### PRE-ACCEPTANCE

- Attend a TU Study Abroad/Away group advising session
- Create your Study Abroad/Away profile in Horizons
- Research program options – think about cost, location, academics, and lifestyle
- Follow us on social media @TowsonUAbroad and visit our blog
- Apply for a passport, if applicable
- Meet with your Study Abroad Advisor
- Talk to your Academic Advisor
- Research Study Abroad/Away scholarships
- Request a Study Abroad/Away Budget from your Study Abroad Advisor (not required)
- Meet with a Financial Aid Advisor if you receive grants or loans
- Submit an application in Horizons (everyone!)
- Apply to your study abroad/away program or host institution directly (everyone except Faculty-Led)
- Apply for Study Abroad/Away scholarships

### POST-ACCEPTANCE

- Apply for a visa (if required)
- Complete your Study Abroad Course Form (everyone except Faculty-Led, TU Global Internships, NSE students, and independent study abroad/internship programs)
- Complete your National Student Exchange Transfer Petition (NSE applicants only)
- Complete your post-acceptance in Horizons
- Apply for housing at your host institution (if applicable)
- Request a release from TU housing from your Study Abroad Advisor
- Complete the online orientation and attend the in-person or virtual pre-departure session
- Make sure there are no holds on your student account
- Pay your Study Abroad/Away bills

### BACK HOME

- Ensure all the courses you took abroad/away have been equated (everyone except Faculty-Led and TU Global Internships)
- Complete your evaluation in Horizons
- Update your résumé and LinkedIn
- Participate in re-entry activities
- Volunteer for Study Abroad/Away events on campus
- Apply for a Peer Advisor position in the Study Abroad Office (if hiring)
## Things to Consider when Planning your Experience Abroad/Away

### Cost:
- What are your financial limitations?
- Would you be willing to take out a loan in order to study abroad/away?
- Have you saved any money or can you do so by taking on an extra job?
- What other costs are covered by the program fee?
- What is the program refund policy if you decide not to complete the program?

### Location:
- Do you want to be with locals or among other American students?
- Do you want to be in a popular area or off the beaten track?
- Do you want to use or learn a foreign language?
- What kind of climate do you prefer?
- Are specific classes or location more important?

### Academics:
- Do you want courses to apply to your major, minor or core requirements?
- Do you want to study something different from your major?
- Do you want to take courses in another language or in English?
- Are any of the classes you want to take equated on our course database?
- Will you take classes with other students from the United States or will your classes include international students?

### Lifestyle:
- Do you prefer to be in a group or are you more independent?
- Do you want organized excursions as part of your program?
- Do you want to live in a dorm/apartment/with a family?
- Do you have any dietary restrictions? Are you adventurous with food?
- Do you have any disabilities or need any accommodations?

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Questions? Visit our website: [www.towson.edu/academics/international/abroad](http://www.towson.edu/academics/international/abroad)

Find additional information on our blog: [https://towsonabroad.wordpress.com](https://towsonabroad.wordpress.com)
Financial Aid for Study Abroad/Away

Study Abroad/Away Aid Requirements

- To be eligible for federal loans students must meet minimum course load requirements (total units per term).
- To apply for federal financial aid, complete a ‘Free Application for Federal Student Aid’ (FAFSA) online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/.
- If seeking aid for summer, also complete the online summer aid application through TU Online Services (PeopleSoft). The application becomes available in April of each year.
- Until you are officially registered by the Study Abroad Office the Financial Aid Office can only provide an estimate of the aid you will receive.
- If you are already receiving grants or scholarships, those awards cannot be increased based on your study abroad/away costs.

Study Abroad/Away Aid Procedures

If you plan to use any financial aid (including loans) during your study abroad/away term, please carefully follow these procedures:

- Request a ‘Study Abroad/Away Budget’ from your Study Abroad Advisor via email. The budget provides a breakdown of the estimated costs of your program including tuition, airfare, personal expenses, and any additional fees.
- Submit the Study Abroad/Away Budget (signed by you) to the TU Financial Aid Office in person or by email:
  Enrollment Services, Room #339
  Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 5 pm; Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm
  Tel: 410-704-4236
  Email: finaid@towson.edu
- Schedule an appointment with a TU Financial Aid Advisor to explore your borrowing options.
- You must determine if your aid has any study abroad/away restrictions. Sometimes eligibility for aid payments is based on who charges the study abroad/away program fees. Aid from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) can only be used if you participate in a fall or spring study abroad/away program or exchange for which you will be billed directly by TU or other school within Maryland. See http://www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/apply/abroad.html for more information.
- IMPORTANT! Tuition remission/waivers can only be applied to TU exchanges.
- After your aid has been applied to your TU account, if you have a credit balance a rebate will be issued by the TU Bursar’s Office (no earlier than 10 days before the first day of classes each term at TU). Make sure you are enrolled in the TU Disbursement Online Center (DOC) so your rebate can be processed!

http://www.towson.edu/abroad
Study Abroad/Away Scholarships

TU Scholarships

TU Institutional Study Abroad/Away Scholarships
Open to TU undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year. **Deadlines:** March 15 (summer, fall, and academic year), October 15 (Minimester, spring, Spring Break, calendar year).

TU Institutional Diversity Study Abroad/Away Scholarship
Open to TU undergraduate and graduate students. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year. For consideration, students must answer the supplemental short answer question as part of the application for the TU Institutional Study Abroad/Away Scholarship.

TU Dr. Armin Mruck Scholarship
Open to TU undergraduate degree-seeking students - College of Liberal Arts majors only. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. Eligible students will be automatically considered upon submission of the TU Institutional Study Abroad/Away Scholarship application. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year.

TU Dr. John M. Govern Memorial Scholarship
Open to TU psychology majors or graduate students in psychology. Must be enrolled full-time. Eligible students will be automatically considered upon submission of the TU Institutional Study Abroad/Away Scholarship application. Scholarships are available for the fall, spring, Spring Break, academic year, summer, and Minimester.

TU Frank J. Sanders Scholarship
Open to TU undergraduate degree-seeking students - preference given to students studying in Latin America. Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Eligible students will be automatically considered upon submission of the TU Study Abroad/Away Scholarship application. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year.

TU in Italy American University of Rome Scholarship
Open to TU undergraduate degree-seeking students in the TU in Italy Rome program. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. Eligible students will be automatically considered upon submission of the TU Study Abroad/Away Scholarship Application. Fall, spring only.

TU in Italy Lorenzo de’ Medici Scholarships
Open to TU undergraduate degree-seeking students participating in the TU in Italy Florence program. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA. Eligible students will be automatically considered upon submission of the TU Study Abroad/Away Scholarship Application. Fall, spring only.

Priority Country Scholarship
Open to TU degree-seeking students studying abroad in the Czech Republic, Brazil, Greece, Ecuador, Morocco or South Africa. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to apply. Eligible students will be automatically considered upon submission of the TU Institutional Study Abroad/Away Scholarship application. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year. Several $500 awards are available each term.

TU Honors College Study Abroad Scholarships
Open to TU Honors College members only. Students must submit an Honors College Study Abroad Approval Form to the Honors College in order to be considered. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year.

Non-TU Scholarships

Asher & Lyric Study Abroad Scholarship
The Asher & Lyric Study Abroad Scholarship awards one degree-seeking student each fall and spring semester with a $1,800 scholarship, $100 gift card for travel accessories, and an optional one-hour preparatory call. This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents enrolled as full-time undergraduate or graduate students accepted to study abroad outside of the U.S. and Canada.

BMore Abroad Scholarship
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree-seeking students enrolled in higher education institutions in Maryland – preference to students from the Baltimore area. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year.

Boren Fellowships
Open to U.S. graduate degree-seeking students studying or conducting research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and/or studying less commonly taught languages. NOT Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. Twelve weeks to one year.

Boren Scholarships
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree-seeking students studying or conducting research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and/or studying less commonly taught languages. NOT Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. Fall, spring, summer (minimum eight weeks - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics students ONLY), academic year.
Bridging Scholarships
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree-seeking students studying abroad in Japan. Fall, spring, year.

BUTEX Scholarships
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree-seeking students studying at a BUTEX member university. Student must have already been accepted to the BUTEX member university in order to be considered. Fall, spring, year.

DAAD Awards
Open to U.S. faculty and students studying or conducting research in Germany.

DiversityAbroad.com Study Abroad Scholarships
DiversityAbroad.com has partnered with several organizations to offer study abroad grants and scholarships.

Education New Zealand
Open to U.S. degree-seeking students studying abroad at a university in New Zealand.

Freeman-ASIA Scholarship
Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) provides scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia.

Fund for Education Abroad
Preference to students participating in programs with language studies and/or a sustainable service-learning or volunteering component in non-traditional destinations, demonstrated financial need, and/or underrepresented group in education abroad.

Generation Study Abroad Travel Grants
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree-seeking students at IIE Generation Study Abroad partner institutions. Consideration given to students with financial need, first-generation college students, members of underrepresented racial/ethnic/gender groups, students with disabilities, and students with limited previous experience abroad.

Gilman Scholarship for Study Abroad
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree-seeking students who receive a federal Pell Grant. Cuba and countries on the U.S. Department of State’s Travel Warning list excluded. Program must be 21 days to one year.

GO Overseas Scholarships
Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Fall, spring, Spring Break, summer, Minimester, year.

Killam Fellowships Program
Open to undergraduates to spend one semester or a full year as an exchange student in Canada.

LivFund Scholarship
LivFund is a non-profit organization offering scholarships for study, intern, or volunteer activities in Latin America.

National Italian American Foundation
Open to Italian American students, and students from any ethnic background majoring or minoring in Italian language, Italian studies, Italian American studies or a related field. Awards based on merit.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Multiple types of scholarships available to members of NSCS, including specific scholarships for students studying abroad.

Oldenburg Contact Grants
Open to residents of the State of Maryland studying abroad at Carl Von Ossietsky University in Oldenburg, Germany. Fall, spring, year.

SR Education Group Study Abroad Scholarship
Open to U.S. degree-seeking students. No minimum requirements regarding the duration of travel.

St. Andrew’s Society of Washington D.C.
Open to U.S. undergraduate degree seeking students studying abroad in Scotland who are residents of DC, DE, MD, NJ, NC, PA, WV, or VA, and of Scottish birth or descent.

U.S. Japan Council Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship
Open to undergraduate/graduate degree-seeking students for semester or year-long study abroad in Japan.

Other Scholarship and Financial Aid Resources
Education Corner
FinAid: The Smart Student's Guide to Financial Aid
FundMyTravel.com
GoAbroad.com Scholarships Search
ScholarshipDb.net
Towson University does not provide alternative student loans or endorse any specific lender or group of lenders.
Study Abroad/Away Budget Planning Tool

Congratulations on making the decision to incorporate a study abroad or away experience into your academic career here at TU. When selecting a program it is important to be realistic about how much you can afford. This form is designed to help you calculate how much you typically spend here at Towson, how much your study abroad/away experience will cost, and compare the programs you are considering. Make sure you consult the person(s) who will be funding your experience and review the costs with them!

If you receive Federal Financial Aid, ask your Study Abroad Advisor to complete a "Study Abroad/Away Budget" and submit it to the TU Financial Aid Office. Your budget will allow the TU Financial Aid Office to determine your financial aid award package for your term abroad/away. Note: MHEC aid can only be used when TU or another university within the state of Maryland charges the program fee.

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