URI Peace Corps Prep Program
Funding Opportunities To Consider

An asterisk (*) indicates institutional nomination or certification is required. Deadlines and eligibility are subject to change. Contact Kathleen Maher for details (kmaher@uri.edu).

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INDEPENDENT PROJECTS – DOMESTIC OR ABROAD

**Michael P. Metcalf Memorial Scholarship**
Rifoundation.org/Scholarships
January
For educational enrichment outside of the classroom that will stimulate personal growth through travel, study, and public service programs. Applicants must be college students and Rhode Island residents; the award cannot be used for tuition.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD

**Beatrice S. Demers Foreign Language Fellows Program ($1K – 25K)**
Rifoundation.org/Scholarships
January
The fund provides fellowships for Rhode Island residents and anyone who is a student at a Rhode Island college or university who wishes to pursue foreign language study. Preference will be given to applicants from the University of Rhode Island!

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship ($5K or $7K)**
iiie.org/gilman
Early October (for spring) Early March (for fall/AY) Either Deadline (Summer programs; min. 4+ weeks)
The Gilman Scholarship Program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students with Pell Grant eligibility who are planning to study abroad. The program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints.

**Boren Scholarships (up to $20K)**
borenawards.org
On-campus deadline: Early January National Deadline: Early February
For students interested in languages deemed critical to national security. Scholarship award will cover the cost of a proposed study abroad program up to $20K/academic year or $10K/semester. Special summer opportunity for students in the STEM disciplines is also available. Boren scholars must commit to seeking employment with the federal government for one post-graduate year.

**Cultural Vistas**
culturalvistas.org/programs/abroad/cultural-vistas-fellowship/
Early January
The Cultural Vistas Fellowship is an 8-week summer internship program that gives undergraduate students (sophomores or juniors with a 3.0) who have not yet participated in a formal study or internship abroad program the opportunity to gain practical work experience in Argentina, Germany or India. The Cultural Vistas Fellowship is open to students in all fields who
can demonstrate their interest in or commitment to advancing their career goals, developing global competencies, and experiencing life in another culture.

**Critical Languages Scholarship (CLS)**

**Mid-November**
<cls scholar.org>

Fully-funded, group-based, summer intensive language program, including instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for seven to ten weeks abroad. Open to U.S. citizen undergraduate and graduate students interested in studying one of these 13 languages at the following levels: Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, and Urdu (beginning or above); Arabic and Persian (advanced beginning or above); and Chinese, Japanese, and Russian (intermediate or advanced). The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period.

**Darmasiswa Indonesian Scholarship Program**

February

A one-year non-degree scholarship offered by the Indonesian government to study Bahasa Indonesia, arts, music, crafts, and subject areas at 54 selected Indonesian Higher Education Institutions.

**Freeman-Asia**

March (summer), April (Fall and AY), October (spring)
<ie.org/programs/freeman-asia>

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. Open to 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. 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.

**Fund for Education Abroad (Up to $10K)**

January
<fundforeducationabroad.org>

Committed to increasing the opportunities for dedicated American students to participate in high-quality, rigorous education abroad programs by reducing financial restrictions through the provision of grants and scholarships. In addition to the general Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) scholarships, the Boston Area Study Abroad Association (BASAA) has partnered with FEA to offer two $5,000 awards to deserving students who are enrolled in a CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT university.

**USINDO Summer Language Program**

Late March
<www.usindo.org/grants-fellowships/summer-language-study/>

Partial funding for an intensive ten-week language and cultural studies program held from May to August, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition to the language course, field trip, and cultural program, the program includes a possibility of short internship/volunteer work opportunities with local organizations in Yogyakarta. Available to juniors, seniors, grad students and recent graduates. (Program cost of $2K.)
US-UK FULBRIGHT COMMISSION SUMMER INSTITUTES  
www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates  
Late February
Provides the opportunity for U.S. undergraduates with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete, to come to the UK on a 3- to 6-week academic and cultural summer programs. Priority given to students who have little to no prior travel experience to the UK. Each site has a distinct theme including one on Development Studies and another on Conflict Resolution.

POST-GRADUATION SERVICE PROJECTS

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD  
www.nationalgridus.com/huntington.asp  
Mid-January
Provides a $15,000 stipend for a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world.

*FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
On-campus deadline: 1st day of classes  
Declaration of Intent preferred by July 1
www.iie.org/Fulbright  
For graduating seniors, recent graduates and current graduate students. Help teach English and U.S. culture in an overseas classroom for 8 to 12 months. Approximately 70 countries participate.

AIF CLINTON FELLOWSHIP FOR SERVICE IN INDIA  
www.aif.org/program/fellowship/  
January
An immersive, 10-month volunteer service program matching young professionals with development organizations. Fellows work on scalable and sustainable development projects in the fields of education, livelihoods, technology and innovation, and public health.

POST-GRADUATION STUDY ABROAD

BLAKEMORE FREEMAN FELLOWSHIP LANGUAGE GRANTS  
blakemorefoundation.org  
December
The Blakemore Foundation awards full-tuition fellowships to individuals to spend a year abroad in an intensive language program to improve their Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Burmese or Khmer language skills. Grants are only available for study at specific language schools in East and Southeast Asia. Applicants must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate degree and have an advanced command of the target language (equivalent to three years of language study at the college level).

*FULBRIGHT PROGRAM  
On-campus deadline: First day of Fall classes  
Declaration of Intent preferred by July 1
www.iie.org/Fulbright  
For graduating seniors, recent grads and current graduate students. Provides funds for research and study in approximately 140 countries for academic high achievers.
DOMESTIC FUNDING FOR INTERNSHIPS OR GRADUATE STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

*Gaither Junior Fellows Program

carnegieendowment.org

One-year fellowships for uniquely qualified graduating seniors and individuals who have graduated during the past academic year. Junior Fellows work as research assistants to senior associates at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program

Rangelprogram.org

January (Fellows)  
February (Summer Program)

Offers summer enrichment and graduate fellowships to promising students preparing for careers in foreign service. Strong preference is given to students from groups that have been historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need.

Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA)

ppiaprogram.org

Early November

The PPIA Fellowship Program is designed to prepare college juniors or rising seniors from diverse backgrounds for graduate studies in public and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. There is an array of opportunities under the PPIA which span a period of development from the junior year of college to beyond the completion of a graduate degree.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering

January

For students interested in foreign affairs who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. The Pickering Undergraduate Fellowship selects undergraduate students who apply in their junior year. Prospective master's degree students may apply to the Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship.

*Truman Scholarship

truman.gov

On-campus deadline: November

For juniors who want to make a difference through public service. Scholarship pays for graduate or professional school in preparation for careers in government, the non-profit sector or public service; requires extensive records of public or community service and outstanding leadership potential and communication skills; based entirely on merit; financial need is not a consideration.

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