

# Education abroad Scholarships

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# Why apply for scholarships?

- Scholarships can make the difference between being able to afford going abroad, or not, especially for short-term programs
- Being awarded a scholarship is something to highlight on your résumé
- You may develop better writing skills
- Students who earn scholarships are more likely to be awarded scholarships or fellowships in the future
- It will prepare you to write fellowship applications

# Myths about education abroad scholarships...

- They're unattainable
- They'll pay for my airfare
- They'll cover the entire program fee
- I'll receive them in the form of a check
- I have to have a 4.0 GPA
- Scholarships will negatively affect my financial aid
- They're only available if I earn academic credit
- I can't receive more than one scholarship
- Nobody will help me with the application process

# Out of pocket expenses

- Airfare
- Books
- Public transportation
- Passports and visas
- Personal travel
- Personal expenses (e.g., toiletries, events, going out)
- Meals (some housing types, e.g. homestay, include 1-3 meals/day. Some programs offer a food stipend)
- => ***START SAVING your MONEY NOW***

# Eligibility

- Eligibility can vary by type of scholarship or grant. Here are some considerations:
- Citizenship
- GPA
- Field(s) of study
- Length of study – UR aid/scholarships apply to UR semester/academic year programs only
- Language proficiency
- Study abroad location
  - *International students:* plan to spend time researching, using the resources at our website, as there are fewer scholarships for international students



# Things to be aware of:

- Deadlines are not flexible
- *Do not wait* until the last minute to request official transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.
- Writing essays or personal statements requires time and effort
- Outside scholarships/awards may affect your financial aid package
- Understand the application requirements and complete by the deadline.
- Give yourself plenty of time to prepare the application
- Scholarships are not awarded for poorly-written applications
- Talk to your financial aid counselor about how a scholarship may affect you.

# Sources of Scholarships

- Program-specific
  - e.g., CIEE, IES Abroad
  - Usually available to students of any citizenship
- National or Federal
  - e.g., Boren, Gilman
  - Usually available to U.S. citizens only
- Clubs or private organizations
  - e.g., Golden Key Honor Society
- Offered by UR
  - e.g., Hajim International Experience Scholarship, Burton for summer foreign language study
  - Usually available to students of any citizenship
- Also consider crowdfunding –
  - e.g. [GoFundMe](#) or
  - [FundMyTravel.com](#)

--Note that funds are considered taxable income  
--International students: consult with ISO before undertaking crowdfunding

# What about loans, Pell Grant, ...?

- *Semester study*

UR programs: your UR aid and scholarships apply toward your charges (UR tuition, standard housing, CMC box fee)

--UR tuition and CMC box fee if going on an exchange programs

- *Summer/short-term study*

Regular UR aid/scholarships do not apply

- Must be registered for 6 credit hours to be eligible for Pell or federal loans

--The amount of Pell eligibility for the summer will be based on your EFC and it does not impact the amount of Pell they you receive in the fall.

## Outside Scholarships

The amount of the outside scholarships received will reduce the work-study and loan awards before reducing university need-based grants. The combination of outside awards and Rochester-packaged awards may not exceed a student's institutional need or cost of attendance.



# Types of Scholarships

- --Need-based

- Application asks for financial documentation, for example, copy of your FAFSA and confirmation by your Financial Aid Counselor

- --Merit-based

- Application may ask for personal statement, letter(s) of recommendation, transcript

It is possible to apply for more than one type of aid/scholarship and to be awarded more than one.

# THE WRITING, SPEAKING, AND ARGUMENT PROGRAM

Rush Rhees Library, Ground Floor (RR G-122)  
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[writing.rochester.edu](http://writing.rochester.edu)

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Writing is hard!  
We can help.

# TUTORING AT THE WRITING CENTER

**WHO WE ARE:** a diverse group of writers from across the academic disciplines who provide constructive feedback and teach writing skills and processes to enhance every author's voice and purpose.

**OUR MISSION:** to build a strong community of writers, readers, and researchers, guided by advice from an interdisciplinary faculty committee.

**OUR MOTTO:** All writers need readers!

**TYPES OF TUTORS:** Writing Consultants, Writing Fellows, & Speaking Fellows

**FROM PROCESS TO POLISHING:** All tutors can help at any stage of the process (from the prompt to polishing).

# A TYPICAL APPOINTMENT

Tutoring sessions are based on your goals & questions

Consultants can help with:

- **Planning, brainstorming, understanding the prompt**
- **Discovery** (e.g., Figuring out what to include/exclude)
- **Focus** (e.g., What is your purpose? Is this central message getting through clearly?)
- **Cohesion** (e.g., Are there gaps in your narrative? Missing information/connections? Do sentences and paragraphs connect across the text?)
- **Structure** (e.g., Does the text demonstrate reader-based organization? Does it address the prompt?)
- **Polishing** (e.g., Is the text free of errors? Does the style work for this purpose/audience?)

# SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS

**Appointments:** Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm in RR G-122

***Tip: See our website for walk-in hours if appointments are full! You can also be added to a waitlist.***

**Scheduling appointments (50 minutes):**

- Online: <http://writing.rochester.edu> and click the “schedule an appointment” link
- Call **273-3577** or stop by the Writing Program’s main office, **Rush Rhees G-122.**

# WRITING GROUPS

**What is a writing group?** Small groups of writers who meet & write together once a week for 2 hours. Each group is led by a Writing Fellow.

Each person:

- Shares their writing goal for that day
- Writes!
- Shares their progress/next steps

**What can I work on?** Any academic, professional, or creative writing.

**Why should I join one?** A writing group can provide:

- A regular schedule for writing
- Focused time for writing
- A sense of accountability & community

# WRITING GROUPS

## How do I join?

- Visit our site: [writing.rochester.edu](http://writing.rochester.edu)
- Click “Undergraduates,” then “Writing Groups”
- Log in using your NetID credentials
- Pick a group that fits your schedule
- Your group leader will be in touch with you to confirm your first meeting

***New groups form each semester.***

Questions? Problems? Suggestions? Email the Writing Groups Coordinator, Rachel Lee: [rachel.lee@rochester.edu](mailto:rachel.lee@rochester.edu)



## CEA tips: **Words and terms to avoid when writing essays for education abroad applications and scholarships**

- amazing
- being that
- exotic
- random
- hopefully (unless you use it correctly)
- immerse myself
- incredible/incredibly
- first hand / first-hand / firsthand

### ***Common errors***

#### **INCORRECT:**

- Clustering
- Combining together
- new country
- new culture
- new language
- Plan on/Planning on
- People/students that
- School

#### **CORRECT:**

completing a cluster of courses in ...  
combining  
another / different country  
another / different culture  
another / different language  
Plan to / planning to  
people/students who  
college or university

**DON'T JUST SPELL-CHECK; *PROOFREAD* YOUR ESSAYS !**

# Boren Scholarships

- [Boren Scholarships](#) are for U.S. citizens who wish to study abroad for a semester, academic year, or (STEM students only) summer, in non-traditional locations.
- Applicants must show dedication to study of critical languages
- Interest in areas of national security
- Longer-term study abroad is preferred
- Special opportunities for [ROTC students](#), e.g., [Project Go](#) alumni
- Special opportunities in [Africa](#), [India](#), and [Indonesia](#)
- Summer awards for [STEM students](#) only; program length of 8 weeks or longer
- Awards up to \$8000 for summer study, \$10000 for semester study
- **One** application deadline per year (UR internal deadline 1/24/20)

# Boren Scholarships Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Matriculated at time of application and until Scholarship is complete
- Study abroad program must include formal study of a critical language, e.g. Arabic, Swahili, Urdu
- Study outside of North America, Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand.
- Preferred fields of study
- Commitment to government service. Recipients commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.
- Applicant webinars: <https://borenawards.org/webinars>

# Gilman Scholarships

- Regular Gilman Scholarships
- Gilman-McCain Scholarships –
  - The Gilman-McCain Scholarship is a congressionally funded initiative of the [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#) at the [U.S. Department of State](#) and named after the late senator John S. McCain from Arizona.
  - The Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for *child dependents of active duty service members to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Must be receiving Title IV federal aid.*

“As a first-generation, low-income, minority student, I was convinced going abroad would be impossible. Not only did receiving the Gilman scholarship make my semester in Rome feasible, but it also allowed me to truly thrive during my time in Italy. I was able to travel to different countries and afford my weekly expenses without being burdened by constant financial insecurity.”

# Gilman Program's Impact

**71%** would not have been able to study abroad without the Gilman Scholarship

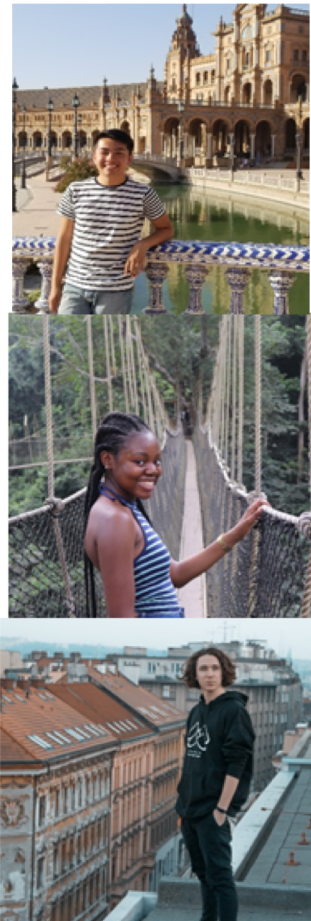
**87%** were the first in their family to study abroad

**15%** participated in career oriented experiences

**25,000+** U.S. undergraduates of high financial need

**1,200+** U.S. institutions represented

**140+** countries





## 2,900+ Scholarships Available

### *Scholarships up to \$5,000*

- Summer
- Spring
- Fall
- Academic Year

### *Critical Need Language Awards up to \$8,000, plus access to proficiency testing*

- Arabic
- Indonesian
- Punjabi
- Azerbaijani
- Japanese
- Russian
- Bangla
- Korean
- Swahili
- Chinese
- Persian
- Turkish
- Hindi
- Portuguese
- Urdu

*CNLA requires an additional short essay in the application to be considered for this award.*





# Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Federal Pell Grant
- Academic Credit
- Minimum three weeks (21 days)  
**OR** two weeks (14 days) if at community college
- Studying in a country with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2



# How to Apply



## Online Application

*(program + essays +  
transcript(s) + advisors)*

## Advisor Certifications

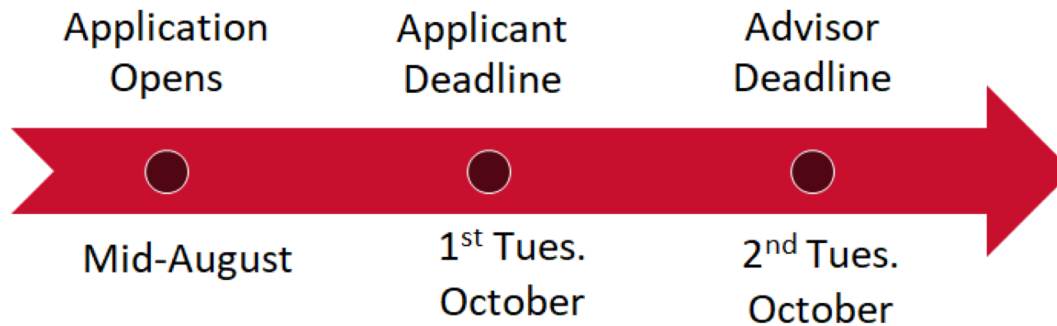
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# Timelines & Deadlines

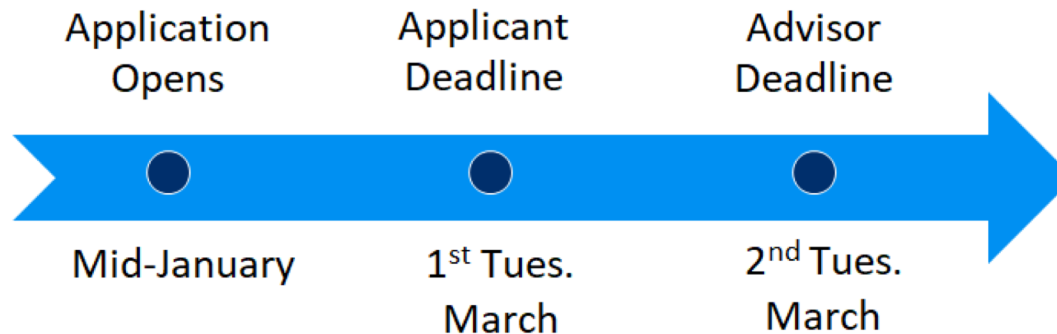
## Spring or Summer (Early Application)



**\*11:59pm  
Central Time**

*Check Gilman  
website for  
future dates and  
deadlines.*

## Summer or Fall or Academic Year



<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org>

# Where to find scholarship information

- UR Education Abroad scholarships page
  - <http://www.rochester.edu/college/abroad/students/scholarships.html>
- UR Financial Aid office
  - <https://enrollment.rochester.edu/financial-aid/>
- Fund for Education Abroad
  - <http://fundforeducationabroad.org/>
- Hajim School Research and Scholarship Opportunities
  - [http://www.hajim.rochester.edu/studyabroad/scholarships\\_research\\_opportunities.html](http://www.hajim.rochester.edu/studyabroad/scholarships_research_opportunities.html)
- [Gilman Scholarship](#) (US citizen + Pell Grant recipient)  
Gilman Scholarship application videos: <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/resources/videos/>
- [Boren Scholarship](#) (US citizen + non-traditional location + language study)
- GoAbroad.com resources <https://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad>
- Scholarship [application tips](#)
- GoAbroad.com Guide to Funding Student Travel
  - <https://www.goabroad.com/articles/scholarships-abroad/student-travel-scholarships>

# *Go abroad!*



To begin your journey, attend an  
Education Abroad Info Session  
The schedule is here:  
<http://www.rochester.edu/College/abroad/>