

THE GGC EDUCATION ABROAD GRANT PROGRAM (EAG)

The GGC Education Abroad Grant Program (EAG) is funded by a mandatory International Education Fee (IEF). The program has limited funds, and applications will be considered as long as there are funds. Following are guidelines.

Criteria for Grants: All EAG applicants must

1. Have been enrolled the previous semester and be working toward completion of a degree program at GGC
2. Have earned 24 credit hours, including no more than 12 transfer credits
3. Have a minimum institutional GPA of 2.5 (transfer GPA not considered). Please be aware that specific education abroad programs may have a higher GPA requirement than 2.5 to participate
4. Have successfully completed an education abroad program through GGC or any other provider
5. Be traveling to a country or area with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2 according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System
6. Not be traveling to locations within these countries or areas that may be designated within the Travel Advisory System as Level 3 ("Reconsider travel") or Level 4 ("Do not travel")
7. Follow other applicable GGC education abroad policies and procedures

Award Amounts: If approved, students may receive the following amounts:

- For programs lasting less than 28 days: \$500
- For programs lasting 28-41 days: up to \$700
- For programs lasting 42 days or longer: up to \$900 (depending on availability of funds)

Note:

- Meeting eligibility requirements and applying do not guarantee an award.
- Maximum number of awards per student during her/his time at GGC: 1

Considerations for determining award amounts for programs lasting four weeks or longer

- Preference #1: Program sponsor: preference for GGC faculty-led programs
- Preference #2: Program location: preference for non-traditional locations (those outside the West, Australia, and New Zealand)
- Preference #3: Duration of program: preference for longer-term programs (semester or yearlong)

Service Requirement

All Education Abroad Grant recipients must complete five (5) hours of community service for the education abroad session for which they request a grant. The service may be completed locally or abroad before applying for the grant. Students will report their service when they apply for the grant. Students can meet the service requirement in one of two ways:

- A. If a student enrolls in an education abroad program with an approved built-in international community service project during the overseas trip, the student will not be required to do any additional service prior to receiving the grant. All service will be verified by a grade of "C" or better (for credit-bearing programs) and by successful completion of the service program (for non-credit programs).
- B. If a student is not enrolled in an education abroad program with built-in service, the student must complete a five-hour local service project for the requested term within the required time frame of each term. The student may choose any service project she/he likes. For assistance with finding volunteer placement, students should visit [Grizzlies Serve Volunteer Opportunities](#) for a list of service opportunities. All service must be tracked through [Presence](#) and the applicant must submit to Internationalization a duly signed Volunteer GGC Grizzlies Serve Community Service Form (also available on the [Education Abroad Portal](#)).

Other Study Abroad Scholarships & Funding Sources: Students should contact the GGC [Education Abroad Portal](#) for external scholarships and funding sources.

SAP Requirements

Federal regulations, HEA Sec. 484(c), §668.16, 668.34 requires all schools participating in Title IV federal financial aid programs to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy requiring students to meet the SAP requirements for the term in which they receive the financial support, or the financial support will not be disbursed (see [SAP Standards](#)).

Timelines

Service Completion	Application Review	Notice of Awards
For Fall Programs: March 1 to June 15 prior	June 16-30	July 15
For Spring Programs: August 1 to November 15 prior	November 16-30	December 15
For All Summer Programs: November 15 to February 31 prior	March 1-15	March 30

Additionally, if a student is studying abroad on a GGC Exchange, non-GGC program, ISEP, or Direct Program, the student will need to see an Internationalization adviser for additional paperwork before the Education Abroad Grant award can be posted to the student's account. The forms include the Education Abroad Course Approval Form and the Transient Request Form, both of which are available on the [GGC Education Abroad Portal](#).

Failure to complete and properly submit the required documents will result in cancellation of any education abroad award!