scholarships annually to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan for a semester or an academic year.

Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and must be enrolled as undergraduates in a college or university in the United States before and during the time they are studying abroad.

Program Preferences: Applicants should express a strong and clear interest in Japanese language, culture and/or society.

Award Amount: Bridging Scholarship recipients receive a stipend of $2,500 (for students on semester-long programs) or $4,000 (for students on academic year programs). Students studying in Japan on summer programs are not eligible to apply.

Duration: Single semester or full academic year (fall and spring) of study abroad.

National Deadline: October 6, 2009 – For students applying to study abroad programs beginning Spring 2010, for a semester or an academic year. IMPORTANT: All materials must be received by the end of business on the first Monday, October 6. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.
Clinton Scholars at the American University of Dubai

Website: http://www.aud.edu/admissions/clinton.asp

Who Can Apply: Full-time undergraduate degree candidates applying to study abroad at the American University in Dubai – 3.4+ GPA – Preference will be given to students who show interest in being exposed to the Middle Eastern and Islamic cultures for the first time.

Description: The William Jefferson Clinton Scholars at the American University in Dubai seeks to further the goals of the Clinton Presidential Foundation to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence. In partnership with the American University in Dubai, the program will provide US-based students the opportunity to expand their educational and cultural horizons by studying in the Arab world.

President Clinton has acknowledged the leadership of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to make Dubai a model for intercultural harmony and understanding.

President Clinton gave public recognition to this during his keynote address at AUD’s Fifth Commencement in which he cited the multi-cultural composition of AUD’s student body consisting of over eighty nationalities, as a microcosm of Dubai’s multi-ethnicity. In this spirit, the Clinton Presidential Foundation and AUD have established this program to encourage others to witness this diversity.

Award Amount: Clinton scholars will receive a full tuition waiver for one term, as well as dormitory housing at the American University in Dubai on a shared-room basis. Board, texts, transportation and extracurricular activities are the financial responsibility of the student.

Duration: One term.

National Deadline: March 15 for study abroad in the Fall Semester, October 15 for study abroad in the Spring Semester, and February 15 for study abroad in the Summer Session.
DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship

Website: http://www.daad.org/?p=47220#objectives

Who Can Apply: US Citizens and permanent residents and non-US Citizens who have studied in the US for more than one year – Sophomores, Juniors – GPA of 3.5 or higher recommended

Description: Highly qualified undergraduate students are invited to apply for scholarships funding study, senior thesis research and/or internships in Germany. The goal of this program is to support study abroad in Germany and at German universities. Preference will be given to students whose projects or programs are based at and organized by a German university. Scholarships are available either as part of an organized study abroad program or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad semester or year. Scholarship may be for between 4 and 10 months (one or two semesters).

Program Preferences: The DAAD selection committee is looking for students who:

1. possess outstanding academic records and personal integrity, as evinced by both their grades and letters of recommendation.
2. have well-defined study, research or internship plans for their stay in Germany.
3. submit the DAAD language evaluation form with their application, although German language competency is not mandatory.
4. demonstrate an interest in contemporary German and European affairs and who explain the significance of their project in Germany to their future studies, research or professional goals.

Award Amount: Recipients will be awarded a monthly stipend of approximately € 650, plus additional funds to help defray travel and research expenses as well as health insurance.

Duration: Awards may be for one or two semesters.

National Deadline: January 31, 2010 – All applications for study abroad in Germany during academic year 2010-11 must be postmarked by this date.
Gilman International Scholarship

Website: http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/index.html

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – Must be Pell Grant recipients – First Year, Sophomores, Juniors – All Majors – GPA of 3.0 or higher recommended

Description: The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world. The scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving federal Pell Grants.

IMPORTANT: Study Abroad programs must involve at least 4 weeks in a single country to be eligible (programs may involve more than one country if at least 4 weeks are spent in a single country).

IMPORTANT: Summer only programs are not eligible. Applicants should be studying in the fall, spring, or academic year terms.

Program Preferences: The Gilman scholarship aims to support a diverse range of students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including but not limited to:

- students with high financial need,
- students interested in studying in diverse countries, especially those outside of Western Europe and Australia,
- students with diverse ethnic backgrounds; and
- students with disabilities.

Award Amount: Over 1,200 scholarships of up to $5,000 will be awarded this academic year for U.S. citizen undergraduates to study abroad. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being $4,000.

- IMPORTANT: Students who apply for and receive the Gilman Scholarship to study abroad are now eligible to receive an additional $3,000 Critical Need Language Supplement from the Gilman Program if their study abroad plans involve studying any of the following critical languages: Arabic (all dialects), Chinese (all dialects), Turkish, Persian, Languages of India and Pakistan, Korean, Russian
Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

Website: http://www.moetywc.org/english/

Who Can Apply: First Year, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students -- all majors -- GPA of 3.0 or higher required. Basic survival Chinese language proficiency is required.

NOTE: Not open to Republic of China (Taiwan) nationals, overseas Chinese students, or students currently studying in Taiwan, or current recipients of this or other scholarships awarded by the government or educational system of Taiwan.

NOTE: Applicants selected for the scholarship must undergo a medical examination.

Description: This scholarship provides funding for students who want to study Mandarin at a university- or college-affiliated Mandarin training center. The scholarship program is not tied to any one particular center, but rather asks students to select and apply to a Mandarin training center separately. Students may choose to study for 1 – 12 months from September 1 – August 31.

Award: Monthly stipend of NT$25,000 (roughly 790 USD). Scholarship recipients are responsible for all housing, tuition fees, health insurance and travel costs.

National Deadline: March 31, 2010 for study abroad beginning the following September or later. Applications are accepted beginning February 1.
Learning Enterprises

Website: http://www.learningenterprises.org/

Who Can Apply: First Year, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Recent Grads – GPA of 3.5 or higher strongly recommended

Description: The mission of Learning Enterprises is to expand people’s horizons through conversation-based English language classes taught by American and international volunteers. All programs take place during the summer and last approximately 4-8 weeks. You will be required to teach conversation-based English language classes for between three and six hours per day (depending on location), with the weekends off. You are required to create your own lesson plans, tailored to both your skills and interests and also to the abilities and interests of your classes. Beyond that you are free to spend your time as you wish, and we encourage you to do so with your host family and host community. Our mission is guided by five principles:

- Fostering creativity in children and adults
- Expanding horizons through access to the English language as a means of communication
- Promoting understanding through cross-cultural exchange
- Spreading the spirit of volunteerism
- Providing substantive and rewarding work experience for young people

Our program benefits the children in developing countries who take part in our classes, the host families who open their homes and minds to LE volunteers, and our volunteers who work as teachers for the summer.

Program Preferences: To qualify for a position we ask that you be:

- Independent: there is little in-country oversight, and villages are often in isolated areas with limited outside communication
- Resourceful: teaching and living abroad always provides unexpected challenges
- Adaptable: living conditions are often considered uncomfortable by US and UK standards.
- Service oriented: being an LE volunteer is hard work!
- Available for the whole duration of the teaching assignment
- A native (or equivalent level) English speaker
- Competent to the required level in the host community’s language, if applicable (see Our Programs)
- Teaching experience is helpful, but IS NOT required
- Regional or travel experience is helpful, but IS NOT required

Costs of Program: All food and lodging will be taken care of by your hosts while you are teaching. Beyond that expenses vary by program, but a typical volunteer spends: Application Fee: $10; Airfare: $500 - $2000 (view Which Program is Right for Me? for further comparisons); Orientation: $100 - $200; Incidental summer expenses (not including travel): $100+
Duration: Four to eight weeks during the Summer, depending on the program.

National Deadline: Winter, 2009 – Date To Be Determined
Oxfam CHANGE Initiative

Website: http://www.oxfamamerica.org/whathyoudo/act_now/student_action/change

Who can apply: US and Foreign Citizens – First Year, Sophomores - All Majors - GPA of 3.0 or higher recommended

Description: The CHANGE Initiative is a highly competitive national program that trains college students to become actively engaged in Oxfam America's social justice mission. CHANGE develops capable leaders, who are informed voices for positive social change, and who inspire greater global awareness in others. CHANGE Leaders are brought together for an intensive week of leadership training that equips them to be effective CHANGE advocates. Students are introduced to social justice issues directly related to Oxfam America’s mission, and are asked to work on one or more of these issues on their campus during the academic year.

US-based college students entering their sophomore or junior year can take advantage of Oxfam America’s leadership training and become skilled and knowledgeable agents of change. CHANGE Leaders use their skills and insight to run Oxfam campaigns on their campuses and in their local communities.

Service Obligation: Students must be prepared to implement an Oxfam campaign on their campus or in their community.

Award Amount: Oxfam assumes the cost of training, room and board, and travel.

Duration: One week of intensive training during the summer.

National Deadline: Winter 2009 – Date To Be Determined
All Majors

Point Foundation LGBT Scholarship

Website: http://www.pointfoundation.org/apply.html

Who Can Apply: US and Foreign Citizens – First Year, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Recent Grads – GPA of 3.3 or higher recommended – All Majors

IMPORTANT: You do not have to be LGBT to apply but you should have a history of leadership in the LGBT community and plan to be a LGBT leader in the future.

Description: The Point Foundation Scholarship Program is looking for individuals who have proven leadership skills, excellent scholastic achievements and want to make a difference in the world. The Point Foundation selects scholars whom it believes will make a contribution to the LGBT community and beyond. Some scholars will choose a career that is focused on the LGBT community and others will use their skills and influence to support the community, while not working full-time on LGBT issues. Talent and a drive to contribute are key characteristics of a Point Scholar.

Program Preferences: All applicants are evaluated on the totality of their situation including, academic accomplishments, financial, emotional and social need, extracurricular activities, personal circumstances and goals for the future. You do not need a 4.0 to apply, but prospects for future academic success are a consideration.

IMPORTANT: You don't have to be "out" to apply. It is important to note that some of the major components we will evaluate are your leadership skills, abilities and dedication to the LGBT community. If selected as a Point Scholar you will be required to submit your photo and bio for our website as well as be willing to attend and speak publicly at Point events.

Award Amount: Point Scholarships cover a variety of expenses including tuition, books, room and board and living expenses. Point Foundation estimates that a college education costs between $8,000 and $40,000 per year, depending on which school is attended. The average scholarship award per scholar is $13,600. The Point Foundation makes every attempt to help each Point Scholar as much as possible considering the number of scholars selected and the funds available.

National Deadline: March 1, 2010 (Applications will open on January 2, 2010.)
STEM Majors

NASA Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology

Website: http://education.nasa.gov/edprograms/descriptions/Motivating_Undergraduates_Science_Technology.html

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – First Year, Sophomores – GPA of 3.0 or higher

IMPORTANT: Applicants must be majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math field.

IMPORTANT: US citizens from underrepresented groups (Women, African American, Hispanic American, Native American, and persons with disabilities) are encouraged to apply. Must reside in the U.S. or Territories of the U.S.

Description: The Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology Project, or MUST, funded by the NASA, is a joint partnership between the Hispanic College Fund, the United Negro College Fund Special Programs and the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers.

MUST awards scholarships and internships to undergraduates pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. The MUST Project is open to all students and is particularly focused on engaging students from underserved and underrepresented groups (Women, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and persons with disabilities) to enter these fields. Students taking part in the MUST program also benefit year-round from tutoring, lecture series and mentoring from STEM faculty and peers. The MUST program provides direct access to multiple mentors who will provide academic tutoring, guidance, personal and professional support, and advice regarding professional organizations, graduate school, other scholarships, and careers. The mentor team will include: 1) an assigned faculty mentor, 2) a graduate mentor, and 3) a peer mentor.

Students who maintain the required minimum grade point average will also be eligible for a paid internship at a NASA center or other research facility.

Award Amount: Each year, the MUST Project will support approximately 100 undergraduate students with a one-year competitive scholarship of up to one-half of tuition, not to exceed $10,000. In addition, students may earn a $5,000 stipend to participate in a summer research experience at a NASA center.

Duration: One academic year and one summer (for students eligible for the summer research experience).

National Deadline: February 1, 2010 – The application process will open in late Autumn, 2009 – Dates To Be Determined
NASA Science and Technology Institute (NSTI) Summer Scholars Program

Website: http://www.uscisp.org/spknowledge/default.aspx?page=program.view&areaid=1&contentid=172&typeid=nsiinternship

Who Can Apply: First Year, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Recent Grads – US Citizens – GPA of 3.0 required

IMPORTANT: Applicants must be members of an underrepresented group, which includes women, ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) discipline.

Description: The NASA Science and Technology Institute (NSTI) Summer Scholars Program, a component of the Institute, is a ten-week summer research experience for graduate and undergraduates in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines at the NASA Ames Research Center (ARC) in Moffett Field, California.

In addition to conducting research with NASA scientists, scholars have an opportunity to participate in a variety of professional development training sessions that include modules on:

1) Leadership Development,
2) Scientific Communication,
3) Presentation Skills,
4) Team Building,
5) Interviewing Techniques,
6) Resume Building and Networking Skills, and
7) Responsible Research Ethics.

Scholars will culminate their ten-week experience by presenting their research findings to their mentors, peers, and the NASA Ames research community at the annual Poster Symposium.

Award Amount: To Be Determined

Duration: Ten week summer internship.

National Deadline: February 1, 2010 (Online Application opens on September 1, 2009.)
National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Website: https://ugsp.nih.gov/home.asp?m=00

Who Can Apply: US Citizen, National, or Qualified noncitizen — First Year — Sophomores — Juniors — Seniors — From a disadvantaged background — minimum GPA of 3.5 or placement within top 5% of class

Description: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research. The program offers scholarship support of up to $20,000 per year, paid research training at the NIH during the summer, and paid employment and training at the NIH after graduation. (See details below.)

Program Preferences: Strong applicants are able to demonstrate their commitment to a research career. Applicants are most able to demonstrate this commitment if they have already participated in laboratory research, been involved in extracurricular science activities, or have taken advanced courses relevant to their field.

Service Obligation: For each full or partial scholarship year, you are committed to two NIH service obligations. The obligations themselves are benefits of the program — providing you with invaluable research training and experience at the NIH.

1) 10-week Summer Laboratory Experience. After each year of scholarship support, you will train for 10 weeks as a paid summer research employee in an NIH research laboratory. This employment occurs after the receipt of the scholarship award. Each scholar will be assigned to an NIH researcher and an NIH postdoctoral fellow, who will serve as mentors. You will also attend formal seminars and participate in a variety of programs.

2) Employment at the NIH after Graduation. After graduation, you will continue your training as a full-time employee in an NIH research laboratory. You must serve 1 year of full-time employment for each year of scholarship.

Award Amount: The NIH UGSP will pay up to $20,000 per academic year in tuition, educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses to scholarship recipients. Scholarships are awarded for 1 year, and can be renewed up to 4 years.

National Deadline: February 2010
All Majors, Education Abroad

Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program

Website: http://www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram-old2.htm

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – Sophomores and Juniors (First Year see note below) – GPA of 3.2 or higher required – All Majors

IMPORTANT: The selection committee may consider students who have completed their freshman year if these students have outstanding academic backgrounds and significant international experience.

Description: The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program is designed to provide students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, greater understanding of career opportunities in international affairs, and the enhanced knowledge and skills to pursue such careers. The Program encourages the involvement of African American and other minority group students. Students who take part in the Program are referred to as Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Scholars (Rangel Scholars). This program takes place at Howard University in Washington DC for six weeks beginning in mid-May. It includes academic courses and additional seminars and visits to give students exposure to key policymakers and practitioners of international affairs. For more information click here.

Academics: During this program, students receive intensive instruction in three courses: Political Economy, History of U.S. Foreign Relations and Writing. Nine semester hours of academic credit may be awarded.

Outside Activities: To enhance their understanding of the conduct of U.S. foreign policy and international career options, Program participants meet with Executive Branch policymakers, Members of Congress, representatives of non-governmental organizations, foreign government officials and other individuals involved in international relations. In recent years, participants have visited the State Department, Capitol Hill, the Central Intelligence Agency, the World Bank, the United Nations, the Pentagon and the National Foreign Affairs Training Center.

Program Preferences: Applicants should be able to express a strong interest in international affairs and how this program will assist him/her in pursuing this interest.

Award Amount: Students who are accepted receive tuition, travel, room and board, as well as a stipend, for the program.

National Deadline: February 13, 2010