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:**
International Studies Abroad (ISA) and Academic Programs International (API) to offer the Diversity Scholarship. Students have two years from awarded date to use the scholarship. Award amount: $2,500 to $5,000. For more information, visit uky.edu/international/diversityscholarship.

**Other First Generation Scholarships:**
- uky.edu/international/duysen
- uky.edu/international/collins

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

Deciding on an education abroad program can be challenging. First generation students should be informed about the complexities of education abroad before making a final decision on a program.

Remember that other cultures may provide challenges different than your own. Be flexible and open to considering different ways of life. Discuss your plans early on with your family as well as your advisors at the UK Education Abroad office.

Start with a First Steps Information Session in 207 Bradley Hall, Mondays & Tuesdays at 4pm and Wednesdays & Thursdays at 3pm. Our Resource Center is open 9am to 5pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 3pm, where our Education Abroad Peer Ambassadors are ready to answer any questions.

**BENEFITS & COST**

As a first generation student, you have the opportunity to be the first in your family to participate on a credit-bearing education abroad program. There are many benefits to taking part in international education. First, you can fulfill academic requirements, which can include major coursework or UK Core credit. Also, you can leverage your education abroad program in the job market by discussing what you’ve learned about yourself, the host culture or your subject area.

There are programs that are comparable in cost to a semester at UK. To help fund your education abroad program there are several scholarships available. Visit uky.edu/international/available_scholarships to see which opportunities are specific to first generation students. Your UK financial aid may also be applicable to your education abroad program.

**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? Did UK education abroad allow you to pursue new opportunities like research, service or an internship?

Are you interested in sharing your #seeblueabroad story?

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