



Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA)

The [Freeman-ASIA Scholarship](#) provides need-based funding for U.S.-based undergraduates who are planning to study overseas in East or Southeast Asia. The goal of the program is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents with exposure and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures. Recipients must share their experiences with their home campuses or communities to encourage study abroad and fulfill the program's goal of increasing understanding of Asia in the United States. Freeman-ASIA is supported by the Freeman Foundation and the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Freeman-ASIA Scholarship Deadlines

Please refer to the [Apply](#) website for specific deadlines. Below is a general timeline.

Term	Term Dates	Student Deadline
Summer 2025	Programs beginning between May 1, 2025 and August 1, 2025	TBA (likely March 2025)
Fall 2024/Academic Year 2025-26	Programs beginning between July 15, 2025 and October 15, 2025	TBA (likely March 2025)
Spring/Calendar Year 2026	Programs beginning between Dec 15, 2025 and April 15, 2026	TBA (likely March 2025)

Award Amounts:

- Summer Award: up to \$3,000
- Semester/Quarter Award: up to \$5,000
- Academic Year Award: up to \$7,000

Applying

- Review the Freeman-ASIA [eligibility requirements](#) to ensure you meet all the requirements to apply.
- Identify an Education Abroad program in East or Southeast Asia that qualifies you for a Freeman-ASIA Award (8-week minimum)
- Complete the online Freeman-ASIA Application by the Student Deadline.
- Your Education Abroad contact is Michal Greenberg Michal.Greenberg@colorado.edu. You will register Michal as your Study Abroad Adviser using the "Register Study Abroad Adviser" section of the application.
- Be sure to familiarize yourself with the [Program Preferences](#) so you give yourself the best chance at receiving an award.



Tips for a More Competitive Freeman-ASIA Application

- **Your essay matters!** Don't write the essay online at the last minute. Take some time with the essay and revise it at least once. Have someone look over your essay to check spelling and grammar. Thoroughly address all questions asked.
- **Hook the reader from the beginning.** Scholarship reviewers read hundreds of essays from students who are all writing about study abroad. Catch their attention with an interesting, short anecdote or quote, or start with information about why you are unique.
- **Make yourself stand out.** What is unique about you as a person? Do you have a unique interest or hobby? Are you involved with something on campus or in your community? What are your goals for study abroad above and beyond the formal requirements of your program?
- **Make a clear case for how/why your program is relevant to your major, career goals, future plans or all of the above.** Freeman wants your study abroad location/program choice to be well-researched and that you have academic or career-related reasons for your choice. Make these connections and explain them in as much detail as possible. Including personal goals can be appropriate, but they should include other intellectual interests (i.e. visiting museums or other cultural/historical sites) or extra-curricular activities such as internships, volunteer options, etc. Mention of personal travel and social activities will not be viewed positively by the selection committee.
- **If your GPA is below a 3.0, explain reasons.** Has your GPA steadily improved? Do you work a large number of hours each week and, thus, cannot devote as much time to your studies? Do you have extra obligations such as running the family business, or caring for young or elderly family members? Did you have one particularly rough semester due to illness, family situation, etc.? If a situation like this applies to you, explain this in your essay.