

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

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## Why Should I Study Abroad?

Your ability to succeed in almost any career today depends on your ability to understand the world around you. You can prepare yourself for the 21st century workforce – and learn to think globally - by studying abroad. You will experience new perspectives and learn how to navigate different cultures, work with a diverse team of peers, and communicate with speakers of other languages. Whether you are an aspiring entrepreneur, innovator, artist, journalist, or diplomat, these are abilities that will prepare you for a successful career and empower you to contribute to solving global challenges.

## How Can I Study Abroad?

The U.S. Department of State is committed to ensuring that our future leaders gain the critical skills they need to advance U.S. national security and economic prosperity. We provide scholarships for more than 7,000 U.S. students to go abroad each year through our exchange programs and strive to ensure that our 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) and Youth Ambassador Programs offer opportunities for U.S. high school students –and recent graduates in some cases – to study overseas and live with host families. Programs range 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. In most cases, participants live with host families.

### 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 places U.S. undergraduate and graduate students in fully-funded intensive summer language institutes overseas in 14 critical foreign languages.
- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program sends recent college graduates, graduate students, and early career professionals to study and conduct research in countries across the globe. One program component, 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 USA Study Abroad branch in the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is dedicated to helping more Americans from more diverse backgrounds study abroad and prepare for their future. Learn how to apply for one of the programs listed here or find more resources by visiting [studyabroad.state.gov](http://studyabroad.state.gov) or emailing [studyabroad@state.gov](mailto:studyabroad@state.gov).

