

# Fund for Education Abroad

## Application Guide 2023





**FEA Mission:** To provide scholarships and ongoing support to students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population. FEA makes life-changing, international experiences accessible to all by supporting minority, community college, and first-generation college students before, during, and after they participate in education abroad programs.

*Preference given to:*  
First-generation college students  
Underrepresented students  
Community college students

**Award: up to \$1,250 for summer; up to \$5,000 for semester; up to \$10,000 for academic year**

<https://fundforeducationabroad.org>

### Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident
- Current undergraduate student (must be enrolled at time of program)
- Study abroad program must be eligible for credit at home college

### Application:

Due January 18, 2023 (12 pm EST)  
*For summer 2023, fall 2023 or 2022-23 AY*

#### Submit:

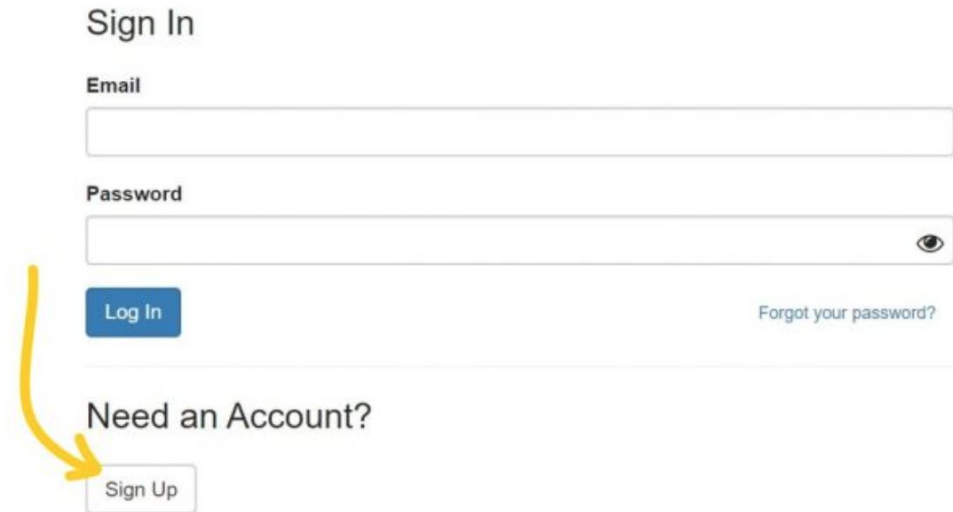
- Online application form
- 2 essays
- Letter of Recommendation
- Unofficial BMCC transcript ([click here for instructions](#))
  - Transcripts from previous colleges attended
- Financial Aid Form
  - Do now! Fill out top section and email to Financial Aid:  
[ymeltreger@bmcc.cuny.edu](mailto:ymeltreger@bmcc.cuny.edu)

# Instructions for Letter of Recommendation

- Ask early! It is due at the same time as the application (Jan. 18), so give your recommender enough time.
- Professors and direct supervisors are preferred, but you may also ask an advisor, coach or high school teacher. No letters of recommendations by friends or peers will be accepted.
- When you ask them to recommend you, share where you want to study abroad (include program link), and why you are interested in this opportunity.
- Create an application and copy and paste the FEA recommender prompt to share with your contact
- Once they confirm they will write the letter, write their name and email in the application.
- After your recommender submits your letter of recommendation, **you must go back into the application to click submit.**

# To Begin Your Application

Sign up with an email and password in the [application portal](#), as pictured. NOTE: Please use a non-university affiliated email address to ensure you receive all relevant emails from the system. Some university filters filter out automatic emails, like the ones you will receive from WizeHive, as spam.

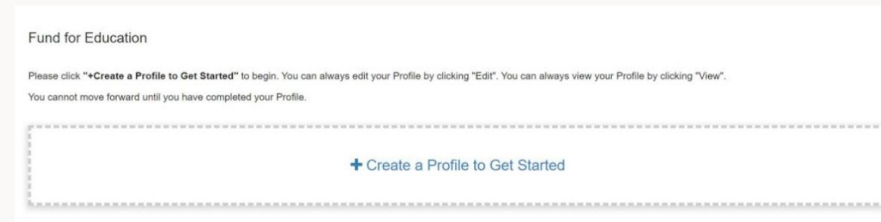


The screenshot shows a 'Sign In' section with two input fields: 'Email' and 'Password'. The 'Password' field has an eye icon for toggling visibility. Below the fields is a blue 'Log In' button and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. Below the sign-in section is a 'Need an Account?' section with a 'Sign Up' button. A yellow arrow points from the 'Log In' button area down to the 'Sign Up' button.

## Application Portal:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/FundForEducationAbroadScholarship2023>

Click on “+Create a Profile to Get Started” and complete your profile.



The screenshot shows a page titled 'Fund for Education'. It contains the following text: 'Please click “+Create a Profile to Get Started” to begin. You can always edit your Profile by clicking “Edit”. You can always view your Profile by clicking “View”. You cannot move forward until you have completed your Profile.' Below this text is a large button with a dashed border that says '+ Create a Profile to Get Started'.

Once your profile is complete, click on “Get Started” to complete your scholarship application.

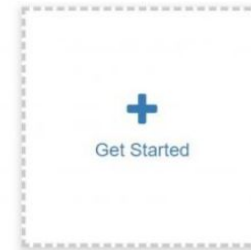
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Profile ✔ Complete View Edit

To begin, click “+Get Started” below. When you return to this Homepage, you can see the status of your submission by the colored status bar below the submission card.

- If the status bar is gray, your submission is under review, and no action needs to be taken.
- If the status bar is blue, there is an action required. Click on the Submission Card to complete.
- If the status bar is red, there is an error. Please reach out to the Administrator of this program.



They will ask for your “anticipated study abroad program type”. Here’s what it means:

- **University Sponsored** (all BMCC programs and most CUNY summer programs)
- **Program Provider** (such as CIEE,, or another study abroad organization)
- **Direct Enrollment** at a university abroad (usually for spring or fall exchange programs through another CUNY college)

# Essay 1

Please describe your intended study abroad program. Why have you chosen this program and how do you anticipate that it will build on your previous experience and support your future goals? Please be specific. (750 words)

See Writing Tips on next two slides.

# Step 1: Introduce Yourself

- ❑ Which school do you attend and what is your major?
  - These questions are asked in the application, but it's a good way to start your essay, and to remind them you are a community college student. Spell out Borough of Manhattan Community College.
  
- ❑ What excites you about study abroad?
  - Is there something, or someone, specific that inspired you to study abroad, or explore a specific country?
  - Are you hoping to learn more about your heritage or a new culture? Improve your language skills?
  
- ❑ Has your identity influenced your decision to go abroad? This may include:
  - Race/ethnicity
  - If you are LGBTQ
  - If you are a veteran
  - If you have a disability
  - If you are a parent
  - If you have returned to school as an older student



# Show you have a well-developed plan for study abroad

*It's okay if you have not committed to a specific program yet, but discuss the program(s) you plan to apply to.*

- ❑ Why did you choose this specific location?
- ❑ Why does the timing of the program work well for you? (i.e. why is summer better than fall?)
- ❑ What do you like about the structure of the program? (i.e. is it led by a professor? will you be with a program provider that provides a lot of support?)
- ❑ Which course(s) would you take as part of this program?
  - Why does this course interest you?
  - Does it fulfill a requirement?
  - Does it relate to your major? If not, don't worry! Just explain how it adds to your overall education.
  - If you have any low grades on your transcript, explain why it happened and how you've improved.
  - Use the program description on the website ([see BMCC programs here](#))
- ❑ How do you think study abroad will help you with your future goals?
  - Does this course, or country, relate to the work you want to do in your future job?
  - What kind of skills do you think you can gain from studying in another country?

# Essay 2

Studying abroad is often challenging, requiring participants to be open-minded and persevere in sometimes isolating circumstances. Please describe a personal experience in which you were similarly challenged to demonstrate these qualities. (750 words)

See Writing Tips on next slide.

# How do you show you're ready for study abroad?

- ❑ Share an experience from work, school or your personal life where you were challenged and learned more about yourself.
  - If you have low grades on your transcript, you can explain why these were low and what you did to improve. You can also explain if you had difficult circumstances (i.e. being a parent, health issues, learning English, etc.)
  
- ❑ You can quickly note the challenges you are ready to take on with study abroad, which may include:
  - Traveling outside of the country or tri-state area for the first time
  - Having a major with strict requirements, but still finding a way to make study abroad happen
  
- ❑ Share any challenges related to your identity and how the skills you've learned to deal with this could help you during study abroad. This may include:
  - Race/ethnicity
  - If you are LGBTQ
  - If you are a veteran
  - If you have a disability
  - If you are a parent
  - If you are working to support your family while going to school

## Upcoming Deadlines

### *Summer 2023 Study Abroad*

**January 18, 2023, 12pm EST:** Fund for Education Abroad Application

**February 14, 2023:** BMCC Study Abroad Application ([click here](#))

*Check for specific dates: CUNY study abroad programs*

# BMCC Study Abroad: Summer 2023

Brazil, LAT 475, taught in English  
Italy, SSC 150, taught in English  
Spain, SPN 476, taught in Spanish

See program details:

<https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/academics/success-programs/study-abroad/study-abroad-courses/>

## Eligibility:

- Min. 2.75 GPA
- At least 12 college credits completed at the time of application and pre-reqs, if required
- Submit complete application by Feb. 14, 2023
- Open to all majors
- Open to international students with documentation to reenter U.S.
- Can delay spring graduation to participate
- CUNY requires all participants have COVID-19 vaccinations

## Cost:

- Tuition: 3 credits (may use financial aid or tuition waiver)
- Program Fee: \$1,500- \$2,200 (includes airfare, housing, meals, excursions, international health insurance; includes BMCC Association Scholarship)
- All BMCC students who have completed 12 credits at BMCC will receive BMCC Association Scholarship; others pay higher program fee
- Personal Expenses: may be needed for visa, passport, additional meals/sightseeing

# CUNY Study Abroad

- Programs offered all semesters; many open to BMCC students
- Taught in English or local language
- Eligibility, application and cost vary by program
- Apply for ePermit with BMCC Registrar
- Financial aid may be used for tuition. Additional loans may be needed for program costs.
- Search programs:  
<https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/global/students/programs/programs-search/>



and more!

# Study Abroad Programs

All Areas of Study  All Countries  Summer 2021  Term Selections

All Disciplines  All Cities  All Languages of Instruction

Study  Program Type Selections

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Select to Compare  Select to Compare  Select to Compare



**SUMMER IN BUENOS AIRES**  
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA



**SUMMER IN LONDON**  
LONDON, ENGLAND



**SUMMER IN SANTIAGO**  
SANTIAGO, CHILE



**SUMMER IN SYDNEY**  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



**SUMMER JAPANESE STUDIES**  
TOKYO, JAPAN



**SUMMER MIDDLE EAST STUDIES**  
AMMAN, JORDAN

# CIEE Study Abroad

- Study abroad organization outside of CUNY
- Search for programs: [ciee.org](http://ciee.org)
- Offer a variety of courses, such as:
  - Business & Management
  - Journalism
  - Foreign Languages
  - Political Science
  - STEM
  - Sustainability and Environmental Studies
- Summer 2023 applications due in April
- Work with BMCC Admissions Office to transfer course into BMCC
- Financial aid may be transferred if program counts towards degree

# Next Steps: Fund for Education Abroad

- ❑ Create an online application: <https://fundforeducationabroad.org/apply/>
- ❑ Access your unofficial transcript:  
<https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/registrar/student-resources-forms/transcripts/#1621537294915-6caf6cc7-679b>
- ❑ Fill out your portion of the Financial Aid Form and send to Financial Aid to complete the rest (access the form in the online application)
- ❑ Ask a professor to write the recommendation for you
- ❑ Start drafting your essays.
  - Make an appointment with the Writing Center to review your writing: <https://bmcc.upswing.io/>