

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Scholarship Application



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, Mandarin Chinese 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 before studying at one of MSUB's partner universities in China, Japan, or South Korea. 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: \$1,200
- Online or face-to-face language instruction prior to studying abroad: FREE via MSUB
- Student Stipends for language study prior to studying abroad (course fees, materials): \$1,000

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 either MSUB or NWC*;
 - **NWC 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 China, Japan or South Korea;
- Any major is permitted, but students should show an interest in international and 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.

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UISFL Scholarship Application Instructions

- 1) Complete "Phase 1" of the general MSUB [Study Abroad application](#)
 - a. **The study abroad application deadline is March 1**

- 2) Write a 2-3 page essay (*double-spaced Times New Roman, 12 point font*), answering the following questions:
 - a. Explain how the study of Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, or Korean language and culture will help you in your undergraduate studies and your future career plans. Please provide specific examples of your interest in and previous study of this region.
 - b. How will you prepare yourself for an extended study abroad experience, assuming that you will be spending two (2) semesters abroad 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.
 - c. 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?

3) Submit the essay to OIS by 5pm, March 5

****The UISFL Scholarship Essay is 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, McDonald Hall 150
Billings, MT 59101

Email to:

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studyabroad@msubillings.edu

Drop off:

McDonald Hall, suite 150
Located on the ground floor of the College of Business, just south of the parking garage and Poly Drive.