National Scholarships

There are a number of national scholarships that Rollins students have been granted in the past. Though these scholarship applications take some work, they are prestigious and generous awards.

- **The Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship**: aims to support US citizen students with financial need. Students who have been traditionally underrepresented in study abroad are particularly encouraged to apply. To be eligible you must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant and you must be participating in a program that has been approved for credit, is based in one country for more than four weeks in length, and is based in a country that is not Cuba and is not currently listed on the US Department of State’s Travel Warning List.

- **Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship**: The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and relations among people of different countries and cultures. Students must apply through their local Rotary club though basic application information and scholarship details are available on the website.

- **Boren Awards for International Study**: offers scholarships for US students interested in studying in areas of the world identified as critical to US interests.

- **Fund for Education Abroad**: FEA is 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.

- **GSF Student Grant (The Global Studies Grant for Student Travel and Study Abroad)**: Designed to support foreign language training and other academic studies abroad, this grant provides supplemental funds for American students who already are studying abroad under the auspices of an official study abroad program conducted by an accredited academic institution.

- **The Mark Twain Awards for Travel**: Open to most majors. Awarded to deserving students who wish to enrich their education through exposure to people and places they would otherwise not encounter. Once awarded, the funds are unrestricted and can be used towards any local or international travel of any duration. Awards range between $500-$2,500. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early submissions are strongly encouraged.

  - To apply, create a username and password at [letterbanc.com](http://www.letterbanc.com) and then copy this link into your browser: [http://www.letterbanc.com/submissions](http://www.letterbanc.com/submissions). You will be asked to submit a brief 250 word statement and some additional information. Finalists will be invited to share further details about their plans.

- **Go Overseas Scholarships**: Go Overseas scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in, or in the process of applying to, study abroad programs and
award up to $1,000. Go Overseas also has a Teach Abroad Scholarship and a Volunteer Abroad Scholarship for students with a focus on international studies and/or education.

**National Scholarships – Specific to Field of Study and/or Region**

- **The Brazil Initiation Scholarship (BIS):** BIS is a key component of the Brazilian Studies Association’s (BRASA) agenda to expand Brazilian Studies in the United States. BRASA invites applications from graduate and undergraduate students for a one-time $1,500 travel scholarship to do exploratory research or language study in Brazil. This scholarship targets aspiring Brazilianists with relatively little or no experience in Brazil. It seeks to contribute to the student’s initial trip (for a period from six weeks to three months), to heighten the student’s interest in Brazil, and deepen his/her commitment to Brazilian studies in the United States. Students are encouraged to combine this scholarship with other grants or awards. Recipients will be recognized during the awards ceremony of the next BRASA international congress in Brasilia. Funding will be disbursed prior to travel. BRASA will award up to four fellowships in this competition.

- **BUTEX Scholarship:** The BUTEX scholarship of £500 is designed to support university exchange between the UK and North America and is specifically for students studying at institutions in the UK for a semester or a year. There is a once-a-year application deadline during the summer, so this scholarship works best for students studying abroad for the fall semester or the academic year.

- **Bridging Scholarships:** The Association of Teachers of Japanese offer scholarships for American students studying abroad in Japan for a semester or academic year. There is a once-a-year application deadline in the late spring so interested students must plan ahead.

- **DAAD German Academic Exchange Service:** offers scholarships for students going to Germany for four months to a year for study, research or internship. To be eligible, students must be in their junior or senior year during their time in Germany. There is a once-a-year application deadline in late January/early February so interested students must plan ahead.

**National Scholarships - Specific to Diversity**

- **Pride Foundation – The National LGBT Scholarship Fund:** Pride Foundation provides financial support, leadership training, mentoring, and hope to meritorious students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender
expression. You do not need straight A's to apply but we are looking for individuals who have proven leadership skills, excellent scholastic achievements and want to make a difference in the world. All applicants are evaluated on the totality of their situation including, academic accomplishments, financial, emotional and social need, extracurricular activities, personal circumstances and goals for the future. This website provides link to a number of different resources geared towards LGBTQ students.

- **The National Italian American Foundations**: For Italian American students who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements. Area of study: open.
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**: To date, HSF has awarded over $360 million in scholarships and has supported a broad range of outreach and education programs to help students and their families navigate collegiate life, from gaining admission and securing financial aid to finding employment after graduation.

**Study Abroad Funding Websites & Databases**

- **Glimpse Correspondents** is a chance for students who will be abroad to get their stories and photography published at high-profile publications—and get paid for it. Powered by Matador, and supported in part by the National Geographic Society, the Glimpse Correspondents Program provides talented writers and photographers with a stipend as well as one on one editorial training and support to complete an independent journalistic work based on their experience abroad.
- **Transitions Abroad**: study abroad magazine that sponsors writing contests with cash prizes. They also accept submissions of articles.
- **University of Minnesota Scholarship Database**
- **GoAbroad.com**
- **IIEPassport Study Abroad Funding**: Comprehensive Database of study abroad scholarships, fellowships, and grants.
- **InternationalScholarships.com**: For US and International Students
- **Financial Aid Scholarships**
- **Scholarships.com**
- **StudyAbroad.com**
- **Best of the Web - Scholarships**
- Some Non-Rollins programs also offer program-specific scholarships for students.