

More About FEA

The Fund for Education Abroad is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to increase opportunities for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad by providing individual student scholarships. Created in 2009, FEA is overseen by a board of directors from diverse organizations, including study abroad program providers, university education abroad offices and private companies.

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“...Study abroad if you can. Find a way to travel the world....Never stop finding new ways to learn and to grow.”

– First Lady Michelle Obama, Spring 2010, addressing students in Washington, DC





Education Abroad in the 21st Century: The Time is Now!

The field of education abroad is at an exciting crossroads. Just over 260,000 students, or a mere 1% of all U.S. undergraduates, study abroad for credit each year. Although still a tiny percentage, that number has tripled over the past two decades. And while the most popular study abroad destination remains the United Kingdom, non-traditional destinations are growing in popularity faster than their traditional counterparts—13 of the top 25 destinations are outside of Europe, and 19 are destinations where English is not a primary language.

Study abroad is gaining momentum because at this unprecedented time in our history, students understand what it can help them achieve—critical language skills; preparation for work in an increasingly global marketplace; flexibility and adaptability; an understanding of how to work within diverse teams; insight about what service means and where it is most needed; or simply, expanded horizons.

FEA History: Born of Experience

The Fund for Education Abroad was launched in 2009 under the initiative of senior management at CET Academic Programs, a study abroad program provider; and Academic Travel Abroad (ATA), an educational travel organization and CET's parent company. An all-star board of directors was assembled, each member bringing to the table a unique perspective of education abroad. The Board of Directors went to work designing a scholarship fund that would provide what others do not—funds for education abroad awarded early in the application season and unlimited by destination, field of study or specific student background.

CET and ATA both sponsor FEA and have representatives on the Board of Directors. However, FEA is unaffiliated with either company. It is an independent scholarship organization committed to supporting student participation in any academically sound education abroad program.

FEA: Student-Centered

FEA scholarships are unique. For one, they target underrepresented groups, including minority students and students from less common academic disciplines. For another, they are not limited to any particular program or field of study. Instead, FEA selects dedicated students who have their sights set on academically sound programs, particularly in non-traditional destinations. Students with plans to give back to the local community in which they study are also given top consideration.

Finally, the FEA admissions deadline is early, much earlier than that of most study abroad programs and offices. Students apply by November for funds to study abroad during the following academic year or summer. This is to

allow FEA scholarship recipients to apply to education abroad programs with confidence, selecting a program for its quality, while resting assured that the financial component is taken care of.

FEA Future: We Need You

Here's what you can do to help FEA reach its goal of providing scholarships of at least \$5,000 per recipient:

- **Donate!** Tax-deductible donations of any size can be made online at: www.fundforeducationabroad.org.
- **Become a sponsor.** We welcome support for our events and initiatives and, in exchange, provide our sponsors with a list of tangible benefits.
- **Spread the word.** Tell students, friends and colleagues about FEA. Please link us to your website, and join our cause on Facebook: facebook.com/fundforeducationabroad.
- **Volunteer.** We are always looking for help with events, fundraising and administrative tasks.

