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 & UK Women’s Club Travel Abroad Scholarship

Diversity Scholarship:
Must be used on an International Studies Abroad (ISA) and Academic Programs International (API) program. Students have two years from awarded date to use the scholarship. Award amount: $2,500 and $5,000. For more information, visit uky.edu/international/diversity奖学金.

UK Women’s Club Travel Abroad Scholarship:
Must be used on a UK Sponsored program. Students must complete a scholarship application, a faculty nomination form, and have a UK Sponsored application in accepted or committed status. Award Amount: $500 for summer | $1,000 for fall

Resources

Women Travelers
wanderlustandlipstick.com
This site gives a diverse range of information for women, everything from safety to packing, along with useful links to other websites.

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PREPARING TO STUDY ABROAD

One of the more fascinating and perplexing issues for students abroad involves relationships and interactions regarding gender identity. It is important to recognize how heavily cultural differences affect this dynamic of social exchange. Begin now by researching gender roles in the culture where you will be studying.

What is the history of gender relations within that culture? How are American women and men perceived there? How might your gender influence people’s interactions with you? What disadvantages and privileges are associated with gender in the host culture? Speak with your UK Education Abroad advisor so that we can assist you in gathering the information you need.

GENDER ISSUES ABROAD

The dynamic of gender interactions in America may not correspond with cultural norms in other countries. This will become clearer to you as you begin making new friends and integrating into daily life abroad. Studying abroad allows you the opportunity to explore culturally-specific patterns of gender roles that may be different from what you are used to.

Observe how gender interaction can provide deeper insight into the cultural values of the host country. Learn what the expected dress codes are for women and the consequences of not following these codes. Are there particular locations or activities in your host country that are considered unsafe for women or men? What are the social norms for romantic relationships? How is sexual harassment defined and responded to in the host culture? Are there added safety precautions you must follow based on your gender?

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?

Are you interested in sharing your #seeblueabroad story?

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.