

Scholarships

See the short list and if interested, read the longer list at the bottom. Boren and Freeman-Asia Scholarships are run by the Education Abroad Office. The Undergraduate Fellowships Office can be reached at Laura.Clippard@mtsu.edu.

FREEMAN-ASIA SCHOLARSHIP

Studying Abroad Funding for Asia. Must demonstrate financial aid need. Check deadlines on website.

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

\$20,000 for studying abroad. Must be willing to work for the federal government for one year. Only certain countries are eligible. Deadline in February.

CLS

Free Language study overseas. Must connect language to your long-term professional goals. November deadline.

HUMANITY IN ACTION

Combines political action with academic study in Berlin, Amsterdam and many more places in a summer program. Deadlines in January.

PPIA

All expenses paid summer opportunities for those interested in public policy. Open to all majors. November 1st deadline.

LONGER VERSIONS

FREEMAN-ASIA SCHOLARSHIP

Freeman-ASIA accepts applications from U.S. citizens or permanent residents studying at the undergraduate level at a two-year or four-year college or university who demonstrate financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. It will fund approximately students with awards ranging from \$3,000 per student for summer study and \$5,000 per semester, to a maximum of \$7,000 for a full year abroad.

Website: <http://www.iie.org/Freeman-ASIA>.

Interested Honors students should contact Laura.Clippard@mtsu.edu.

Deadlines:

March/April for summer and fall.

Please check the website for most current information.

Other Eligibility includes:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident at the time of application.
- Must currently receive need-based financial aid or demonstrate a verifiable need for financial assistance to participate in the proposed study abroad program. The applicant

is required to submit the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) figure, calculated through [FAFSA](#), with the statement of financial need through the online Freeman-ASIA application.

- Must be an undergraduate student with a minimum GPA of 2.8, pursuing his or her first bachelor's degree (or associate's degree), at a two-year or a four-year institution of higher education in the United States.
- Must apply through the U.S. home campus and have at least one term of enrollment remaining at the home institution in the U.S. upon returning from studying abroad in Asia.
- Must have applied or have been accepted to a study abroad based program in: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam. A multi-country program is eligible only if the applicant will spend at least 8 weeks in one of the countries stated above and will have intensive language study during that period.
- Must have applied to or have been accepted by a study abroad based program that awards academic credits through the home campus or other U.S. accredited college or university. The proposed length of study in the host country must be a minimum of 8 weeks for a summer term, 10 weeks for a quarter term, and 12 weeks for a semester term.
- Must have little or no previous experience in the country in which he or she plans to study. A summer term applicant must not have spent more than 4 weeks in the proposed country of study within the last 5 years. A semester or an academic year term applicant must not have spent more than 6 weeks in the proposed country of study within the last 5 years.

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

Boren Scholarships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

Maximum scholarship awards are:

- \$8,000 for a summer program (special initiative for STEM students only; 8 weeks minimum)
- \$10,000 for a semester
- \$20,000 for a full academic year

There are great Boren options in Asia and Africa that have a summer language component followed by placement in a study abroad fall program.

The program focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. It draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

Boren Scholarships are awarded with [preference](#) for countries, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security. Preference is also given to students who will study abroad for longer periods of time, and who are highly motivated by the opportunity to work in the federal government.

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP (CLS)

The CLS offers the opportunity for FREE language studies overseas for typically eight to ten weeks in the summer of 2018. Some languages require prior college classes. We had two winners last year in Arabic and Turkish language study.

The languages are:

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

All expenses are paid. Please review the website: <http://www.clscholarship.org/>.

You must be able to connect the language to your long-term career goals but all majors are welcome to apply. Please check the language chart to see if previous language study is required: <http://www.clscholarship.org/languages>

Students are welcome to see Laura Clippard during drop-in hours or can email Laura.Clippard@mtsu.edu with questions.

Please watch this ten minute video.

CLS Program Overview: <https://youtu.be/YwN8qQTYmJI>

CLS Website: <http://www.clscholarship.org>

HUMANITY IN ACTION

We invite applications from students and recent graduates of U.S. colleges and universities who are passionate about active citizenship, diversity and human rights. Current sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as graduates from the undergraduate classes of 2016 and 2017 are eligible to apply. Applications for students and recent graduates from European universities will open in late fall.

The Humanity in Action Fellowship programs are fully-funded, with the exception of a small number of meals and the cost of airfare – which Fellows are responsible for financing. However, Humanity in Action provides full and partial stipends for *all* of those with documented need.

The deadline to apply is January 8, 2018 at 11:59pm PST

Options include: European and American programs.

Link: <https://www.humanityinaction.org/pages/91-call-for-applications>

PPIA

Interested in leadership in public policy or international affairs?

Please review this website: <https://www.ppiaprogram.org/ppia/what-we-do/junior-summer-institutes/how-to-apply/> and also <https://www.ppiaprogram.org/ppia/what-we-do/junior-summer-institutes/eligibility-benefits/>

Kelly Richardson, who was recently completed the PPIA Fellowship and found it helpful. You have to apply attend between your junior and senior but it is never too soon to learn more.

PPIA Mission

The goal of the PPIA Fellowship Program is to help students achieve a Master's or joint degree, typically in public policy, public administration, international affairs or a related field.

Each year, PPIA seeks out high-potential undergraduate students from universities across the country to participate in an intensive seven-week Junior Summer Institute (JSI) before their senior year.

- Eligibility to receive assistance with travel expenses.
- A stipend of up to \$1,500 (funding determined by each JSI).
- University housing with a meal plan.
- Books and related course materials at your JSI.
- Each JSI may offer additional benefits, such as GRE preparation, at their discretion. Please check with each JSI about any additional benefits.
- Minimum of a one-time \$5,000 scholarship at a PPIA graduate school if admitted for a Master's degree. PPIA Fellows often receive financial offers above and beyond this minimum from their graduate program.
- Fee waiver when applying to schools that are members of the PPIA Graduate School Consortium.

What kind of careers does the PPIA Fellowship Program prepare you for?

PPIA prepares its fellows for public service oriented jobs in the government, nonprofit, and private sectors.

Who is eligible?

All prospective PPIA Fellows are expected to dedicate themselves to the traditions and objectives of the PPIA Fellowship Program, have an abiding commitment to public service and contribute to more diverse perspectives in public policy and international affairs. The following are more specific criteria and guidelines:

- If you are a United States citizen or legal permanent resident you are eligible to apply to all JSI programs.
- Applicants must have an expected graduation date between December 2018 and August 2018.
- Must not have attained a Bachelor's Degree prior to start of Junior Summer
- Must be committed to completing a Master's Degree in public and/or international affairs at one of the PPIA Consortium graduate schools.
- Must be interested in contributing to the diversity of perspectives present in the PPIA Fellowship Program.
- Economic need is given consideration during the review of applications.
- All academic majors are welcome to apply!