

The MSUB Office of International Studies (OIS) is pleased to offer a competitive [Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language \(UISFL\) Scholarship](#), sponsored by the Department of Education. The scholarship supports language learning of Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin) and Korean, both in the U.S. and abroad. Per the conditions of the UISFL Grant, this scholarship can be offered to MSUB and Northwest College (NWC) students.

Selected students will begin language studies through MSUB or NWC (synchronous online access will be offered for distance learners) before studying at one of MSUB's partner universities in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, or China. Students are obligated to spend two consecutive semesters abroad. All credits earned while studying abroad will transfer back to MSUB.

Scholarship & Program Details

The MSUB UISFL will offer the following scholarships to students:

- Support for an academic year of study abroad: \$2,000
- Online or face-to-face language instruction prior to studying abroad: via MSUB or NWC (*online, synchronous access for distance learners*)
- Study Abroad application fee waived for all applicants: \$150

Estimated Costs for the Program

- Tuition and Fees: Standard MSUB tuition and fees will apply
- Room and Board abroad (roughly 9 months): \$5,000 – \$8,000 (*Depending on country*)
- Airfare: \$1,200

Student Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA;
- Completed at least 30 college-level credits;
- Enrolled full-time (12 credits) at any Yellowstone Consortium institution;
 - **Non-MSUB students must transfer to MSUB prior to the start of the study abroad portion of the scholarship*
- Have completed or on track to complete beginning language courses for prospective study abroad destination (*one year of relevant language study is preferred*);
- Show a strong commitment to completing a year abroad for language study in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, or China;
- Any major is permitted, but students should show an interest in international and East Asia studies.

Competitive Applicants Should:

- Show how they will assist the OIS with promotional material during the program (blogs, vlogs, videos, etc.) AND act as an ambassador for the program following the conclusion of the program to help recruit future students.

Please see Pages 2-3 for UISFL Scholarship Application Instructions & Application.

UISFL Scholarship Application Instructions

- 1) Complete “Phase 1” of the general MSUB [Study Abroad application](#) by March 1.
The \$150 Study Abroad application fee will be refunded for all successful applicants.



Study Abroad Application

- 2) Complete the UISFL Scholarship application page and answers to the following questions by March 1.

Please answer the following questions in detail (*double-spaced Times New Roman, 12 point font*):

1. How will the study of Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin), or Korean language and culture help you in your undergraduate studies and your future academic or career plans. Please provide specific examples of your interest in and previous study of this region and/or East Asia in general.
2. How will you prepare yourself for an extended study abroad experience in East Asia? Living in East Asia is very different from our region, so please explain in detail how you will prepare yourself before you leave and what strategies you will employ while you are abroad to ensure a successful program.
3. How will you incorporate your study abroad experience into your academic and extra-curricular activities back in Montana or Wyoming? How could you become a student ambassador to assist the UISFL program to achieve its goals?

***The UISFL Scholarship application and essay questions are in addition to the 1-page essay as part of the general study abroad application.**

Application Submission

The Office of International Studies (OIS) will accept both hard copies and electronic copies of your application documents. Please return all the necessary documents by the deadlines to ensure eligibility. You may drop off, mail, or email application materials.

Mail to:

Office of International, Study Abroad
Montana State University Billings
1500 University Drive, LA 700
Billings, MT 59101

Email to:

abby.cook1@msubillings.edu
studyabroad@msubillings.edu

Drop off:



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UISFL Student Scholarship Application

Name _____ MSUB ID# _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ (Must be at least 18) Email _____
Month/Day/Year

Gender: Female Male _____ (fill in the blank)

Student Status

- MSUB in-state student
 MSUB out-of-state student
 NON-MSUB student: Current University _____
If non-MSUB, do you plan to transfer? Yes No
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Name & Country of study abroad program: _____

Academic year of proposed study abroad: _____

Which language(s) have you formally studied?

- Korean Japanese Chinese (Mandarin)

Will you have completed Korean, Japanese or Chinese (Mandarin) for at least one academic year by the time the study abroad program commences?

- Yes, Semester(s) & Yrs: _____ No Other _____

From which institution(s) have you studied the above language?

Date the Study Abroad Application was submitted: _____