



Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarships

College of Education, Michigan State University

Student Application Information 2026-2027

The College of Education at Michigan State University is pleased to invite applicants for the *Dean's Scholarship for Undergraduate Study Abroad and Preparing Teachers for Global Classrooms through Study Abroad*. The purpose of these scholarships is to further MSU's mission of advancing knowledge and transforming lives by providing access to opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable future educators and researchers to critically examine and apply solutions to challenging educational issues, locally and globally. College of Education and MSU-approved study abroad experiences are intended to result in the integration of international perspectives into students' academic programs and to inform their subsequent work in diverse contexts. The scholarships will significantly lower expenses that create barriers to study abroad and will thereby enable student engagement in powerful learning toward greater understanding of diverse peoples, cultures, and professional practices.

Scholarships:

Two *Dean's Scholarships for Undergraduate Study Abroad* of \$1,000 each will be awarded to help students cover expenses that exceed on-campus costs related to their chosen **College of Education sponsored study abroad program during the summer of 2026, fall of 2026, or spring of 2027**. The following programs are sponsored by the College of Education:

- A Day in the Life of Japan
- Learning, Culture, and Technology in Europe
- Kinesiology in Greece: from Odyssey to Modern Times
- Summer Sports Program Down Under

Three *Preparing Teachers for Global Classrooms through Study Abroad Scholarships* of \$1,000 each will be awarded to help students cover expenses that exceed on-campus costs related to their chosen **MSU-approved study abroad program with preference given for those taking place in Africa, Asia, or Latin America (does not include Spain) during the summer of 2026, fall of 2026 or spring of 2027**.

One *Ian J. Render Memorial Expendable Scholarship* of \$3,000 awarded to a College of Education undergraduate major for an MSU approved education abroad program.

Eligibility: Undergraduate majors in the College of Education who are in good academic standing are eligible to apply. Education studies minors from other colleges are not eligible. To be eligible to receive the award, students must be accepted to a credit-bearing, College of Education or MSU-approved study abroad program, actively participate in all pre-departure orientations, and be available to present their learning experiences post-program (exact date and time to be determined).

Instructions: A complete application consists of the **online application** (in the form of a Qualtrics survey) and a **letter of recommendation** (submitted by recommender to a different Qualtrics survey).

All application materials are due by Friday, February 13, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. EST

Submission Directions

The online application can be accessed via

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7TzTPoz6fyfyGmq

Application documents:

Each application includes two essay questions:

- 1) *Rationale for Interest in Study Abroad:* How does study abroad fit into your long term personal and/or career goals? How will this experience enhance your studies towards your future career goals (e.g., to become an educator, health professional, etc.)?
- 2) *Previous Experiences with New Environments or Situations:* Write about a time when you experienced a new place, differences in culture, or differences in thought. How did you respond to this new environment or experience? What did you learn from this experience? This may include experiences locally, nationally, or abroad.

Your responses should not exceed one page per question, single-spaced. Include your first and last name on each page of your essay.

Save your completed essay responses as a PDF file using the following file naming system:
LastName_FirstName_COEscholarship_Essay

Example: *Smith_Mary_COEscholarship.docx* or *Smith_Mary_COEscholarship.pdf*

Selection: All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee convened by the Office of International Studies in Education. A select group of finalists will be notified in late February about scheduling interviews. We anticipate that scholarship recipients will be notified by mid-March 2026. Final award disbursement is pending acceptance and enrollment into a College of Education or MSU-approved study abroad program.

**Note: Scholarships are not deferrable. The scholarships must be used during the summer of 2026, fall 2026, or spring 2027.

The MSU Office for International Studies in Education (OISE) is committed to supporting students throughout the scholarship application process. **Please direct questions about the scholarship or the application process to the College of Education Undergraduate Scholarship Team at educusch@msu.edu.**

Note: Applicants receiving federal financial aid for the summer term should be aware that receipt of an award may impact their total financial aid package based on financial need as demonstrated by the student FAFSA. Applicants may consult with the Office of Financial Aid in order to learn more about possible changes to their aid package if they receive a Scholarship.



Additional Resources to Assist with Navigating and Funding Study Abroad

Paying for Education Abroad – There are many ways to help pay for study abroad and maximize the resources that are available to you. Links on this page will help you consider the costs and funding possibilities while you seek out an education abroad program that you can afford that also fits your interests and meets your academic needs:

<http://educationabroad.isp.msu.edu/students/getting-started/financing>

FAQs Concerning Financial Aid for Education Abroad – Frequently asked questions regarding financial aid for education abroad:

<http://educationabroad.isp.msu.edu/students/getting-started/financing/financial-aid>

Financing Education Abroad: Scholarships and Fundraising Information – The MSU Office for Education Abroad has its own scholarships, and also offers many resources for those seeking additional scholarship opportunities:

<http://educationabroad.isp.msu.edu/students/getting-started/financing/scholarships>

Office for Education Abroad Advising – Education Abroad Peer Advisers share their experiences, answer your questions, and give you advice. They can help you find a program that suits your schedule, major, and interests. They can guide you through the application process, answer questions about scholarships and financial aid, and offer a variety of perspectives on the various aspects of being abroad and returning home.

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