



Fund for Education Abroad

2011-2012 Fund for Education Abroad Scholars

FEA is proud to announce the first round of scholarship winners! Please congratulate these students on their accomplishment and wish them luck in their study abroad endeavors.

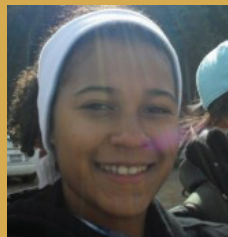
FEA Scholars Will Study in

- China
- India
- Japan
- Kenya
- Morocco
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Tanzania

Breanna Bang
Lindsay Lebel
Alex Lyakhov
Miranda Parvis
Quynh Quach
Alejandro Romero
Tiffany Simmons
Eda Xian

University of Denver
 Tufts University
 State University of New York at Oneota
 Florida International University
 Pacific University
 Miami Dade College-Kendall Campus
 Georgia Southern University
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“I am bi-racial, half Caucasian and half African American. I am also a first generation college student from a low-income family. I’ve studied both Chinese and Japanese for three years and am extremely excited about the opportunities that I have to study in these countries.”



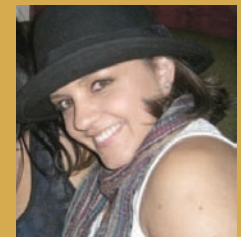
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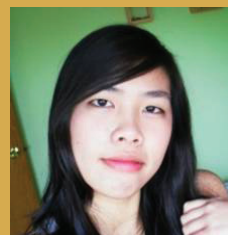
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Who Is FEA?

The Fund for Education Abroad is committed to increasing the opportunities for dedicated American students to participate in high-quality, rigorous education abroad programs by reducing financial restrictions through the provision of grants and scholarships. Please see www.fundforeducationabroad.org for scholarship application requirements and preferences. Online applications will open in August 15, 2011 for 2012-2013 FEA scholarships.

FEA Scholars’ Majors and Minors

- Arabic
- Asian Studies
- Biochemistry
- Chinese
- Community Health
- Environmental Biology
- Fine Arts
- French
- Hospitality & Tourism
- International Business
- International Relations
- International Studies
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Meteorology
- Molecular & Cellular Biology



“This past summer, I visited Shanghai, China for the World Exposition, and I developed an immense appreciation for the country. I am eager to see more, and I long to return to learn the language and study Chinese medicine. My professional goal is to develop a deeper understanding of Chinese medicine and incorporate it into my future practice as a bilingual doctor. Thanks to FEA, I am able to live out my dreams and embark on a life-changing journey overseas.”

Future Plans

Doctor with Bilingual Skills

Community Health Worker with refugees in Maine

Conservation Biologist

Teacher specializing in English as a second language

Linguist

Physician’s Assistant

United States Agency for International Development Officer

Entrepreneur and travel business owner

Researcher at US Department of State – Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration

FEA Scholars’ Demographics

- 27 percent are the first generation of their families to attend college.
- 13 percent are LGBTQ.
- 75 percent are African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano or Native American.
- 50 percent speak a language other than English at home.
- 75 percent have studied abroad previously in China, France, Japan, Taiwan or Turkey.



“I’ve had a fascination with nature since I was very young. Living in Brooklyn, I wasn’t exposed to much in the way of true ‘nature,’ so I jumped at the opportunity to go somewhere you can actually see wild animals and breathe fresh air. I’ll be traveling to Kenya and Tanzania with the School for Field Studies next year, where I will take 18 credits worth of environmental classes and enjoy the opportunity to learn Swahili, go on a week-long expedition to Serengeti National Park, and much more.”

Study Abroad Inspiration

FEA Scholars have been inspired to travel by Antoine de St. Exupery’s *The Little Prince*; Sisko from *Star Trek-Deep Space Nine*; Deborah Fallows, author of *Dreaming in Chinese*; their own journey to America; friends who have studied abroad; a businessman on a flight from Shanghai to Guangzhou; and Captain Nathan Algren, a character played by Tom Cruise in *The Last Samurai*.

It is important that recipients of FEA scholarships “give back” both to their host communities and to the campus that facilitated their time abroad. Here are some ways the 2011-2012 Scholars plan to give back:

- Update home university website with study abroad program details
- Craft articles for student newspaper and blogs while abroad
- Engage with locals abroad about issues important to them
- Volunteer in recovered leprosy villages in Yunnan Province, China
- Teach Chinese language at a Teach for America site
- Mentor about other cultures in Denver Public Schools
- Launch a food drive for homeless in Tokyo
- Present study abroad experiences in home campus classrooms and at student clubs
- Help community college students study abroad
- Create hardcover book to share with host and home communities