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I support students interested in applying for nationally competitive opportunities that fund study/work abroad, graduate study, language learning, & professional development through providing advising at multiple stages of the application process.



Provide a brief introduction to 10 opportunities that foster study in East or Southeast Asia

Offer a short description of each program, their major eligibility & selection criteria, & their application timeline(s)

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Program Structure - Schwarzman Scholars:

- Fully-funded one year master's degree & leadership program at Tsinghua University in Beijing
- Curriculum focuses on leadership, China & global affairs. Flexibility is offered through electives
- Language of instruction is English but curriculum includes Chinese language study



Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must have an undergraduate degree, be 18 - 28 years of age, and be proficient in English
- Selection criteria include demonstrated leadership experience, entrepreneurial spirit, academic excellence (average 3.8 GPA for scholars), integrity & moral character, and a clear rationale for studying Global Affairs in China

Application timeline:

- Application available from April to September with selections made in October & November
- Program begins in August

Program Structure - Freeman Asia:

- Provides need-based funding to assist with the cost of study abroad programs in East & Southeast Asia (aid amount depends on length of study abroad program)
- Recipients are required to complete a service project upon returning that shares their experiences abroad & promotes interest in study abroad in East or Southeast Asia

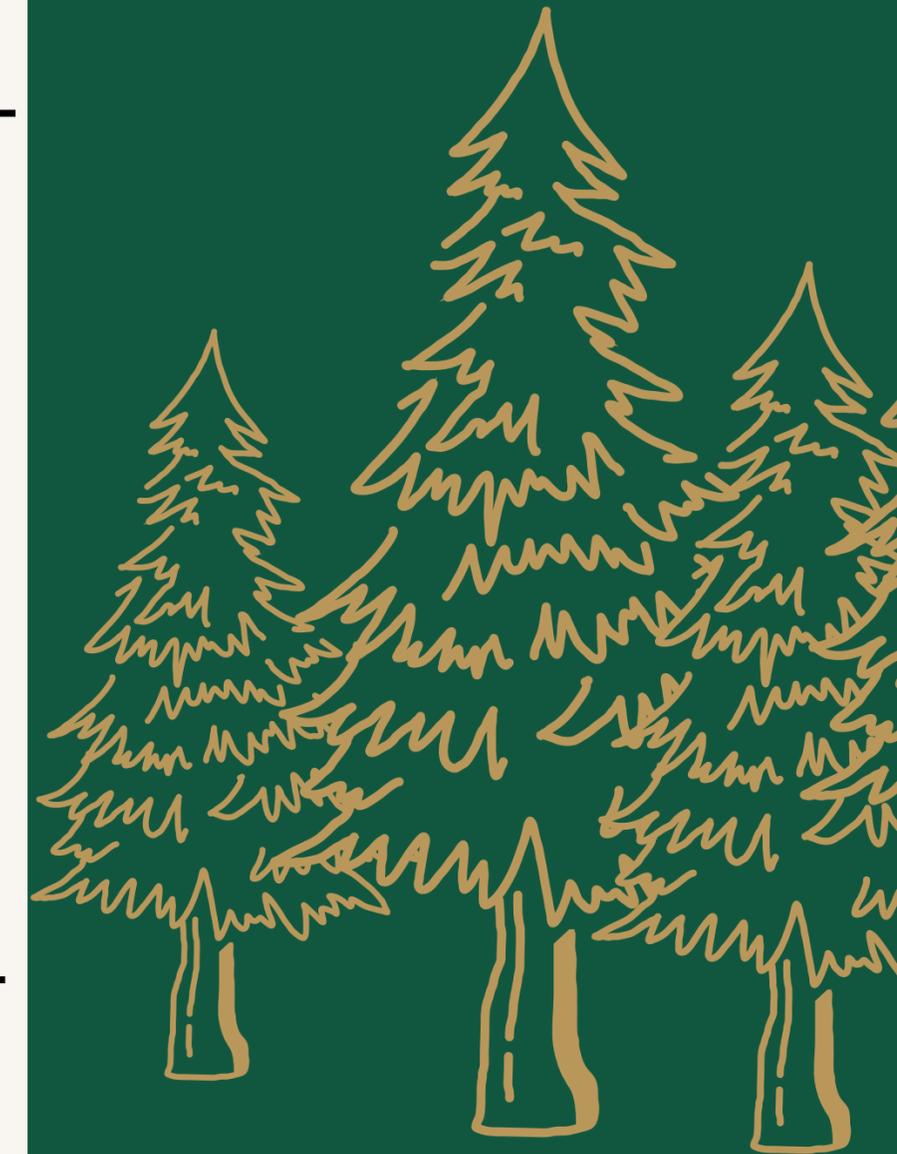


Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Preference given to applicants who: pursue programs with a focus on language learning, include at least 20 hours of class time per week focused on language, culture, & history, participate in programs taught by host country faculty, & can demonstrate interest in include East/Southeast Asian studies into future plans
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, must receive need-based financial aid, must be an undergraduate students with a minimum 2.8 GPA, must apply to a program that awards academic credit, must meet minimum program length, must have their application certified by a study abroad & financial aid advisor, and others ([full list of requirements available on Freeman Asia's website](#))

Application timeline:

- Applications are due in March for programs beginning in the Summer of the application year or taking place during the 2023-2024 academic year



Program Structure - Boren Awards:



- Funding for undergraduate or graduate study in a critical language abroad for up to 52 weeks (funding amount depends on length of study abroad)
- Upon returning from the Boren Awards, recipients are required to fulfill a 1-year service commitment working in the federal government after graduation

Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a current undergraduate student, graduate student, or be seeking admission to a graduate program. Applicants must also be matriculated in their program for the duration of their award
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years of age
- Must be planning to study a critical need language identified by Boren outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand

Application timeline:

- The campus deadline for applications is in early January while the national deadline for applications falls in early February

Program Structure - ICWA Fellowship:

- Full financial support to live abroad for 2 years studying a project or topic of your choosing
- Fellows prepare monthly dispatches that cover their topic of interest in a way that is focused on sharing knowledge about communities, not changing them
- The overall goal is cultural & topical immersion to foster understanding beyond your host community



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Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be under 36 years of age & have strong ties to the U.S. (though citizenship is not required)
- Applicants must have excellent English proficiency & must have completed the current phase of their formal education
- While there is no formal language requirement, candidates must have the necessary language skills to carry out their proposed project

Application timeline:

- Deadline for applications is in May & decisions are announced in November

Program Structure - Fulbright Awards:



- Funding for up to one year of research, graduate study, or teaching English abroad
 - Grantees are responsible for carrying out the duties of their award as well as cultural engagement in their host community
 - Fulbright recipients receive non-competitive eligibility (NCE), a special hiring mechanism that allows recipients to be hired outside of the formal hiring process
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Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or nationals & must have been awarded a bachelor's degree by the start of their award but cannot have earned a PhD
 - Individual countries/programs have specific requirements such as language proficiency, training/certifications, or degree levels
 - Some degrees cannot be pursued through a Fulbright award (e.g., medical degrees)
 - Candidates must have a clear rationale for why study, research, or teaching abroad in their selected country is necessary for their trajectory/goals
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Application timeline:

- The campus deadline for Fulbright applications is in mid-September while the national deadline is early October



Program Structure:

- Fully funded summer study abroad program with a focus on intensive study of a language critical to U.S. security/interest
- Programs last 8 - 10 weeks & are cohort-based learning opportunities
- Many languages offered by CLS do not require previous study, though there are [a small number that do](#)
- CLS also provides an online program called CLS Spark which is similar though does not take place abroad
- Like Fulbright, CLS awardees also receive NCE

Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals at the time of application, must be at least 18 years of age, & must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution at the time of application
- Selection criteria include a clear connection between language & goals, a plan for fostering citizen diplomacy and mutual understanding abroad, a continued commitment to language learning, appropriate preparation for the CLS program, & adaptivity, resilience, & cultural sensitivity

Application timeline:

- Deadline for applications is in mid-November



Program Structure:

- Provides \$5,000 - \$8,000 for students receiving need-based financial aid to use towards a study or internship abroad
 - Gilman has two deadlines throughout the year that provide funding for study abroad at different times
 - The Reeves center has [a unique Gilman Scholarship guarantee](#) that provides \$4,000 for applicants who complete a quality application but do not receive the award
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Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, must be a current student in good standing at W&M, & must be applying to a credit-bearing study abroad program
 - Applicants must also be receiving Federal Pell Grant funds or must be able to provide proof that they will be receiving fund during their program
 - Applicants must have their [application materials certified by a study abroad advisor at W&M as well as a financial aid officer](#)
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Application timeline(s):

- Gilman application materials are due in October or study/intern abroad programs that start between December 1 and October 31st the following year
- Applications material are due in Marsh for study/intern abroad programs that start between May 1 and April 30th the following year

Program Structure - Blakemore Freeman:

- Funding for one academic year of intensive, advanced language study in East or Southeast Asia
- Eligible languages include Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, & Vietnamese
- Funding covers tuition, a stipend for related educational expenses, basic living costs, & transportation
- Funding can only be used at programs that have been approved by the Blakemore Foundation & applicants must apply to these independent of the fellowship

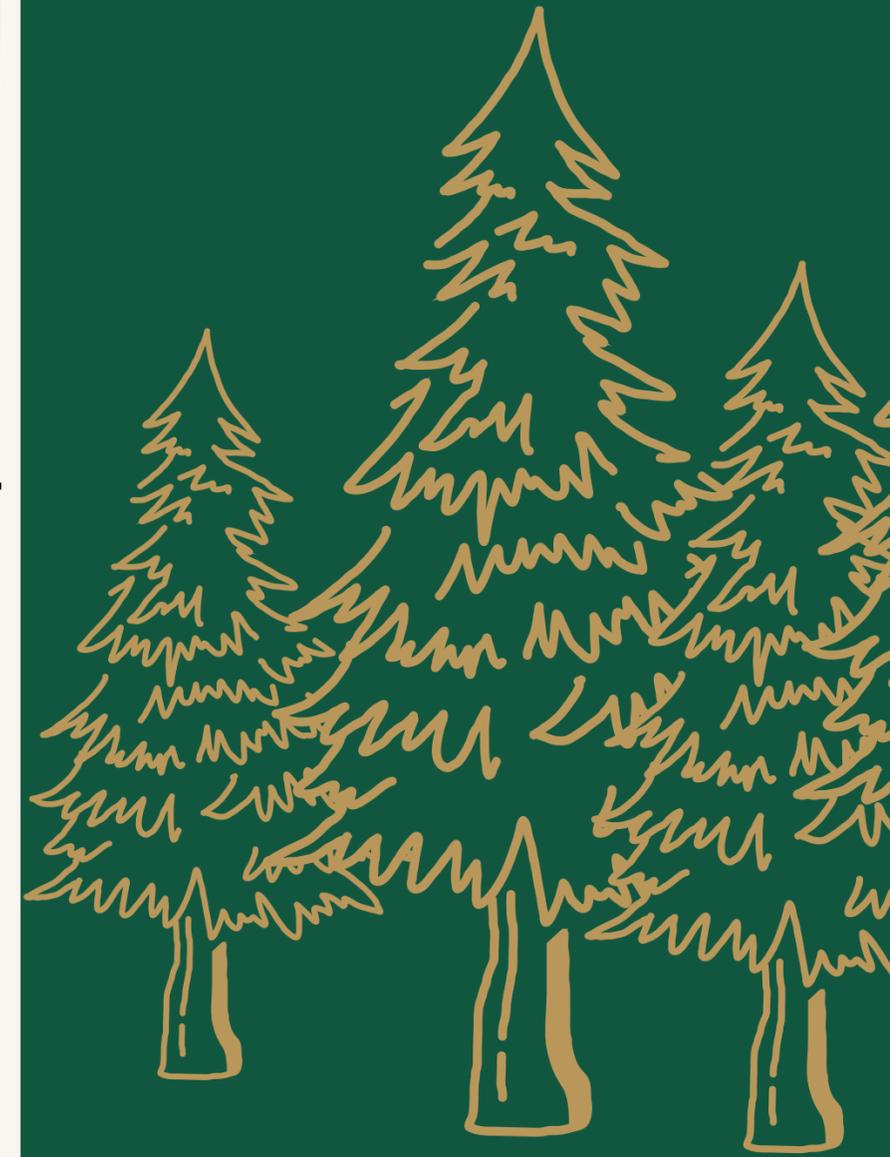


Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, with a bachelor's degree, planning to pursue a career that requires regular use of their target language
- Applicants must be prepared to devote themselves to full-time study of their language as there is not time for part-time study or research
- Applicants must be at or near advanced proficiency in their selected language & must have completed the third year of formal language classes in the target language

Application timeline:

- Applications open in early July & are due by late December



Program Structure - Huayu Enrichment:

- Funding for international students to undertake Huayu courses in Taiwan
- Program aims to increase understanding of Taiwanese culture & to foster engagement between Taiwan & the international community
- Funding covers a summer term as well as up to 12 months of study afterwards



Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be international students above the age of 18
- Applicants must have earned at least a high school diploma, have show excellent academic performance, and must possess strong moral character
- Applicants who are nationals of the Republic of China (ROC), have sought a degree from a university in Taiwan, are receiving financial benefits from Taiwan, or are exchange students to Taiwan during the award are not eligible

Application timeline:

- Applicants must submit their materials to the nearest ROC embassy by the deadline in late March

Program Structure - Henry Luce Foundation:

- Funding for a 1-year professional placement in Northeast, Southeast, or South Asia
- Applicants are placed in working environments that are individually tailored to their interests, background, & qualifications
- Luce recipients receive intensive language training at the start of their award & have access to funding to continue their training throughout the year
- Work placements can range from teaching English, to serving in an agricultural & environmental center & are designed to deepen ties between young Americans & the cultures and people of Asia



Selection Criteria & Eligibility:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, must be graduating seniors, recent graduates, or young professionals under the age of 32 (or must have received their bachelor's degree in the past 3 years if older than 32)
- Applicants cannot have spent more than 18 weeks in more than one of the eligible Luce countries since beginning college
- Selection criteria include leadership ability, intercultural competence, & evidence of/capacity for professional achievement

Application timeline:

- Applications open in late April & are due by mid-October