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Scholarships Available to Help Students Study Abroad

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In today's academic world, studying abroad has become a popular experience many students have the privilege to experience. Studying abroad is as much about learning outside the classroom as it is inside the classroom. It offers students a unique experience that benefits them greatly when they leave college and set out in the real world.

Although an incredible experience, studying abroad can be very expensive. It requires a lot of traveling and that in itself is expensive. For example, the Baylor in Maastricht group semester program has a \$5,500 program fee on top of regular Baylor tuition and not including independent travel that students are given the opportunity to do while on this trip.



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Study abroad is a very beneficial part of one's academic career that every student should have the opportunity to experience. There are many study abroad scholarships available to students to receive to help finance their study

abroad adventures. One of the most prominent scholarships that Baylor offers is the Glennis McCrary Goodrich Scholarship. Group semester program coordinator Lexi English encourages students to apply for

this scholarship because “it is a wide spread scholarship where many Baylor students receive money from it.” This scholarship awards a maximum of \$3,000 in awards for summer programs and \$5,000 for the semester programs. This scholarship could potentially cover almost all of the cost of the program fee for the Baylor in Maastricht program, making it the same amount as a semester or summer in Waco.



“A lot of students from my trip received money from the Goodrich Scholarship,” said Sara Grove, a former participant of the Baylor in Maastricht program and Goodrich recipient. “I’ve always wanted to study abroad and I don’t think I could have done it without the scholarship money...

overall my semester in Europe was basically the same cost as it would have been for me to take classes at Baylor in Waco,” Grove said.

There are outside scholarships available to students as well. Haley Hartwick, also a former Baylor in Maastricht participant, received the Fallen Patriots scholarship because her “father was killed in action in Iraq in 2006.” Hartwick’s scholarship fully funded her study abroad semester and she says that the experience “benefited my academic career by allowing me to experience exactly what I was learning, such as history, art, culture... in my everyday journeys.”

There are hundreds, if not thousands of other outside scholarships that students can apply for. What students do not realize is that they can fund these expensive trips and still not fall into student debt. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is another great example. This

scholarship is awarded to students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding and students can receive up to \$5,000 to help with the program cost. Some other scholarships are the Foundation for Global Scholars, British Council: Education UK, BUTEX Scholarships and more. Each scholarship has different deadlines which differ depending on the semester or summer in which students wish to spend abroad. Students can find more information on the application deadline details on the respected scholarship application websites.