



Scholarships & Financial Aid:

"How can I afford to study abroad? What are the options?"

These are the questions we hear students ask, and so we have done our best to try and make as many possibilities as possible.

Below in this document, we will outline some of the initiatives we have taken to try and make studying abroad more affordable.

But first... why not *also* look at what other options are out there? To help you with this research, we have created a [handy guide to external scholarships](#).



1.) Our most popular scholarships:

Internship (for scholarships)

- Gain professional experience working with Summit Global Education in exchange for tuition reduction scholarships to study abroad on Summit programs.
- Up to \$2000 in value
- Learn more about our [internships](#)

Referral Rewards

- Are you excited about going abroad? Why not tell others!
- Create a post on Facebook, or in your social communities.
- If someone you refer attends a Summit Study Abroad program, you will earn a \$200 reward to be used during your program abroad.
- Your friend can waive the \$40 applicaiton fee
- Learn more about our [Referral Program](#)



2.) Campus Ambassador scholarships

- Are you willing to help Summit Global Education to build meaningful relations with your university? Then, this might be the right scholarship for you!
- If your university is not currently familiarized with Summit Global Education, we ask for your help in building that bridge by starting a dialogue with the office of Study Abroad as well as with the various relevant departments and schools (School of Business, International Studies, Political Science, School of Communication, etc.)
- **\$100 discount:** Be the first student from your university to get their course approved for credit transfer. To qualify for this scholarship, you must document your activities in an email summary, and get approval in writing from Summit prior to studying abroad.
- **\$500 discount:** Be the student who introduces Summit Global Education to your study abroad office, and if they put our programs on their website as an affiliated (or recommended) program option, you will receive an additional \$500 discount off of any Summit program. In addition, all students from your university will receive this benefit in the future. See note below. To qualify for this scholarship, you must document your activities in an email summary, and get approval in writing from Summit prior to studying abroad.



3.) Needs-based scholarships

Use your EXISTING FINANCIAL AID to study abroad:

- You should be able to use your existing financial aid to study abroad! Do do so, there might be some forms that your university will ask Summit to sign and return.
- See our [online guide for help using your existing financial aid to study abroad](#)

PELL Grant Matching Scholarships

- These are need-based matching grants (up to \$300 per applicant) that are designed to offset the increased cost of studying on a Summit Global Education program relative to one's home campus. To be eligible students must demonstrate that they are PELL grant recipients and that the Summit program is more expensive than studying on their home campus. These scholarships are awarded on a case-by-case basis and priority will be given to students who apply early.



3.) Needs-based scholarships (continued)

- The [Federal Pell Grant Program](#) is designed to provide need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students in order to promote improved access to post-secondary education. Summit Global Education's mission is to make its study abroad programs more affordable for a diverse group of students, to include low-income undergraduates which might not otherwise afford international opportunities. Our hope is that this Pell Grant Matching Scholarship will allow us to make our study abroad programs within greater reach financially to a wide range of students.



Loss of Aid Scholarships

- For students who lose merit-based financial aid in order to study abroad, Summit Global Education may replace some of that lost aid (up to a maximum of \$300 per applicant). These scholarships are also awarded on a case-by-case basis and priority will be given to students who apply early. Contact Summit for more details

More external scholarships:

- Students looking for additional financial aid options should see our [guide to external scholarships](#).

4.) Affiliated university scholarships

- Does your university list the Summit Study Abroad programs on their website?
- Go to your university's study abroad website and take a look. Do you see an area for external providers? (Depending on your school, this might be called "3rd party providers", or "affiliate programs")
- If Summit is listed on your university's website as an affiliated (or recommended) program option, then **all students from your university will receive a \$500 scholarship** when they participate in a Summit Study Abroad program
- Contact Summit for more details



5.) Win "Free Round-Trip Airfare"

- Win our International Education Challenge (#theIEchallenge), and we will take you wherever you want to go this Summer!
- **This contest is open to any student, studying on any study abroad program, with any provider, not just with Summit! If you win, we will reimburse you for up to \$2000 of your flight costs to study abroad!**
- Participating in the contest is easy. You just need to be willing to try new foods, to see a new movie, to travel a bit more, and to be a bit more open to new international experiences. No matter what your level of international experience, you can participate. Are you ready to help show the world how "going global begins at home"? Are you ready to **take the CHALLENGE in international education?** If so, let's get started...
- Learn more here: [The International Education Challenge](#)



6.) More options:

Early Application Discount:

- To qualify, pay \$500 confirmation deposit by the [deadline](#)

Delay payment for 6 months

- Through PayPal, students can elect to delay their payments for up to 6 months (with no interest). By selecting this option, Summit will be paid now, but students do not need to pay PayPal for up to 6 months.

Honor roll, merit-based Scholarships:

- \$200 value. Merit-based Scholarship to Study Abroad with Summit Global Education. GPA minimum of 3.8.

More external scholarships:

- Students looking for additional financial aid options should see our guide with help finding external scholarships



fund meaningful travel experiences

If you are ready and excited to start planning your trip, but discouraged by a financial road block, Summit Study Abroad has another solution for you. We have teamed up with FundMyTravel, who provides us with an online platform where you can fund-raise for your meaningful travel experience. You create a campaign page, complete a brief profile to build trust, add a video and tell your story!

FundMyTravel has a team of dedicated staff who want to help Summit Study Abroad participants reach their fundraising goals. They can provide tips and insights on the best ways to spread your word and offer sharing tools to get your campaign greater exposure through social media and email. Click the button below to learn more and get started!

<https://www.fundmytravel.com/partner/Summit-Study-Abroad>



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Ask your community:

- Check with foundations and civic groups.
- Check with local, community, religious, and ethnicity-based organizations, or organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association.
- Check with your employer and/or your parents' employers.
- Check with your union and/or your parents' unions.
- Visit your local library's reference section (look under "student aid" or "financial aid").
- Lastly, see the long list below of scholarships that we found for studying abroad. Our suggestion is to pick a few and start applying! Students are very often surprised at how easy it actually is to raise money to study abroad!

Start fundraising now

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Resources ▾

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Planning your next volunteer, study or adventure program abroad? Create your own Travel Campaign and start raising funds now!

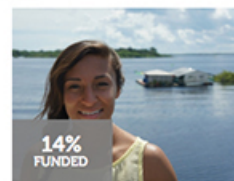
Create a campaign or [Find a campaign](#)

See all Study/Degree Abroad campaigns



A Leadership Journey...
campaign by Elena Busche

I believe in living a fulfilled, happy and meaningful life. I am passionate about bringing this belief into as many li...



Learning and Explorin...
campaign by melissa camero

Exploring and learning are the key to success. I want to immerse myself in a different culture with different norms to g...

Fund-Raising tips:

We recommend students to use "[Fund My Travel](#)", a fund raising tool similar to Kickstarter, but for students to use raising money for studying abroad. [SEE AN EXAMPLE](#) of a successful campaign

In the past, we have been amazed at how successful some students can be when they put together an effective fund raising campaign locally. Obviously, the software will only take you so far. The real results come from creating a compelling story as to "WHY?" should friends and family help fund your quest to study abroad? If you can effectively answer this by showing how international experience is fundamental to your personal growth, to your career, or to your long-term objectives, you might be surprised at how willing people are to help fund your study abroad dreams!

After you have practiced on your friends and family, we suggest putting together a community effort approaching local business leaders, community groups, etc. Then, use the software from "[Fund My Travel](#)" as a simple tool to help facilitate your other efforts. See [here](#) for more tips from StudyAbroad.com

Start fundraising now

www.fundmytravel.com/partner/Summit-Study-Abroad

Where to start your search:

- Scholarships come from a variety of sources: schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, religious groups, or professional organizations. These sources offer scholarships for a variety of reasons. Some are offered to students that have financial need. Some scholarships have academic requirements like a certain GPA or enrollment in a particular major. There are athletic, music, and art scholarships. There are scholarships for minorities and first-generation students; and some for students with certain community affiliations or religious affiliations.

Scholarship search:

- See [StudyAbroad.com guide to scholarships](#). It's Excellent!!
- Visit www.studentaid.ed.gov and use our free Scholarship Search to look for scholarships you might qualify for. You can also click on MyFSA to customize your search.
- [Collegeboard.com](#): Features an online questionnaire that matches information with specific scholarship opportunities.
- [FastWeb](#): Provides details on more than 600,000 scholarships.
- [Scholarships.com](#): Contains a scholarship search and insights on a variety of related topics.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

On this page we will outline some of the most frequent questions that students have asked:

Application Questions:

Early application Discount:

- How do I qualify for the "early application discount" for the [upcoming Summer program in Europe](#)?
- **ANSWER: Confirm your attendance by December 18th, 2015**
- First step: [apply](#) to an upcoming program.
- Second step: [pay](#) the \$40 application fee.
- Third step: Fill out necessary essays, and get approved by Summit.
- Fourth (and final) step: Confirm your attendance by paying the \$500 confirmation deposit payment ([here](#)).
Note: If your \$500 confirmation deposit is received before the cutoff date (for the early application discount), you will qualify for the lower prices.
- Please see the page "[Application Process](#)" for more details

What are the Admission Requirements?:

- All majors welcome!
- 18 years old at the start of our program
- Completed at least one semester of university
- Enrolled in university (or recently graduated). Both Undergraduate and Graduate students are welcome to apply.
- 2.2 Grade Point Average (GPA) 77/100 for international students.
- Students with a lower GPA should submit an additional letter of reference, preferably from a professor, along with a brief letter explaining the circumstances of the lower GPA.
- Learn more ([here](#))

Will the credits transfer?

- Yes, they should. Our partner universities in Europe and in Brazil are some of the best. Please see the [our guide to credit transfer](#) and let us know if you have any questions.

How many students are expected to participate?

- Each [session](#) has a maximum of international 28 students. Last summer we had 22 students from a mix of universities across the USA and from around the world.

Has any student from **my university** attended before?

- See the [list of students who have attended](#) previous Summit Study Abroad programs. We are proud to say that our alumni have come from some of the finest universities from around the world!

How selective is the admissions process?

- Since we are a small group (and we all travel together), it is extremely important that we get the "right" students in our program. Is this based on GPA? No! Absolutely not! The student with a perfect 4.0 GPA might be the absolutely wrong candidate for our program (as might the student with a 3.2)! They might not be the right fit for our group, and the unique traveling nature of our programs. So how do we decide? The old-fashioned way: by personally interviewing each candidate and personally evaluating their "fit" (based on interests, openness to new cultures, a willingness to learn and try new things, etc). By the time a student comes abroad with us, they will likely have personally talked with our director, a professor, some of our students, an alumni, an intern, etc.

Application Fee: If I change my mind to do a different program, do I pay the \$40 application fee again?

- No, you do not.
- The \$40 application fee is a one-time fee.
- If you decide to change to a shorter or longer program, the original \$40 application fee covers it.

Course Questions:

How many courses can I take?

- Depending on which [session](#) you choose, you can take up to 2 courses (for 6 credits)
- Please visit our [courses](#) page to review the options, and let us know if you have any questions.

Can I get help with credit-transfer to my university?

- Yes! We are here to help!
- First step: visit our [credit-transfer](#) page on our website and follow the step-by-step instructions.
- Then, put us in contact with your adviser (or professor), we would be happy to talk with them to see if our courses are the right fit for you!

Do I need to learn any languages before going abroad?

- No. The only requirement is that you need to be fluent in English (since all of our courses are conducted in English).
- But, we highly recommend that each student should work on at least one language before coming abroad. For example, if you are going to spend 2+ weeks in Barcelona, it might be nice to know a few words in Spanish! If you are coming to Paris, we highly recommend learning a little French! For this, we highly recommend all students to download this app to their cell phones (its free and easy!): <https://www.duolingo.com/>
- In addition, for each country we visit, Summit will help by recommending some simple gestures and etiquette vocabulary to get an understanding of the culture.

Program Questions:

How does the Summit Study Abroad program work?:

- We have a Summit base camp in Barcelona and another in Prague, where students spend about two and a half weeks in each location, taking courses [on campus](#) while living in apartments or student [housing](#). In between we [travel](#), giving students a chance to see more of Europe, and to take classes with some of the best professors at [great universities](#) in cities like Paris, London and Budapest.

Which Program/ Session should I take?

- First decide how long do you want to be abroad? And, which cities do you want to visit? Then, see our [Dates and Sessions](#)
- Then decide how many classes do you want to take abroad? If you want to take 2 courses, then take an option that allows you to do so. Ask us if you have any questions.
- If you are taking just one course, then decide between our "Global Summit Barcelona" and our "Global Summit Prague" programs. Different [courses](#) are available in different sessions, so choose carefully!

After the program is done, are we allowed to stay longer on our own time?

- Yes you are.
- Many students choose to explore Europe on their own (or with family and friends) before and after the program. While this is not officially part of the Summit program, we would be more-than-happy to help you choosing places to visit, and with tips about how to get there on your own.

On our free weekends, are we able to travel to a different city / country for a day or two?

- Yes, students are allowed (and encouraged) to take full-advantage of the free weekends.
- On the free weekends, we will recommend a ton of fun activities in the city we are visiting. This might include recommended local tours, hikes, museums and more. But you are also welcome to travel to other nearby cities (and beaches, mountains, etc), and we will help you with the planning if you like! The only requirement is that you tell us where you are going (so we can contact you if your parents are looking for you), and that you return in time for class and activities on Monday morning!

If we want to do extracurricular activities, are we allowed?

- Yes, absolutely! We will help you with this by recommending a ton of fun activities in each city we visit (options include hiking, biking, yoga, beach volleyball, gym memberships, specialized tours, excursions, and more!)
- We highly encourage students to try new things while traveling!

Will we have free time (outside of class and organized activities)?

- Yes! Our programs are designed so students have time to experience the cities outside of class time.
- This is especially true for students taking just one [course](#) (on any of our longer [sessions](#))

Do we have a curfew to return to the apartments during the weekdays?

- No, there is no curfew. Within our program, the students have to be at least 18 years old (most are 20+), and as adults they are free to come back at any time. We highly recommend not staying out too late, especially when classes are during the weekday.

Accommodations: Where do we stay?

- Please see the [accommodations](#) page for the upcoming program

More Questions?

Answers to MORE of the frequently asked questions can be found here:

- [FAQ's - Brazil program](#)
- [FAQ's - European program](#)

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