

Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad 2008-2010

Seventh Edition

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A List of Scholarships, Fellowships, Loans, Grants,
Awards, and Internships Available to Support Study and
Training Abroad Plus a Set of Four Indexes: Sponsoring
Organization, Geographic Location, Subject, and Deadline.

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

In 1958, after the Soviets had challenged America's technological prowess by launching the Sputnik satellite, America responded by passing the National Defense Education Act, pumping millions of dollars into the study of science and mathematics. Today, with the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the growth of an increasingly complex multicultural world, security concerns have shifted. Now it is America's lack of knowledge of other languages and cultures that is seen as one of the greatest threats to the country's national security. This view is perhaps best summed up by David L. Boren who, when head of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, warned: "Our ignorance of world cultures and world languages represents a major threat to our ability to remain a world leader."

In an attempt to overcome the country's poor track record in foreign studies and to enlarge the pool of Americans knowledgeable about international affairs, President George Bush signed into law the National Security Education Act of 1991, the largest initiative in higher education since the Sputnik-inspired National Defense Act of 1958. Under the provisions of the 1991 law, a multi-million dollar government trust fund was created, with the funds to be used to provide graduate fellowships for foreign language study and undergraduate scholarships for study abroad.

The National Security Education Program, which is still operating today, is just one of hundreds of programs—sponsored by public and private agencies, organizations, foundations, and educational institutions in the United States and abroad—that have recognized the importance of foreign experiences and have set aside funds to underwrite the considerable expense of pursuing study and training abroad. But how can the more than 200,000 American students who go abroad to study each year find out about these opportunities?

General financial aid directories have offered little assistance. Only a few of the available programs are ever described there, and these are difficult to spot. For example, readers would have to scan thousands of entries in the current edition of *The Scholarship Book* to uncover just dozens of programs described there that specifically support study or training abroad; programs for this purpose are neither highlighted in the text nor specifically identified in the table of contents or the indexes. Specialized directories, too, have been of limited utility. These sources tend to be infrequently updated (the Institute of International Education's *Financial Resources for International Study* has not been revised since 1996) or to provide only a sampling of available resources (*Study Abroad*, for example, has excellent coverage of study opportunities around the world but only limited coverage of financial aid programs—fewer than 250—to support that study). Web sites are not particularly helpful, either. Even the best of these (e.g., www.iefa.org or www.umabroad.umn.edu) cover only a small portion of the available funding opportunities.

That's why Gail Ann Schlachter and R. David Weber put together this new edition of *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*. With this listing, students will now have both current and comprehensive coverage, in a single volume, of the more than 1,000 funding opportunities open to Americans interested in pursuing structured or independent study abroad. The directory will help Americans (and the librarians and counselors who serve them) tap into the billions of dollars available for courses, degree programs, internships, workshops, seminars, and independent study opportunities abroad. The listings cover every major field of study, are tenable in practically every country and region of the world (from Albania to Zimbabwe), are sponsored by more than 500 different private and public agencies and orga-

nizations, and are open to all segments of the population—from high school students through postdoctorates and professionals.

Previous editions of this landmark work, along with its companion volume, *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad*, have received consistently high praise. *Choice* enthusiastically recommended both titles, because of the “valuable information” they provide “on a variety of financial aid programs available for going abroad.” The Council on International Educational Exchange’s *Update* called the titles “user-friendly,” because they excel on “the access and readability test.” *Transitions Abroad* selected the directory as one of the “Best Study Abroad Resources” and *Dance Spirit Magazine* concluded it is “a must-have book about financial scholarship money for study abroad.” Perhaps *Reference and User Services Quarterly* summed up the critical assessment best: “Money seekers used to slogging through endless listings of programs for which they do not qualify will find the books’ arrangement...and succinct statement of eligibility a relief, and any library with a clientele seeking financial aid for study or research will find them invaluable.”

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

In all, the directory identifies more than 1,000 funding opportunities available to support study and training abroad. All types of funding are covered, including scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, and internships. In addition to this comprehensive coverage, *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad* offers several other unique features. First of all, only the biggest and best funding programs are covered in the directory. To be listed here, a program has to offer at least \$1,000 per year. Most go way beyond that, offering thousands of dollars or full scholarships to their recipients.

Further, hundreds of funding opportunities covered here are not listed in any other source, so even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad* for additional leads.

Third, unlike other funding directories, which generally follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, this one groups entries by recipient (high school and undergraduate students; graduate students; postdoctorates; professionals and other individuals), making it easy for you to search for appropriate programs. The same convenience is offered in the indexes, where organization, geographic, subject, and deadline date entries are subdivided by recipient group.

In fact, everything about the directory has been designed to make the search for funding as easy as possible. You can identify programs not only by recipient group, but also by program title, sponsoring organizations, where you want to go, specific subjects, and even deadline date (so fundseekers working within specific time constraints can locate programs by filing date). Plus, you’ll find all the information you need to decide if a program is a match for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web site locations (when available), along with complete contact information, to make your requests for applications proceed smoothly.

WHAT’S EXCLUDED?

The focus of this directory is on financial aid programs that are portable, intended for Americans (or nationals of a number of countries, including the United States), and designed specifically to support study and training abroad. While the directory is intended to be the most current and comprehensive source of information on available funding, there are some programs we’ve specifically excluded from the listing:

- Awards intended to support activities within the United States that cannot be used abroad. See the title list on the inside front cover of this directory for other Reference Service Press publications that list and describe these domestic programs.

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[45]**
- (2) **BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN JAPAN**
- (3) Association of Teachers of Japanese
c/o University of Colorado
Humanities 240
Campus Box 279
Boulder, CO 80309-0279
(303) 492-5487 Fax: (303) 492-5856
E-mail: atj@colorado.edu
Web: www.colorado.edu
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance to American students interested in participating in study abroad programs in Japan.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents enrolled as undergraduate students at colleges and universities in the United States. Applicants must have been accepted for a program of study in Japan sponsored by a U.S. educational institution, a Japanese university, or an independent academic organization. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite and applicants may be majoring in any field of study. Selection is based on academic potential and financial need.
- (6) **Financial data** The stipend is \$2,500 for semester programs or \$4,000 for academic year programs.
- (7) **Duration** 1 semester or 1 academic year.
- (8) **Additional information** This program is administered by the Association of Teachers of Japanese with support from the Starr Foundation, the Freeman Foundation, and several corporate sponsors, including Citigroup, Merrill Lynch, Weyerhaeuser, Morgan Stanley, Microsoft, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, FedEx Corporation, Goldman Sachs, Shinsei Bank, and Lockheed Martin.
- (9) **Number awarded** Approximately 100 each year.
- (10) **Deadline** April of each year for fall semester programs; October of each year for spring semester or academic year programs.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** Consecutive number assigned to the references and used to index the entry.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of scholarship, fellowship, grant, loan, or traineeship.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and web site (when information was supplied) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants and factors considered in the selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Time period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any unusual (generally nonmonetary) benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations associated with the program.
- (9) **Number of awards:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

- Study awards administered by academic institutions in the United States or abroad solely for the benefit of their undergraduate or graduate students (e.g., the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University or study abroad programs at a single school intended only for students at that school). For information on institution-specific programs, write directly to the schools you would like to attend.
- Awards for which American citizens or permanent residents would be ineligible (e.g., programs open only to applicants from developing countries; programs open only to nationals of European Union countries).
- Awards established to support work *on* topics related to international affairs or international locations rather than study or training *in* those geographic areas.
- Very restrictive programs. In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to a limited geographic area (less than a state) or available to a limited membership group (e.g., a local union or a tightly targeted organization).
- Programs offering limited financial support. The focus of the directory is on programs that can reduce substantively the cost of study abroad. If a program offers less than \$1,000 per year, it is not covered here.
- Programs that did not respond to our research inquiries. Programs are included only if the sponsors posted current information on the Internet or responded to our research requests for up-to-date information (see below for details).

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included here is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) reviewed and updated all relevant programs currently in our funding database and 2) searched exhaustively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including directories, news reports, newsletters, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. Since we only include program descriptions that are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization, we send up to four collection letters (followed by up to three telephone inquiries, if necessary) to each sponsor identified in this process. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition.

The 2008-2010 edition of *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad* completely revises and updates the previous (sixth) edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped. Similarly, programs that have changed their focus and no longer make awards for study or training abroad have also been removed from the listing. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; more than 80 percent of the programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), or benefits since the last edition of the directory. In addition, hundreds of new entries have been added to the program section of the directory. The resulting listing identifies the 1,006 biggest and best scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, and internships available to individuals wishing to pursue study or training abroad.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

The directory is divided into two sections: 1) a descriptive list of financial aid programs established to support study and training abroad and 2) a set of four indexes.

Financial Aid Programs Designed to Support Study and Training Abroad. The first section of the directory describes more than 1,000 financial aid programs available to support structured and unstructured educational programs abroad, including formal academic classes, training courses, degree-granting programs, independent study, seminars, workshops, student internships, and traineeships. The programs are sponsored by more than 500 government agencies, professional organiza-

tions, foundations, educational associations, corporations, research centers, libraries, and other public and private agencies. They are open to applicants at any level (high school through professional and postdoctoral) and cover all areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

To help you tailor your search, the entries in this section are grouped into the following four chapters:

- **High school/undergraduate students:** Included here are more than 300 funding programs for 1) students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in degree-granting public or private high schools, vocational schools, technical institutes, junior/community colleges, four-year colleges, or universities in the United States or 2) U.S. citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled or planning to enroll in similar schools abroad.
- **Graduate students:** Included here are more than 400 funding programs for 1) students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a master's degree or doctoral program in public or private graduate schools in the United States or 2) U.S. citizens or permanent residents enrolled or planning to enroll in similar programs abroad.
- **Postdoctorates:** Included here are more than 120 funding programs for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who 1) have earned a doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., D.O.) or its equivalent or 2) have recognized stature as established scientists, scholars, academicians, or researchers.
- **Professionals/other individuals:** Included here are 175 funding programs for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are in professional positions (e.g., architects, librarians, nurses, teachers, writers, and others), whether or not they have an advanced degree.

Within each of the chapters, entries appear alphabetically by program title. Since some of the programs supply assistance to more than one specific group, these are listed in all relevant chapters. For example, the Chuo Region Scholarship supports either undergraduate or graduate study in Japan, so the program is described in both the Undergraduate Students *and* Graduate Students chapters.

Each program entry has been designed to give you a concise but clear picture of the available funding. Information (when available) is provided on program title, organization address and telephone numbers (including toll-free and fax numbers), e-mail addresses, web site locations, purpose, eligibility, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline. The sample entry on page 7 illustrates and explains the program entry structure.

The information reported for each of the programs in this section was supplied in response to requests for information sent through the second quarter of 2008. While the listing is intended to cover as comprehensively as possible the biggest and best programs supporting study abroad, some sponsoring organizations did not respond to the research inquiry and, consequently, are not included in this edition of the directory.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have included four indexes; these will let you search the directory by sponsoring organization, geographic location, subject focus, and deadline date. Note: the numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

- **Sponsoring Organization Index:** This index makes it easy to identify the more than 500 organizations that are offering funding for study, training, or other activities abroad. Each entry number in the index has been coded to indicate the appropriate recipient group (e.g., graduate students; postdoctorates; professionals/other individuals). By using this coding system, you will be able to turn directly to the programs that match your eligibility characteristics.
- **Geographic Index:** Use this index to find out what programs are available to fund study or training in a particular geographic area (country, region, and/or

continent). To help you pinpoint your search, we have subdivided the more than 100 geographic terms in the index by recipient group.

- **Subject Index:** Turn to this index when you want to look for funding to support study abroad in a particular subject area. More than 250 different subject terms are listed here. Extensive “see” and “see also” references will also help you identify appropriate funding programs.
- **Calendar Index:** Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use this index to identify programs that are still open. The Calendar is arranged by recipient group (graduate students, postdoctorates, etc.) and divided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary over time; consequently, this index should be used only as a guide for deadlines beyond 2010.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the listings in *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*:

To Locate Programs Open to Specific Segments of the Population. To bring programs with similar eligibility requirements together, the directory is divided into four chapters: High School/Undergraduate Students; Graduate Students; Postdoctorates; Professionals/Other Individuals. Be sure to check not only the chapter that covers your primary status, but others that might apply as well. For example, graduate students interested in obtaining support for study abroad should first look through the Graduate Students chapter and then examine the Professionals/Other Individuals chapter (for unrestricted programs and for programs open to college graduates).

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name of a particular financial aid program *and* the group eligible for the award (e.g., graduate students, postdoctorates), then go directly to the appropriate chapter in the first section of the directory, where you will find the program profiles arranged alphabetically by title.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Turn to the applicant category that relates to you (e.g., graduate students, postdoctorates), and read the “Summary” field in each entry. In seconds, you’ll know if this is an opportunity that might apply to you. If it is, read the rest of the information in the entry to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before requesting an application form. Remember: don’t apply if you don’t qualify!

To Locate Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to determine groups that provide financial assistance for activities abroad or to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular organization. Each entry number in the index is coded to identify eligible recipient groups, to help you target appropriate entries.

To Locate Programs Supporting Activities in a Particular Geographic Location. The Geographic Index helps you identify financial aid programs tenable in over 100 locales abroad. “See” and “see also” references are used liberally, and index entries for a particular geographic area are subdivided by target group: high school/undergraduate students; graduate students; postdoctorates; and professionals/other individuals. In addition to checking the specific geographic locations of interest to you, be sure to also check the listings under “Foreign countries,” since funding listed there can be used in any area outside the United States.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs in a Particular Subject Area. Turn to the Subject Index first if you are interested in identifying financial aid programs that support study and training abroad in a particular subject area. To make your search easier, the availability group (e.g., high school/undergraduate students) is clearly indicated in the more than 250 subject listings. Extensive cross-references are also provided. Since a large number of programs are not restricted by subject, be sure to check the refer-

ences listed under the “General programs” heading in the subject index, in addition to the specific terms that directly relate to your interest areas. Each index entry clearly indicates the groups that can apply for the funding.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out the financial aid programs whose filing dates you won’t be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate recipient group and month. Remember, not all sponsoring organizations supplied deadline information, so not all programs are listed in this section. To identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing dates, read through all the entries in each of the chapters (graduate students, postdoctorates, etc.) that apply.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs That Support Activities in the United States. Only programs designed with international study and training in mind are listed in this publication. However, there are thousands of other programs that are available to support such activities in the United States (but do not support activities abroad). To identify those domestic programs, use the publications described on the inside front cover of this directory, talk to your local librarian, check with your financial aid office on campus, or use a scholarship search service on the web.

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2008-2010, is the seventh edition of *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*. The next edition will cover 2010-2012 and will be released in mid-2010.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

In addition to *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*, Reference Service Press publishes several other titles dealing with fundseeking, including the companion volume *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad* and the award-winning *Directory of Financial Aids for Women and Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families*. Since each of these titles focuses on a separate population group, there is little duplication in the listings. In fact, fewer than ten percent of the programs described in *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad* can be found in the other Reference Service Press directories. For more information on all of the financial aid titles published by Reference Service Press, you can 1) write to Reference Service Press’ Marketing Department at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 2) call us at (916) 939-9620; 3) fax us at (916) 939-9626; 4) send us an e-mail message at info@rspfunding.com; or 5) visit our web site: www.rspfunding.com.

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Financial Aid Programs for Study and Training Abroad

- High School/Undergraduate Students* ●
- Graduate Students* ●
- Postdoctorates* ●
- Professionals/Other Individuals* ●

High School/Undergraduate Students

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