

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESOURCES FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD

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Why Study Abroad?

Your ability to succeed in almost any career today depends on your ability to understand the world around you. Prepare yourself for the 21st century workforce - and think global - by studying abroad. You can experience new perspectives, learn how to adapt to different circumstances, work with a diverse team of peers, and communicate with speakers of other languages. Whether you are a future entrepreneur, innovator, artist, journalist or diplomat, these are the tools that will prepare you to grow your career or business and solve global challenges.

How to Study Abroad?

One of the U.S. Department of State's goals is to help provide young Americans with the international skills and knowledge to succeed. The State Department provides opportunities for more than 7,000 U.S. students to go abroad each year through our exchange programs and strives to ensure that our U.S. participants represent the diversity of the American people.

For U.S. High School Students:

- The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad), Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program and American Youth Leadership Programs offer opportunities for U.S. high school students - and recent graduates and educators in some cases - to study overseas for as long as an academic year to as little as three weeks.
- The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) allows U.S. high school students and recent graduates to learn less-commonly studied foreign languages in summer or academic year overseas immersion programs.

For U.S. Undergraduate and Graduate Students:

- The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program supports U.S. undergraduate students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad.
- The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program offers U.S. undergraduate and graduate students fully-funded intensive summer language institutes overseas in 14 critical foreign languages.
- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program sends recent college graduates and early career professionals to live, study and conduct research in countries across the globe and the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program places recent graduates in classrooms around the world to help teach English and to serve as cultural ambassadors.

Learn More

The Department of State's U.S. Study Abroad office is dedicated to encouraging more Americans, from more diverse backgrounds, to explore study abroad and prepare for their future.

Learn how to apply for these study abroad opportunities - and more - at studyabroad.state.gov.

