

College Abroad:

the benefits of & the best programs for taking time abroad in college



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Why Should you Study Abroad in College?

Taking a semester abroad is an excellent way for students to explore new countries and learn about different cultures and lifestyles. With lots of beautiful and unique countries to choose from, studying abroad provides students with skills that will stick with them even after graduation.

Improve Travel Skills

Time abroad helps students learn to navigate the world by honing different skills that makes global travel easier. These skills include language-learning & cross communication, understanding global travel, navigating foreign places, & understanding experiences from around the world.

Career & Education

When studying in unfamiliar places students are constantly learning: both in the classroom and in the outside. Time in another country also helps show different schools & career paths. Living abroad provides new opportunities for internships & jobs that really make you stand out to employers later on.

Expenses

There are more scholarships available for college students that can be used for time abroad. These scholarships can be found through different programs/outside organizations or your own school, and many of these scholarships go unclaimed due to lack of application from students which helps raise your chances to win one.

Finding the Program Best for You

Depending on where you choose to go there are a number of programs that will help you better organize your trip. With thousands of programs available to students, researching what programs are the right fit can be overwhelming. That's why it's important to understand what's best suited for you, and narrow down the list by focusing on your priorities. These might include...

- **Location**
- **Cost**
- **Financial Aid Availability**
- **Focus/Goal of Trip**
 - **I.e. education, internship, career, travel experience**
- **Program support**
- **Program types**
- **Grade & credit transfer**
- **Desired length of trip**

Scholarships & Financial Aid

Taking time abroad is not cheap, and the cost is what drives many people away from doing it. But more efforts (such as scholarships) to reduce cost have been made to help lower the price of taking time abroad. Listed below are some sites that present scholarships & financial aid opportunities from different travel programs:

- ciee.org
- Goabroad.com
- lesabroad.org
- USA Study Abroad
- USAC.com
- Mefa.org



Additional Financial Aid

Information:

- [Aid for International Study](#)
- [How to use FAFSA Degrees in Europe](#)

Program Finding Websites

Below is a list of websites that help find programs best suited for you based on your needs. With hundreds of programs to choose from, databases such as these really help find the best program for you. By clicking on the name of a website you can be taken to their official page.

- CIEE.org
- Goabroad.com
- gooverseas.com

Country-Specific Programs

Programs that are specific to a continent or country! Click on the name of each program to be taken to an informational slide about it.

- [Verto Education](#)
- [USAC Korea](#)

Verto Education



Program Website: vertoeducation.org

Verto is a program that helps plan gap years for college students. They are partnered with 70+ partner schools, and offer time abroad in 6 major cities in Europe and South America.

Available Destinations:

- *London, England*
- *Prague, Czech Republic*
- *Buenos Aires, Argentina*
- *Florence, Italy*
- *Turrialba, Costa Rica*
- *Seville, Spain*



USAC Korea



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Program Website: usac.edu

USAC Korea offers an opportunity for students to travel to Seoul, South Korea to study at one of three colleges and learn about Korean culture while living in the advanced capital of the country. Students can study a variety of subjects at Kookmin University, Yonsei University, or University of Korea. The program offers a variety of activities that help students immerse themselves in Korean culture and life while also giving them the opportunity to travel around a new country.

