

## Financial Aid for International Students

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### Government & NGOs Financial Aid Sources

National Association of Fellowship Advisors

(<http://www.nafadvisors.org/scholarships.htm>)

This list includes a list of nationally competitive scholarships and their sponsors. This compilation of organizations reflects only the most prominent sponsors. The list is not inclusive of all scholarships available to college students and award-granting organizations can request to be added to the list.

US Department of State Education USA - Financial Assistance Guide

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/finaidlinks.htm>

(The Department of State provides support to a network of advising centers with information on various sources of financial aids)

College Board financial aid search

<http://www.collegeboard.com/pay/>

(non-profit organization provides information on sources of financial aid)

Institute of International Education (IIE)

<http://www.iie.org>

(Fellowship and sponsored programs -A guide to scholarships, fellowships, and grants

([http://www.iie.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About\\_IIE/Scholarships\\_Awards\\_and\\_Grants/Education\\_Related\\_Activities.htm](http://www.iie.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About_IIE/Scholarships_Awards_and_Grants/Education_Related_Activities.htm))

International Visitor Program (United States Information Agency/USIA). The visitors, who are selected by American Foreign Service Officers overseas, are current or potential leaders in government, politics, the media, education, labor relations, the arts, business and other fields. The invitation to visit the United States under the auspices of USIA's IV Program is extended by U.S. Embassies. For that reason, individuals cannot apply to participate in the program. As mentioned, candidates for the International Visitor Program are nominated by American Foreign Service Officers stationed at U.S. Embassies and at USIA offices overseas. Once the nominations are approved, the program and other logistical arrangements are handled by USIA staff overseas and in Washington

<http://dosfan.lib.uic.edu/usia/E-USIA/education/ivp/ivtext.htm>

Fulbright International Scholarship Program for non-US students

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/commiss.htm>

[http://www.iie.org/FulbrightTemplate.cfm?Section=Foreign\\_Student\\_Program](http://www.iie.org/FulbrightTemplate.cfm?Section=Foreign_Student_Program)

(Under Department of State - Application procedures for Fulbright grants to study or teach in the United States vary from country to country. Fulbright Commissions or the American Embassies administer the program, with the assistance of local educational authorities and institutions Funds students, scholars, and professional who wish to undertake

Middle East/AMIDEAST

<http://www.amideast.org/>

NAFSA Association of International Educators

[http://www.nafsa.org/students.sec/financial\\_aid\\_for\\_undergraduate](http://www.nafsa.org/students.sec/financial_aid_for_undergraduate)

<http://www.nafsa.org/content/AboutInternationalEducation/ForStudents/ForeignStudentFunding.htm> 11/8/2013

UMASS Amherst International Programs Office

(Funding study in the United States - Planning, Funding Sources, and additional information on how to obtain scholarships for study in the United States)

The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP) provides opportunities for advanced study to exceptional individuals who will use this education to become leaders in their respective fields, furthering development in their own countries and greater economic and social justice worldwide. To ensure that Fellows are drawn from diverse backgrounds, IFP actively seeks candidates from social groups and communities that lack systematic access to higher education.

<http://www.fordfound.org/news/more/11272000ifp/index.cfm>

**Gates Cambridge Scholarship Program** Through the Cambridge Scholars program, the foundation is creating a network of international leaders to address issues of equity in health, technology, and learning

<http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/>

### **Scholarships for Women**

American Association of University Women

[http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/international.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/international.cfm)

(International Fellowships are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents)

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. (<http://www.zphib1920.org/>) National Educational Foundation 1734 New Hampshire Avenue NW Washington, DC 20009 USA Tel: (202) 387 3103 E-mail: [ihq@zphib1920.org](mailto:ihq@zphib1920.org)

The principle activities and purpose of the trust are to award scholarship grants to worthy students for the pursuit of higher education; to conduct community educational programs, which will aid in the educational and vocational improvement in individual and community living standards; to engage in activities which will aid in the educational development of all women; and to engage in any appropriate research related to the purposes of the scholarship.

Soroptimist International of the Americas 1709 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-6103 Tel: (215) 893 9000 Fax: (215) 893 5200 Email: [siahq@soroptimist.org](mailto:siahq@soroptimist.org) *Soroptimist International* is a worldwide service organization dedicated to making a difference for women. They are involved in community service projects in the areas of economic and social development, education, the environment, human rights and the status of women, health, and international goodwill. Information may be obtained through your local chapter, or by contacting the address above.

**Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (for women)** (<http://www.gwu.edu/~fellows/mmmf.html>)

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTSTAFF/WBFN/0,,contentMDK:21135432~menuPK:463095~pagePK:64156201~piPK:64156133~theSitePK:444098,00.html>

The purpose of the grant is to support the education of women from developing countries who

are committed to improving the lives of women and children in their home countries.

### **The Rotary Foundation**

[http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html)

(The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. More than 1,000 scholarships were awarded for study in 2003-04. Through grants totaling approximately US\$428 million, recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.)

☞ Lions Club International 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842, USA Tel: (630) 571 5466 Fax: (630) 571 5735 Email: [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org) *Lions Club International* awards financial assistance such as scholarships. They also provide funds for purchasing equipment.

Kiwanis International 3636 Woodview Trace Indianapolis, IN 46268-3196, USA Tel: (317) 875-8755 Fax: (317) 879-0204 Email: [kiwanismail@kiwanis.org](mailto:kiwanismail@kiwanis.org) *Kiwanis International Club* individual clubs may offer scholarships.

☞ Geological Society of America Research Grants Program Officer - Grants, Awards & Medals PO Box 9140 Boulder, CO 80301-1940 Tel: (303) 357-1028 Fax: (303) 357-1070 Email: [awards@geosociety.org](mailto:awards@geosociety.org)

Grants are available to support masters' and doctoral research work in the geological sciences. Please contact the Geological Society or the Geology Department of the university you are applying to for more information. People with disabilities and under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

☞ Japan Foundation New York 152 West 57th Street, 39th Floor New York, NY 10019 Tel: (212) 489 0299 Fax: (212) 489 0409 E-mail: [info@jfnny.org](mailto:info@jfnny.org)

The Japan Foundation sponsors a variety of grant programs relating to the exchange of persons, support for Japanese Studies and Japanese-language instruction, exchanges in the arts, and assistance for media-related projects such as publications, translation, and film or video production. Grant programs are reviewed either in the United States or Japan, depending on the grant category.

La Caixa Graduate Fellowship Program Carol Mint, Program Coordinator Indiana University 201 N. Indiana Ave. Bloomington, Indiana 47408 USA Tel: (812) 855-3948 Fax: (812) 855-8719 Email: [cmyint@indiana.edu](mailto:cmyint@indiana.edu) Administered by Indiana University's Office of International Programs since 1985, this program provides full funding for fifty Spanish graduate students each year to study in the U.S. for a two-year period. Each year, "la Caixa" undertakes a highly competitive selection process to identify the fifty graduate-level students and professionals who will apply for study at U.S. universities. Indiana University participates in this selection process. Each year, the Dean for International Programs and other faculty and administrators participate in several days of interviews, after which the final list of candidates is drawn up. The selected fellows then begin the application process with assistance from Indiana University's Program Coordinator.

### P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund

(Patricia Aanafi, panafi@schoolph.umass.edu, Ghana, \$8000/year, 2 years Scholarship, 2007/08 & 08/09)

<http://www.peointernational.org/peoProjects.html>

(Grants are available to promote world peace and understanding for women who are citizens of any country other than the US or Canada)

### MacArthur Foundation Grant Making Programs

<http://www.macfdn.org/>

(private, independent grantmaking institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals)

### Grantsnet

<http://www.grantsnet.org>

(One-stop resource to find funds for training in the sciences and undergraduate science education)

### The Soros Foundation Network

<http://www.soros.org/grants>

(Features a research page that displays a variety of grants available (in many program areas) through the Open Society Institute and SOROS Foundations Network)

### (IREX) International Research & Exchanges Board

<http://www.irex.org/about/index.asp>

(an international nonprofit organization specializing in education, independent media, Internet development, and civil society programs. Through training, partnerships, education, research, and grant programs, IREX develops the capacity of individuals and institutions to contribute to their societies)

ForeignAID.com International Funding Directory online <http://www.foreignaid.com/foundations>

The ForeignAID.com International Funding Directory is a database of over 700 foundations and donors in the U.S., Europe, and worldwide that give over \$1 Billion every year in grants and scholarships to individuals and projects.

### International Student Voice Magazine Scholarship

(<http://www.isvmag.com/scholarship/>)

A \$2,500 one-time scholarship will be awarded to an **international student (college/university student on a J1 or F1 visa)** who will be studying in the United States at a college/university during the academic year.

### Online Colleges.org Support A Student Scholarship for Single Parents

**The Foundation Center**

<http://www.onlinecolleges.org/scholarship/> **A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded starting January 1st, 2012 to a single parent who is enrolled in an accredited online post-secondary**

**institution.** The scholarship will help pay for non-tuition related living expenses for the 2012 academic year that are not covered by the recipient's current financial aid

<http://www.fconline.fdncenter.org>

(Paid online resource with a listing of foundations that fund individuals)

**The Federal Grants and Loans Catalog** is now available. This publication contains more than 5000 financial programs, subsidies, scholarships, grants and loans offered by the US federal government and various foundations and associations across the United States. That is over 2200 pages of information !!! Contents of the Catalog Federal agency administering a program; Authorization upon which a program is based; Objectives and