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Overview

“External” funding refers to scholarships, grants, fellowships, and loans available to students from sources other than the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Harvard University.

For internal funding sources, please visit the HGSE Financial Aid [website](#) and the Harvard University Committee on General Scholarships [website](#). Additionally, the [International Student](#) section of our website contains helpful information specifically for non-U.S. students.

The following list contains a sample of external funding sources that may interest non-U.S. students pursuing their Ed.M. at HGSE. **Students should visit the scholarship sponsor’s website for the most current information regarding deadlines and application requirements.**

This list is not exhaustive but shows a sample of awards that are granted to students from around the world.

Please contact our office with any questions!

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Scholarships Open to All International Students

AAUW American Association of American Women Education Foundation

Awards granted to women for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research. Supplemental grants support community-based projects in the fellow's home country. For more information on AAUW's International Fellowships, please visit their [website](#).

Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation

Offers scholarships and grants to ADK members and non-members who are committed to education. For more information on all award options, please visit their [website](#).

Fulbright Grants & Scholarships

Provides funding for non-U.S. students who attend graduate programs in the U.S. The [Foreign Student Program](#) availability, application requirements, and procedures differ for each country; students must apply from their home nation. Fulbright Commissions and U.S. embassies help candidates with applications.

International Teacher Education Award (ITE)

Applicants for the [ITE award](#) must be single non-U.S. women with no dependents and maintain that status throughout the scholarship period to retain the scholarship. Applicants must be living outside of the United States and be at least 20 years of age and no more than 35 years of age at the time of the application deadline.

Open Society Foundation

Autonomous institutions established in specific countries or regions to initiate and support open society activities – visit this [link](#) for specific country's award information. Site provides samples of grants, scholarships, and fellowships awarded in the past.

Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

Offers fellowships to immigrants, children of immigrants, naturalized citizens, Green Card holders, and DACA recipients. The fellowships are awarded to students pursuing a graduate degree in the United States. More information can be found [here](#).

PEO International Peace Scholarship Fund

Provides grants for selected women from other countries who are pursuing graduate study in the United States and Canada. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

Pilot International Foundation

Awards grants and scholarships to applicants who are preparing for, or already involved in, careers working with people with disabilities or brain related disorders. A list of their scholarships and corresponding requirements can be found [here](#).

Rootbert Fund, Inc.

Provides small grants to those who can satisfy high scholastic requirements and are considering teaching as a vocation, whose daily actions appear to be prompted by spiritual motives. Must be currently in the U.S. when applying. Find more information [here](#).

Scholarships for International Students from Specific Countries

Africa

Aga Khan Foundation

Provides a limited number of scholarships each year to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies. Countries include Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar, Syria, Iran. Please visit the Aga Khan Foundation's website for more information on their [International Scholarship Program](#).

Asia

Burma

Prospect Burma

Scholarships for students who have a good academic record, who can demonstrate financial need and who are committed to facing Myanmar's challenges. For more information on scholarship deadlines and requirements, please visit Prospect Burma's scholarship [website](#).

India

The Inlaks Foundation

Scholarships are open to all Indian citizens below 30 years of age and are residents in India at the time of application. Scholarships support an Indian student's study at top rated American or European institutions for full-time Masters, M.Phil., or Doctorate degrees. For information on scholarship deadlines and requirements, please visit the Inlaks Foundation's [website](#).

Agha Khan Foundation

Provides a limited number of scholarships each year to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies. Countries include Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar, Syria, Iran. Please visit the Agha Khan Foundation's website for more information on their [International Scholarship Program](#).

Iran

The Houtan Scholarship Foundation

Provides a scholarship to a graduate student of Iranian or non-Iranian descent who is committed to promoting the culture, language, and heritage of Iran. More information can be found [here](#).

Momeni Foundation

Provides Financial Assistance Scholarships to students of Iranian descent who are pursuing any level of education. Awards are \$1,000. More information and scholarship applications can be found on their [website](#).

Palestine

American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine

Provides scholarships to Palestinian and Palestinian American students from low-income families who are pursuing higher education. More information on scholarship opportunities can be found [here](#).

Tibet

The Tibet Fund

Offering scholarships and cultural exchange programs to Tibetan students. For more information, please visit [here](#).

The Tibetan Scholarship Program for India and Nepal

Scholarships granted to Tibetan refugees located in India and Nepal to support up to two years of master's studies in the U.S. More information on the 2022 Tibetan Scholarship Program can be found [here](#), and students should refer to the Tibet Fund [website](#) for updated information.

Australia and Pacific

Australia

R G Menzies Scholarship to Harvard

The Menzies Scholarship is sponsored by The Harvard Club of Australia, the Menzies Foundation, and the Australian National University. One scholarship is awarded yearly to an Australian citizen who has been admitted to any graduate school at Harvard University. Please visit Harvard University's scholarship [website](#) for more information, as well as Australian National University's [website](#) for requirements and application details.

North America

Canada

Universities Canada

Universities Canada administers numerous scholarship programs on behalf of the federal government, domestic and foreign agencies, and private sector companies. Their [website](#) consists of a list of scholarships, some of which may be pertinent.

Canadian Federation of University Women

Several fellowships and awards for women of Canadian citizenship who are enrolled in postgraduate programs (master's or doctoral). More information on the fellowships offered can be found [here](#).

Butterfield Postgraduate Scholarship

Scholarship awarded to a student from Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, the UK, Guernsey, Jersey, Switzerland, Mauritius, or Singapore who is a graduate student committed to the improvement of island environments. Application information can be found [here](#).

Europe

Armenia

Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU)

AGBU Scholarship Program offers a variety of scholarships to students of Armenian descent (and a select few scholarships to non-Armenian students). You can find more information on the scholarships offered by AGBU [here](#).

Armenian Students Association of America, Inc.

ASA offers scholarships to college and graduate students of Armenian descent who are enrolled full-time in a U.S. university. Find more information [here](#).

Belgium

Belgian American Educational Foundation, Inc.

Scholarships to support study or research for Belgian students. Terms of the awards and application information can be found [here](#).

Denmark

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Fellowships and grants awarded to students from Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to undertake graduate study or research programs in the USA. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).

Finland

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Fellowships and grants awarded to students from Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to undertake graduate study or research programs in the USA. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).

The Finlandia Foundation National

The Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) provides scholarships to citizens of Finland or the US who have been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning. Students of Finnish American heritage or studying subjects related to Finnish culture receive special consideration. Consideration is also given for demonstrated need. More information regarding the FNN scholarships can be viewed [here](#).

Germany

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Exchange fellowships, grants, scholarships, and internships offered to German students. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Greece

Onassis Foundation Scholarships

The Foundation offers scholarships for Greek graduate students. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Iceland

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Fellowships and grants awarded to students from Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to undertake graduate study or research programs in the USA. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).

Norway

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Fellowships and grants awarded to students from Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to undertake graduate study or research programs in the USA. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).

The Norway-America Association [Norge-Amerika Foreningen]

Several awards for Norwegian students to help support to graduate study or research programs in the U.S. More information can be found [here](#).

Sons of Norway Foundation

Fund that offers scholarships and grants for Norwegian citizens to study in the USA. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Poland

The Kosciuszko Foundation

Offers scholarships for students of Polish descent who are pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies. More info can be found [here](#).

Portugal

Fundacion "la Caixa"

The "la Caixa" Foundation offers scholarships to undergraduates and postgraduates studying around the world. Information on their education and scholarship programs can be found [here](#).

Postgraduate Abroad Scholarships

The Foundation provides scholarships to Spanish and Portuguese students completing postgraduate studies at universities or research institutions in the European Higher Education Area, North America, or Asia-Pacific. More information on these scholarships can be found [here](#).

Spain

Fundacion "la Caixa"

The "la Caixa" Foundation offers scholarships to undergraduates and postgraduates studying around the world. Information on their Education and scholarship programs can be found [here](#).

Postgraduate Abroad Scholarships

The Foundation provides scholarships to Spanish and Portuguese students completing postgraduate studies at universities or research institutions in the European Higher Education Area, North America, or Asia-Pacific. More information on these scholarships can be found [here](#).

Pedro Barrie de la Maza Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship program offered through the Institute for International Education (IIE) for graduate students, who are Spanish citizens residing in Galicia (or who are of Galician descent). More information can be found on the IIE [website](#).

Sweden

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Fellowships and grants awarded to students from Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to undertake graduate study or research programs in the USA. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).

The Sweden-America Foundation [Sverige-Amerika Stiftelsen]

Offers awards to Swedish students undertaking graduate study or research programs in the U.S. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Switzerland

Swiss Friends of the USA

Offers scholarships to Swiss students planning to study abroad at a U.S. university. More information can be found [here](#).

Butterfield Postgraduate Scholarship

Scholarship awarded to a student from Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, the UK, Guernsey, Jersey, Switzerland, Mauritius, or Singapore who is a graduate student committed to the improvement of island environments.

Application information can be found [here](#).

United Kingdom

British Universities North America Club (BUNAC)

BUNAC offers the BEST Scholarship on behalf of the BEST Scholarship trustees. The scholarships are open to UK passport holders who are currently or have been in full-time tertiary education at a UK university or college. The intention of the scholarships is to fund those people who intend to undertake postgraduate study in North America. More information can be found [here](#).

Kennedy Memorial Trust

Kennedy Scholarships provided to British students pursuing a graduate degree at MIT or Harvard University. Applicants must be British citizens who normally live in the UK and who have attended secondary school in Britain. Please view their [website](#) for more information.

Butterfield Postgraduate Scholarship

Scholarship awarded to a student from Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, the UK, Guernsey, Jersey, Switzerland, Mauritius, or Singapore who is a graduate student committed to the improvement of island environments.

Application information can be found [here](#).

Central and South America

Institute of International Education Latin America and The Caribbean

IIE Latin America and the Caribbean believes education has no borders and provides scholarships and support to students who aim to study internationally. More information on IIE Latin America and the Caribbean can be found [here](#), and a list of their programs and scholarships can be found [here](#).

Bermuda

Centennial Bermuda Foundation

Offers scholarships to Bermudian studies to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies and who demonstrate financial need. You can find a list of scholarships [here](#). A few applicable awards are listed below:

Sir John W. Cox University Scholarship

Provided to a student for up to four years to pursue postgraduate studies.

Centennial Trust Scholarship

Provided to a student for up to four years to a student studying abroad.

Butterfield Postgraduate Scholarship

Scholarship awarded to a student from Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, the UK, Guernsey, Jersey, Switzerland, Mauritius, or Singapore who is a graduate student committed to the improvement of island environments.

Application information can be found [here](#).

Bermuda Government

Bermudian citizens might find it helpful to begin a search of government assistance on the Bermuda Government's Education [website](#).

Ministry of Education Bermuda Government Scholarships

Scholarships offered by the Bermuda Government to Bermudian college student for academic excellence. A list of the scholarships offered can be found [here](#).

Brazil

Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo

The Foundation for Research Support of the State of São Paulo (FAPESP) offers scholarships to graduate students from São Paulo, Brazil who are engaging in scientific and technological research. More information on their scholarship opportunities can be found [here](#).

Fundação Estudar

Fundação Estudar's Community of Leaders offers programs and scholarship opportunities for Brazilian students with leadership and entrepreneurial profiles. More information on the Community of Leaders can be found [here](#).

Estudarfora.org

A resource provided by Fundação Estudar that helps Brazilian students find scholarship opportunities. Visit the website [here](#).

Colombia

Colfuturo Foundation

This non-profit organization provides programs for Colombians to access educational opportunities at universities anywhere in the world. Please visit their [website](#) for more information,

Paraguay

The Don Carlos Antonio López Postgraduate Scholarships Abroad

Scholarships offered to citizens of Paraguay to support graduate study in various subjects, including education, abroad. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Scholarships Open to International Students from Selective Countries

Aga Khan Foundation

Provides a limited number of scholarships each year to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies. Countries include Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar, Syria, Iran. Please visit the Aga Khan Foundation's website for more information on their [International Scholarship Program](#).

Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program

Awarded to mid-career professionals from designated countries for a year of study and related professional experiences. Eligibility criteria and more information can be found on their [website](#).

Organization of American States

Provides several hundred fellowships for graduate studies and research, and awards for specialized, short-term training at educational institutions and training centers in OAS Member and Observer States.

OAS Academic Scholarship Program (Graduate)

Scholarships awarded for full-time graduate studies or research. More information can be found [here](#).

International Scholarships with Membership Requirements

Graduate Women International (GWI)

Provides a limited number of fellowships and grants to women for short graduate and post-graduate study, research, and training projects. Competitions are normally held every three years. You can find more information [here](#).

International Literacy Association

Various research grants/awards in areas of reading, literacy, learning disabilities, and language arts. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Phi Delta Kappa Graduate Fellowships

This program is for Phi Delta Kappa members only. Applicants must be pursuing a graduate or doctoral degree program in educational leadership and must be full-time students during the year of tuition and fee awards. More information on the awards offered by PDK can be found [here](#).

PDK Educational Foundation Scholarship Program

<https://pdkintl.org/scholarship-ov/>

Educators Rising Scholarship Program

<https://educatorsrising.org/scholarships/>

Institute for Citizens & Scholars

Fellowships and grants awarded for research concerning young people and education. Please note most of these awards are for PhD dissertations; visit their [website](#) for more information.

Mellon Programs & Grants

If you were a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, you may be interested in the Mellon Programs & Grants for graduate students. More information can be found [here](#).

International Loans

Canada

Canadian Higher Education Loan Program (CanHELP)

Designed to assist Canadian citizens who are studying at colleges and universities in the United States or abroad. You can access the website [here](#).

Arab Countries

Arab Student Aid International

Provides interest-free loans to students who are citizens of an Arab Country and pursuing a Bachelors, Masters, or PhD degree at an accredited university. More information on requirements and terms of the loans [here](#).

Italy

The Italian Student Loan Fund

Provides financial assistance to Italian graduate students who wish to attend U.S. universities to obtain a master's degree or a Ph.D. For more information, please visit the Fund's [website](#).

Norway

Statens Lanekasse for Utdanning

State Educational Loan Fund for Norwegians to study abroad. You can visit the website [here](#).

Central and South America

Asociacion Panamericana de Instituciones de Credito Educativo (APICE)

Contains a list of Central and South American countries with Educational Credit Institutions to help students obtain loans to pursue higher education. You can find that resource [here](#).

Scholarship Search Engines

Finaid - The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid

Scholarship search engine that can be accessed [here](#).

iGrad Scholarship Search

HGSE has partnered with iGrad to provide resources to help students with budgeting and financial literacy, which includes a scholarship search engine that can be found [here](#).

International Student Loan Scholarship

Search engine for international students. See [here](#) for more info.

Mobility International USA: Financial Resources for Non-U.S. Residents

Resource for Non-US students to help navigate scholarship and other funding sources for study in the US. More information can be found [here](#)