A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Most think of “studying abroad” in a foreign classroom when thinking of education abroad. However, at the University of Kentucky, students can also earn credit abroad through international internships, research, service learning, and teaching.

There is also a variety of education abroad program types. Students can find programs abroad that are directed by UK faculty (typically short term), or they can participate on highly immersive programs that typically last a semester or academic year.

UK Education Abroad recognizes there is not a “one size fits all” when it comes to international education. To learn more about students’ program options abroad, visit uky.edu/educationabroad.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to using normal scholarships and financial aid to fund an education abroad program, many students are awarded additional scholarships specific to education abroad.

There is a variety of need and merit-based education abroad scholarship opportunities, including those for first generation college students, PELL Grant recipients, those studying sciences and technology and many more.

In addition to regular advising resources throughout the year, UK Education Abroad holds semi-annual Scholarship Workshops to discuss these scholarship opportunities with students one-on-one. Additionally, UK Education Abroad helps students think of creative ways to raise money for programs, such as building a fundraising blog and connecting it to sites such as gofundme.com or paypal.com.

The biggest key to securing funds for a program abroad is planning early!

For more information on education abroad scholarships and creative fundraising ideas, visit uky.edu/educationabroad.

HEALTH & SAFETY

UK Education Abroad’s number one concern is student safety and security. All students are enrolled in travel medical insurance and evacuation coverage during their time abroad.

The UK International Center monitors international news and security and maintains regular communication with in-country leaders and partner institutions. In the event of an emergency, UK Education Abroad can initiate communication and immediately take action as the situation warrants. For more information on insurance coverage and other health and safety matters abroad, visit uky.edu/educationabroad

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THE VALUE
According to the Institute for International Education, only 14% of U.S. students participate in education abroad during their undergraduate career. Those graduates who are a part of this 14% have a competitive advantage in the job market over their less internationally experienced peers.

To employers, an applicant with international experience is an independent thinker, adaptive, culturally competent, and able to communicate effectively.

UK Education Abroad provides students the opportunity for meaningful international experience while meeting their academic needs.

AFFORDABILITY
In most cases, UK students participating on education abroad programs pay a reduced rate of tuition in addition to a program fee.

Many UK Education Abroad programs are comparable to the cost of a semester at UK and include housing and some amenities.

During a typical term abroad, students are enrolled in a one credit hour course at UK. This one hour course maintains full-time enrollment and therefore generally allows normal scholarships and financial aid to be applied toward the education abroad program.

COST CONSIDERATIONS
- **Duration**
  While the “sticker price” of a shorter term program (during the summer or winter) may be lower than a longer term program (during the fall or spring semester), it is important to consider weekly or daily costs of a program. Also, costs such as the airline ticket are not likely to vary with the length of stay.
  Another matter to consider with duration is scholarships and financial aid. Many students only receive aid during the fall and spring semesters. Therefore, when these students participate on a program abroad during the winter or summer session, they may not able to use normal financial aid towards their program price.

- **Location**
  Students should consider the daily cost of living and the currency exchange rate of host countries when calculating program costs. Even in countries with high costs of living, there can be noticeable difference between large cities and small towns.
  Students should also strongly consider programs in non-traditional locations. Since most students participate on programs in Western Europe or Australia, students participating on programs in places such as Argentina, Thailand or South Africa are more likely to be noticed in scholarship committee reviews and therefore they are more likely to receive additional scholarships.

Students will typically earn a full course load abroad, but, with regard to tuition, will only pay UK for one credit hour. Students will also pay an application fee, a program fee (which varies by duration and location) and personal costs such as travel and meals.

Some programs include a variety of options for housing and amenities. For example, some homestay programs include 2-3 meals a day. It is important to consider total offerings when comparing programs’ costs.

SUPPORT
From program selection to return, parents are encouraged to stay engaged with their student throughout the education abroad process.

For students to reap the benefits of education abroad, such as building independence and problem solving skills, it is important for parents to maintain a balanced level of involvement.

Education abroad can present an exciting experience for students and many will consider it life-changing. Still, times of frustration will arise, and parents should be prepared to have a supportive ear during these times.

Parents with concerns are welcome to contact their student’s education abroad advisor.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Students do not have to speak a foreign language to study in a non-English speaking country. Classes are taught in English in many countries across a variety of subjects. On many programs, there is an on-site support staff to help students navigate non-English speaking life.