OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

UK Education Abroad is committed to UK’s values of diversity and inclusion. A broad range of perspectives, experiences and backgrounds inherent in diverse communities creates a rich learning environment from which all students can benefit.

Diversity Scholarship

In the spirit of diversity, UK Education Abroad has partnered with International Studies Abroad (ISA) and Academic Programs International (API) to offer the Diversity Scholarship. This unique scholarship can be used as a voucher to be redeemed any time within two calendar years of receiving the award. Award amounts vary between $2,500 and $5,000.

For more information, visit uky.edu/international/diversityscholarship.

RESOURCES

UK Disability Resource Center
Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407
859.257.2754

Mobility International USA
www.miusa.org/node/individuallnaid.htm
Offers extensive financial aid information specifically available for people with disabilities for people with disabilities to study abroad

Rotary International
www.rotary.org
Rotary International strongly encourages students with disabilities to apply for their Ambassadorial Scholarships

UK Education Abroad
315 Bradley Hall
859.257.4067
uky.edu/educationabroad
educationabroad@uky.edu

First Steps Info Sessions
Mondays & Tuesdays at 4pm
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 3pm
207 Bradley Hall
PREPARING TO STUDY ABROAD

Choosing an education abroad program is an important decision. Students with disabilities should be informed about accessibility and accommodations before making a final decision on a program. Remember that other cultures may provide access and accommodations in a different way. Learn about what types of accommodation are typically provided in your host country.

Be flexible and open to considering different ways of accommodating your needs. Discuss your plans early on with your advisors at the UK Disability Resource Center so you can receive assistance with selecting a program and evaluating the type of accommodations that are possible at the selected site. Please discuss your questions and concerns with your Education Abroad advisor as well.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ABROAD

Remember that one of the most important qualities for any education abroad participant is flexibility. You are going abroad to experience a different way of life, which may include a different way of dealing with your needs and a different degree of independence than you are used to. It will be important to communicate your needs with program staff. It is equally important to consider alternative ways to meet those needs.

You should be prepared for the fact that ability/disability may be culturally defined. Attitudes toward persons with disabilities and levels of accessibility can vary greatly from country to country. Before you leave, find out as much as you can about your host culture and how local people view disability. The more you know, the better prepared you will be for your integration into the new environment.

RETURNING HOME

Preparing for your return home is just as important as preparing for your departure. Before you return to the United States it is helpful to consider how changes in your self-identity may affect your relationships with family and friends. Give thought to what you have gained from your program. What have you learned while abroad and how will you use this knowledge in the future?

UK Education Abroad always welcomes student articles, photographs and/or video submissions to our blog, enKompass, and our social media. Send submissions to educationabroad@uky.edu with your name, your program’s title/dates and a short description.

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