Students matriculating at Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C) are eligible to apply for study abroad scholarships through the Global Programs Office. The University makes such funds available to assist students and to make study abroad opportunities more affordable. Please read below for additional information regarding the scholarship program.

I. Eligibility is merit-based and requires full acceptance into one of Texas A&M University-Commerce's recognized exchange, faculty-led or affiliated study abroad programs. (Merit is determined by a combination of academic performance and quality of the application submitted for consideration.) For purposes of these scholarships, programs through University of Southern Mississippi and international university partners are considered exchange programs; affiliated study abroad programs are those offered via third-party providers, for example University Study Abroad Consortium (USAC) or American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS); and faculty-led programs are those academic study programs led by TAMU-C faculty or qualified staff members, usually 7-14 days in duration.

In order for a program to qualify for a Global Programs scholarship, it must offer semester credit hours.

Demonstrated financial need is not a criterion in the awarding of a Global Programs Office scholarship. Students must, however, be enrolled at TAMU-C at the time of application.

II. Grant amounts are based upon length of program, but generally do not exceed $1,000 for summer programs and faculty-led programs; $1500 for programs of longer duration. All participants in the same program receive the same amount of scholarship support and funds are disbursed directly into student accounts via the Scholarship Office. Note: if you have a balance on your account, scholarship awards will first be applied to pay off existing balances.

III. Failure to fulfill with any of the requirements attendant to this program could cause forfeiture of scholarship, thus requiring its repayment or recoupment of already paid scholarships.

IV. Regular TAMU-C financial aid is available to students participating in TAMU-C exchange, faculty-led, and affiliated programs. Financial aid amounts may be adjusted to meet the eligible costs of study abroad, including airfare, higher living costs, etc. If you receive TAMU-C financial aid, please consult with your financial aid counselor to request an estimate of the financial aid package for the desired program.

V. Scholarship Application Instructions

A. Students participating in an exchange or TAMU-C faculty-led program need only complete the Global Programs Scholarship Application Form and turn it in with a completed application packet to the Global Programs Office (Ferguson Hall, Room 220).

B. Students participating in affiliated programs must complete the Global Programs Scholarship Application Form, an application packet, and attach a copy of the completed affiliated program application.
VI. Scholarship Application Dates:

As there are more students requesting assistance than can be supported, it is incumbent upon you to submit your application as soon as practicable—remember, there is no guarantee that funds will be available if you wait too long. Consequently, to increase your chances of success, applications should be submitted not later than (NLT) the dates listed below for anticipated travel dates:

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Inquiries may be directed to:
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E-mail: Lynda.Weatherbee@tamuc.edu
Website: www.tamuc.edu/internationalstudies
GLOBAL PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Criteria:

Scholarships are based on merit--past academic performance and the quality of the scholarship application packet you submit are important.

Must be sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student who meets both academic and disciplinary requirements.

Undergraduate students must have a GPA of 2.5 or above on a current TAMU-C transcript and be in good standing at the University.

Graduate students must have a GPA of 3.5 or above on current TAMU-C transcript and be in good standing at the University.

Applicant must be fully admitted into an approved program of study.

Completed scholarship applications should be submitted as early as possible, but not later than published scholarship application dates listed above. Partially completed applications do not constitute “application submission.” Please do not submit partially completed applications and piecemeal the remaining documents--such applications will not be accepted. Please use the checklist below to assist in preparing your scholarship application packet:

- Complete the mandatory training, “International Travel Safety: Safe Passage Presentation” and attach the certificate of completion with scholarship application. The URL for the gateway is: https://apps7.system.tamus.edu/TrainTraq/web/External/ExternalGatewayLogon.aspx.

  As the site is password protected, please contact Ms. Lynda Weatherbee, Global Programs Office (Lynda.Weatherbee@tamuc.edu) for the current password (password changes every 60 days).

- Complete the Global Programs Scholarship Application Form and application packet.

- Complete a short essay (two to three typed pages, double spaced) focusing on why you want to study abroad and how you hope to benefit from your educational experience.

- Agree to participate in and assist with at least one recognized campus international event during the coming year. Please click here to see a list of available programs and a description of each.

- Provide a copy of an official transcript.

- Two letters of recommendation from TAMU-C faculty members mailed or E-mailed (Lynda.Weatherbee@tamuc.edu) to the Office of Global Programs.

- Completed Student Study Abroad Advisement Form (if applicable)

- Complete the liability package and other forms before departure; students cannot travel without liability insurance. Please provide a copy of the insurance card you receive as a part of your application packet.

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After returning from your study abroad program you are required to:

- to provide a well written and thoughtful two-three page reflection piece about your experience no later than 3 weeks after the program has ended.
- provide the office with 3-5 pictures of you that highlight your experience abroad. These photos will be used in presentations, publications and on the Global Programs website, so please ensure they are tasteful and applicable. Photos should be at least 300 dpi.
- Ensure you complete the post-travel portion of the Global Competence Aptitude Assessment (GCAA).
- Fulfill commitment to participate in and assist with a recognized international campus event.

I, ________________________________, agree to the above stipulated terms and am willingly prepared to comply with them.

__________________________________________________
Student's Printed Name

__________________________________________________
Student's Signature

__________________________________________________
Date

Please include this document with your scholarship packet.
GLOBAL PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name________________________________________________ CWID# __________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________________________________

City____________________________________ State_________ Zip___________________________

E-mail ____________________________ Cell Phone____________________________

Is the confirmation for the mandatory training, “International Travel Safety: Safe Passage Presentation” attached? __________

Major_________________________________________ Minor___________________________________________

Classification________________________________________ GPA________________________________________

International Program Applied for______________________________________________________________

Course_________________________________________ Hours Credit________________

Location & Dates of the Program______________________________________________________________

Have you studied abroad before? ______________________________________________________________

If yes, where? ___________________________________________ when? ______________________________

Have you applied for financial aid? _______________ Home Phone Number _________________________

Please submit this form and required information to:

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADHERE TO ALL PUBLISHED DEADLINES!

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