



Fund for  
Education Abroad

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# An Introduction to FEA

## September 2011

# Mission and Goals

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## Mission Statement

- ❑ FEA 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.

## Goals and Objectives

- ❑ To assist committed students in the acquisition of critical foreign language skills.
- ❑ To cultivate American students' world awareness and appreciation of cultural differences through academic and experiential opportunities.
- ❑ To support institutions and organizations active in socially responsible education abroad programs.
- ❑ To recognize outstanding education abroad leaders.

# History

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- 2009- organization formed
- 2010
  - Received IRS 501(c)3 status
  - Created Board of Directors
  - Website, Online Application
  - Awarded 8 scholarships (\$50,000)

# Board of Directors

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- ❑ Lucienne Cannata, Associate Director of Study Abroad, the George Washington University
- ❑ Kenya Casey, Assistant Director, Center for International Programs, Emory University
- ❑ Candace Chenoweth, Director of Education Abroad, Washington State University
- ❑ Jane Edwards, Associate Dean for International Affairs, Yale University
- ❑ Martin Hogan, Executive Vice President, CIEE
- ❑ Martha Johnson, Director, Learning Abroad Center, University of Minnesota
- ❑ Mark Lenhart, Executive Director, CET Academic Programs
- ❑ Anthony Ogden, Director of Education Abroad, University of Kentucky
- ❑ David Parry, Chairman, Academic Travel Abroad
- ❑ Judy Perl, Owner, Judy Perl Cruises
- ❑ James F. Perna, Attorney at Law
- ❑ Kate Simpson, President, Academic Travel Abroad
- ❑ Linda Steckley, Senior Major Gifts Officer, Chautauqua Foundation
- ❑ Jennifer Tidwell, Marketing Director, CET Academic Programs

# FEA Scholarships- General

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- Application opened **August 15<sup>th</sup>** and will close **November 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Up to 10 scholarships will be awarded
  - Including dedicated scholarships
- Award Amounts
  - Up to **\$5,000** for a semester
  - Up to **\$10,000** for a year
- For 2012-2013 Academic Year
  - Fall 2012
  - Spring 2013
  - Summer 2013

# Scholarships- Requirements and Priorities

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## Requirements:

- ❑ Must be a **U.S. citizen** or permanent resident of the U.S.
- ❑ Must be currently enrolled as an **undergraduate** at a college or university in the U.S.
- ❑ Must be applying for a study abroad program **eligible for credit** at the student's educational institution
- ❑ Must plan to study abroad for a **minimum of 4 weeks** in country
- ❑ Is committed to supporting education abroad in his/her campus community through work with the FEA and his/her campus education abroad staff upon return (**"Giving-back Activities"**)

# Scholarships- Requirements and Priorities (con't)

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## Preferences:

- Applying to a study abroad program known for its **academic rigor and immersion** elements
- Applying to a study abroad program that includes studying the **language** of the host country (if not English)
- Applying to a study abroad program with a sustainable service-learning or **volunteering component**
- Applying to a study abroad program in a **non-traditional destination**
- Demonstrates **financial need**
- FEA strongly encourages students to apply who represent a group that is traditionally **underrepresented in education abroad**

# Dedicated Scholarships

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## □ Hiliary Echo Douglas Scholarship

- Memorial scholarship that will be awarded to a student who demonstrates Hiliary's love for Vietnam and other cultures, her desire to give back to the world community, and her contagious love for life.

## □ Rainbow Scholarship

- Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving GLBT student who aims to participate in a high-quality, rigorous education abroad program
- This scholarship is made possible by the generous support of a group of international education professionals who are committed to advocating on behalf of GLBT students.

# Scholarships- Timeline

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## **2011**

- Early Aug- Info sent to schools
- August 15- Application Live
- November 14- Application Closes
- Early Feb- Scholars Notified

## **2012-2013**

- Scholars Study Abroad

# Application Guidelines

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- Online application

<http://www.fundforeducationabroad.com/applicants/scholarships/>

- Requires:

- Demographic information
- 3 essays
- 1 recommendation
- Unofficial Transcript
- Financial Aid Statement

# Application Essay Questions

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## □ Essay #1

Please tell us about your program and destination selection. How do these choices fit with your academic, career and/or future plans? In what ways do your choices promote linguistic and cultural immersion?

## □ Essay #2

At FEA we feel it is important that recipients of our scholarships “give-back” both to their host communities and to the campuses that facilitated their time abroad. Tell us the specific ways that you intend to “give back” to your hosts and your home campus.

## □ Essay #3

The Fund for Education Abroad is committed to diversifying education abroad by providing funding to students who are typically under-represented in study abroad. Please describe how you and/or your plans for study abroad could be viewed as under-represented.

# Financial Aid Form


Adobe Acrobat Standard - [Financial Aid Form 2012-2013.pdf]

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 **Fund for Education Abroad**

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Dear Student,

Please ask a representative of your financial aid office to complete the following questionnaire. Once complete, please scan and upload this document by opening your Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) application and clicking 'Financial Aid Statement.'

**Student**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I grant permission to share financial aid, loan, or grant information with FEA for the purpose of scholarship consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature Date

**Financial Aid Officer**

Please list the following information:

The total cost of tuition for one semester at this institution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The total amount of grants and scholarships this student receives:  
(please indicate annually or per semester) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The total amount of loans this student receives:  
(please indicate annually or per semester) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What portion if any of the student's aid transfers to study abroad: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is this student eligible for work/study? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Review Process

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- Applications must be submitted by November 14, 2011
- First Round- beginning of January
  - Pairs of reviewers will score a group of 25 applications
  - Recommendations for finalists
- Second Round- mid-late January
  - All reviewers will score the finalists
  - Top scores awarded scholarships
- Applicants notified in February

# Scoring Matrix

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- **Academic Plan and Preparedness**
  - Academic Plan
  - Academic Performance
  - Recommendation
  - Study of a Host Country Language
  - Study of a “Critical Need Language”
- **Giving Back**
  - Giving Back to Host Community
  - Facilitating EA Growth on Home Campus
- **Diversity**
  - Diversity of Participant
  - Institutional Diversity
  - Field of Study
  - Country and Regional Destination
- **Financial Need**

# How You Can Help

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## □ Outreach

- Study Abroad Office
- Diversity Offices/Multicultural Affairs
- Other Student Groups

## □ Collaboration

- Scholarships
- Diversity Initiatives

# Contact

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