

# Make Study Abroad a Reality



Opportunities for U.S. Undergraduates and Graduates



## We're the U.S. Department of State

Our mission is to protect and promote U.S. security, prosperity, and democratic values and shape an international environment in which all Americans can thrive. We are devoted to supporting programs that increase the number and diversity of U.S. students who benefit from an education abroad experience. The USA Study Abroad team wants the next generation of American leaders to gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a globalized world.

## Why You Should Study Abroad

When you study abroad, you discover new approaches to life, know yourself better, and feel the thrill of mastering new challenges in a foreign land. Going overseas shows future employers you're a person who takes initiative and won't shy away from complex problems. The interpersonal skills you develop in a foreign culture will translate into success in the workplace. Study abroad develops employment skills and life skills and prepares you to address challenges both local and global. Study abroad develops *you*.

## How to Make It Happen

The U.S. Department of State is committed to ensuring that our future leaders gain the critical skills they need for today's and tomorrow's world. We provide scholarships for more than 7,000 U.S. students to go abroad each year through our exchange programs! These are just a few:

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program:** This program provides study and intern abroad opportunities for Pell Grant recipients. Under the Gilman Program, the John McCain International Scholarship for Children of Military Families supports U.S. undergraduate students who are children of active-duty military personnel and Title IV recipients.

**Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program:** This program places U.S. undergraduate and graduate students in fully-funded intensive summer language institutes overseas in 14 critical foreign languages. The CLS Spark initiative offers virtual language learning in Arabic, Chinese, and Russian.

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program:** This program sends recent college graduates, graduate students, and early career professionals to study and conduct research or teach English in countries across the globe.



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