Critical Language Scholarships

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

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – Freshmen, 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.)

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Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program

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

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – Sophomores and Juniors (Freshmen 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 Deadlines: February 13, 2009
Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK)

Website: http://www.talk.go.kr

Who Can Apply: Citizenship in a country where the national language is English – Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Recent Grads, Grads. Freshmen who are ethnic Koreans are also eligible – strong command of English.

IMPORTANT: Any male with Korean citizenship who has not fulfilled his military duty or received an official waiver must choose the six month contract term.

Description: The Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK) program enables young people to teach English to Korean students and to experience and learn about Korean culture. Sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, the program seeks 630 TaLK scholars including renewals. Participants will receive Korean government scholarships and teach English in after-school classes of Korean elementary schools while enjoying cultural programs during their free time. Recipients will be placed at schools in rural areas in need of greater exposure to English and teach the language by forming one-on-one relationships with Korean university TaLK scholars. They can choose either a 6-month contract or a one-year contract. Candidates should have a desire to work with children, have a service-centered mind, a willingness to work in rural areas and have consideration for others with a positive attitude.

Program Preferences: Preference will be given to candidates who have or will have a degree in education, English, or subjects related to Korea and excellent school records including a good command of English, as well as candidates who have completed primary or secondary education in a country where English is the national language (i.e. Australia, Canada, New Zealand, U.K., U.S.A., Ireland and South Africa.

Award Amount: Teachers receive an allowance of 1,500,000 KRW/month (approx. $1,130/month), free housing arranged by the program or a housing allowance of 400,000 KRW/month (approx. $300/month), round-trip airfare, health insurance coverage, a settlement allowance of 300,000 KRW (approx. $226), opportunities to participate in cultural programs, opportunities to learn Korean, an orientation, paid leave and sick leave, and assistance from a Korean university student.

National Deadline: All required documents must be sent to the Korean Embassy by April 20, 2010 (early applications) or by June 10, 2010 (Late applications). Early applicants will have a greater chance of being selected and positions may all be filled before the deadline.
Kosciuszko Foundation Year Abroad Program

Website: http://www.kosciuszkofoundation.org/EDScholarships_US_YearAbroad.html

Who Can Apply: US citizens, permanent residents -- sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students -- all majors -- GPA of 3.0 or higher required.

NOTE: Applicants of Polish descent preferred.

Description: This scholarship supports semester and year-long Polish language studies with funding from the Polish Ministry of Education and Sports and the Kosciuszko Foundation. Studies take place during the academic year at the Center of Polish Language and Culture in the World. Located in the heart of Cracow’s Old City, the Center for Polish Language and Culture in the World is a division of the Jagiellonian University, Poland’s oldest university and one of its most prestigious.

The language program is an intense, full-immersion program supplemented with area studies courses. All language classes are in Polish, while area studies courses are offered in English and Polish. Students may live in university dormitories within a short tram ride from the Center, or they may rent their own apartments.

Award: The scholarship includes acceptance to the program, a tuition waiver and a stipend for housing and living expenses. Airfare to and from Poland is not included.

National Deadline: January 2010 is the deadline for study abroad taking place in the 2010-11 academic year. Applicants are notified of the decision during the summer of 2010.
Boren Scholarship – National Security Education Program

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

Who Can Apply: US Citizens – Freshmen, 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 freshmen 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 National Scholarships Office for information about USF’s evaluation process. USF’s deadline is January 28, 2009 (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, 2009 – 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/eadf/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html

Who Can Apply: US Citizens or Permanent Residents – Freshmen, 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, 2010 – 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 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 – Freshmen, 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.moetwde.org/english/

Who Can Apply: freshmen, 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: Freshmen, 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
Department of Homeland Security Undergraduate Scholarship

Website: http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/

Who Can Apply: US Citizen – Sophomores – GPA of 3.3 or higher required

IMPORTANT: DHS Scholarship recipients are obligated to meet a service requirement (details below).

Description: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) realizes that the country's strong science and technology community provides a critical advantage in the development and implementation of counter-terrorist measures and other DHS objectives. The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. This education program is intended to ensure a highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Eligible students must be studying in a homeland security related science, technology, engineering and mathematics field.

Students should have DHS-mission relevant majors in Engineering, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Math, Computer & Information Sciences, Social Sciences

A 10-week, continuous, off-campus research internship at DHS or a DHS-affiliated facility will be required during the summer between your first and second year appointments. Internship placement will be coordinated through this program.

Program Preferences: Research Essay: The best essays demonstrate an ability to define a research problem relevant to the DHS mission and an understanding of how such a problem might be solved. However, since applicants are second year students, an essay that pays careful attention to defining a research interest that is relevant to the DHS mission can often succeed without much detail on how a research problem would be solved. These essays should contain only original thoughts or other properly attributed information.

Public Service Essay: Reviewers will look for evidence that the applicant is interested in a public service career relevant to homeland security. The best essays will demonstrate insight into the career that interests you, the steps you may take to achieve your goals, and indicate how the scholarship will contribute to your career goals. Reviewers also take note of unique life experiences and backgrounds that motivate you to succeed in making the homeland safe and secure.

Service Obligation: A one-year, full-time service requirement in a relevant HS-STEM field will be required. The work done during this service must be applicable to one of the 16 homeland security research areas. The one-year service commitment may be served at a DHS-approved STEM venue—including universities—immediately following the term of the scholarship. The service requirement can be postponed to complete the final degree requirements, but must be completed within two years of your final stipend payment.
**Award Amount:** Full tuition and mandatory, nonrefundable fees paid; $1,000/month for 9 months during the academic year; $5,000 for the 10-week summer internship.

**Duration:** Appointments are for two years given satisfactory academic progress and availability of funding.

**National Deadline: January 6, 2010:** Online application form, including all essay questions due by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time on this date. **January 13, 2010:** You must have two (2) online reference report forms submitted on your behalf, by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time on this date.