Education abroad
Scholarships

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Myths about education abroad scholarships...

- They’re unattainable
- They’ll pay for my airfare
- 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
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 will develop better writing skills.
- Students who earn scholarships are more likely to be awarded scholarships in the future.
- It will prepare you to write fellowship applications.
THE WRITING, SPEAKING, AND ARGUMENT PROGRAM

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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.

WHERE WE ARE: Rush Rhees Library, Ground Floor (RR G-122) (585) 273-3584
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http://writing.rochester.edu/
Tutoring at the Writing Center

- Our motto is: All writers need readers! (Especially for high-stakes writing.)

- Types of tutors: Writing Consultants, Writing Fellows, & Speaking Fellows

- 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:

• **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

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.
What is a writing group? Small groups of writers who meet & write together once a week for 2 hours. Each person:
- Shares their writing goal for that day
- Writes!
- Shares their progress/next steps

Each group is led by a Writing Fellow.

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
How do I join?

- Visit our site: 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

Questions? Problems? Suggestions? Email the Writing Groups Coordinator, Rachel Lee: rachel.lee@rochester.edu
Out of pocket expenses

- Airfare
- Public transportation
- Passports and visas
- Personal travel
- Personal expenses (e.g., toiletries, events, going out)
- Meals (although some housing types, e.g. homestay, include 1-3 meals/day. Some programs offer a food stipend)

=> START SAVING your MONEY NOW
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.
Types of Scholarships

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

• --Merit-based
  • Application may ask for personal statement, letter(s) of recommendation

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

- Program-specific
e.g., CIEE, IES Abroad
- National or Federal
e.g., Boren, Gilman
- Clubs or private organizations
  - e.g., Golden Key Honor Society
- Offered by UR
  - e.g., Hajim International Experience Scholarship

- Also consider crowdfunding –
  - e.g. GoFundMe (note that funds are considered taxable income)
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 applies for UR semester/academic year programs only
  • Language proficiency
  • Study abroad location
Where to find scholarship information

• UR Education Abroad scholarships page
  • [http://www.rochester.edu/college/abroad/students/scholarships.html](http://www.rochester.edu/college/abroad/students/scholarships.html)

• UR Financial Aid office
  • [https://enrollment.rochester.edu/financial-aid/](https://enrollment.rochester.edu/financial-aid/)

• Fund for Education Abroad
  • [http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/](http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/)

• 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 citizens + Pell Grant recipient)

• **Boren Scholarship**  (US citizen + non-traditional study abroad location + language study)

  “**Big Ways to Save Money for Travel**” from GoAbroad.com
Go abroad!