Funding Opportunities for Students

This document contains a list of identified financial aid opportunities applicable to Siendo Naturaleza's global programs. You will also be able to find funding opportunities specific to certain schools - including scholarship, awards, and a contact list.

Contact mafe@siendonaturaleza.com for any document inquiries, including letters or any other items you may need to apply for funding.

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SECTION I

External Opportunities

Make sure to check whether your citizenship is eligible to the following awards.

Boren Awards

https://www.borenawards.org/

BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS
Fund study abroad by U.S. undergraduate students in world regions critical to U.S. interests.

Maximum awards are determined by duration abroad:

- $25,000 for 25-52 weeks (preferred)
- $12,500 for 12-24 weeks
- $8,000 for 8-11 weeks (STEM majors only)
    - Siendo Naturaleza's Regeneration Challenges Internship has a 1 week break so this scholarship could apply.

BOREN FELLOWSHIPS (GRADUATE APPLICANTS)
Fund research and language study proposals by U.S. graduate students in world regions critical to U.S. interests.

Maximum awards are determined by duration abroad:

- $25,000 for 25-52 weeks (preferred)
- $12,500 for 12-24 weeks
- + $5,000 for summer domestic language study (optional)

Eligibility:
All applicants must be:

- U.S. citizens at the time of the national application deadline
- A high school graduate, or have earned a GED
- At least 18 years of age or older by the time the application is submitted
- Planning an overseas program in an overseas destination outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand

- Planning to study in an overseas destination of which they are not a citizen
- Matriculated for the duration of their Boren Awards-funded program in an undergraduate or graduate degree program located within the United States and accredited by a body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- (For ROTC cadets and midshipmen and members of the military Reserves or National Guard) In inactive, non-drilling status for the duration of their Boren Awards-funded program

More information about eligibility criteria and preferences (preferred languages, destinations, fields of study, etc.)
Notes:

- **Peru is an unrestricted location:** Applicants need only select eligible program(s) based in those overseas destinations, unless they are planning to study Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, or Russian. Applicants for those languages, regardless of preferred destination, must select a backup destination not marked with an asterisk (*) in case their primary overseas destination of study is not approved.
- **Spanish is not a preferred language for language-intensives:** The study of Spanish is only permissible for intermediate-high speakers (ILR 1+ or greater in Speaking) of the language, or at the intermediate level (ILR 1 or greater in Speaking) if enrolled in a STEM field. Such proposals are eligible for funding but will not be considered to meet the Boren Awards language preference if not also applying for a preferred overseas destination. For example: A Boren applicant applying for Spanish in a preferred overseas destination like Peru will be considered to meet the language preference, but an applicant applying for Spanish in a non-preferred overseas location like Costa Rica, would not.Any award granted for the study of French or Spanish will be made contingent upon verification, through testing, of the student's language level.
- **Preferred fields of study include:** Agricultural & Food Sciences - STEM, Biology - STEM, Business, Chemistry - STEM, Computer & Information Sciences - STEM, Engineering - STEM, Geology - STEM, International Affairs,International Development, Languages, Physics - STEM, Social Sciences, Social Work, Sociology

Fund for Education Abroad (FEA)

https://fundforeducationabroad.org/

FEA awards up to $5,000 for a fall or spring semester abroad, with a minimum of $1,000 for short-term programs.

Scholarships are $5,000 per semester or $10,000 for the year and are not limited to specific programs, destinations, or fields of study. FEA gives priority to underrepresented students (including but not limited to minorities, students planning to study in non-traditional destinations and community college students).

Scholarship Opportunities (applicable for SN):

- AIFSA: Asia, Australia, Europe, South Africa, and the Americas
- Jan Kieling Rainbow Scholarship: LGBTQ+ students
- Kacenga-Cladera Family Rainbow Scholarship: LGBTQ+ students
- David & Susan Parry Founders Scholarship
- Malú Alvarez Global Access Scholarship: undergraduate students
- Matha & Jeff Johnson Scholarship: undergraduate students
- NAFSA Tamara H. Bryant Memorial Scholarship: for African-American students
- Rainbow Scholarship: for LGBTQIA+ students
- Rasmussen Family Scholarship
- Simpson Sisters' Scholarship
- Steckley-Weitzel Family Scholarship: undergraduate students
- The Virginia and Robert Craig Scholarship: undergraduate students

Eligibility:

To be eligible for an FEA scholarship, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate at a U.S. institution of higher education at the time of application (graduate students are not eligible)
- Receive credit at your home institution for the program or experience abroad
- Be studying abroad for at least 14 days
- Have not previously studied abroad for any length of time after your high school graduation
- Have demonstrated financial need

FEA determines financial need based on information from the most recent FAFSA. You are eligible for an FEA scholarship with regard to financial need if any of the following apply:

- Your Student Aid Index (SAI) is below 20,000
- You are eligible for a Pell Grant
- You have taken out any amount of student loans for the current academic year

Application Process & Timeline

- Application form
- **Deadline:** February 4th (for Summer/Fall 2026 & 2026-27 Academic Year)

Hostelling International USA (HI USA)

https://www.hiusa.org/travel-scholarships

- **Explore the World scholarship**: Award recipients receive $2000 to help finance international trips that include an educational or service component.
- **First Passport Edition** (for Explore the World Scholarship): specifically for young Americans who have never held a U.S. passport. Recipients receive a $3000 stipend to help pay for travel and passport fees, and are paired with a volunteer travel mentor.

Application Process & Timeline

- **Deadline:** prospects must sign up for emails in order to receive updates. Applications open every fall and are currently closed (a/o 12/2025)

SECTION II, *Specific institutions*

Cornell

Contact List

Contact	Faculty/Department	E-mail/Website
Office of Financial Aid	Financial Aid	finaid@cornell.edu
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Community Partnership Funding Board		https://cornell.campusgroups.com/cpfb/home/

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Einhorn Center for Community Engagement - Funding Opportunities for Students
The Einhorn Center connects students with community-engaged opportunities, from courses to research to community service.

> Robinson-Appel Humanitarian Awards
> DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 9, 2026, 11:59 p.m
>
> Three projects are selected each year to receive $2,500 to further community engagement work initiated and proposed by Cornell undergraduate students. Open to **all undergraduates enrolled in Cornell University**.
>
> *Funding cannot be used for travel or salary.*
>
> Maribel Garcia Community Spirit Award

DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 9, 2026, 11:59 pm

An annual award of $1,000 goes to one Cornell student to make a remarkable, creative, specific contribution to the spirit of humanity.

This student award is taxable unless it is issued to a non-profit or transferred to a Cornell department or student group.

Class of 1964 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award
DEADLINE TO APPLY: November 17, 2025 by 11:59 pm

This $15,000 award ($500 honorarium for two finalists) is available for **senior undergraduate** students enrolled in Cornell and **pursuing a career in service.** It is intended to encourage student leaders to enter careers in government or other public service fields.

Community Partnership Funding Board Grants
DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 5, 2026, 11:59 p.m.

The Community Partnership Funding Board (CPFB) grants up to **$2,500 of funding** for community action projects, encouraging students to take action against social problems.

Contact List

Contact	Faculty/Department	E-mail/Website
Rachel Schafts	Engineering - Global Challenges Award (GCA)	rachel.schafts@mcgill.ca
Arts Internship Office	Arts	aio@mcgill.ca
Alice Cherestes	Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	alice.chereste@mcgill.ca

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McGill Scholarships and Student Aid
A student services website where you will be able to find resources and contacts for both internships and study abroad funding opportunities.

McGill International Experience Awards (MIEA)
The following table contains information about specific faculties applicable to Siendo Naturaleza's 2026 Global Programs - Ecological Architecture Immersion, Regeneration Challenges Internship, and EDT Certificate. MIEA are available to other fields of study as well.

Faculty	Award
Science	Apply for the Schull Yang International Experience Awards after securing a summer undergraduate research experience abroad.
Engineering	Apply for SURE International Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering. It will not be available in 2026, but students are encouraged to apply for EEO funding.
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	Apply for the Iwanicki International

	Internship Award through the Macdonald Campus Internship Program. The awards will be given to help undergraduate students in the faculty gain firsthand international experience related to their fields of study by providing partial funding to assist with travel and other expenses related to their internship. Preference will be given to students in Dietetics and Human Nutrition.

Enriched Educational Opportunities: Need-based Bursary Program
Bursaries are non-repayable forms of financial assistance based on demonstrated financial need, to help undergraduate students with the additional costs associated with the extra opportunities.

Eligible EEOs may include but are not limited to:

- Field Study Courses and Semesters
- Internships and Research Opportunities- unpaid or insufficiently paid (excludes on-campus or in affiliated hospitals and research institutes)
- Research Abroad
- Certain music competitions/invitational events (for Music students only)
- Summer French Immersion Program coordinated by International Student Services

Arts Internship Awards
DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 15, 2026 (11:59PM EST)
The awards are open to **full time Faculty of Arts students** (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A, MSW, MISt) - undergraduate and graduate - who will be returning to McGill in the same program the semester following their internship. Students are selected based upon the quality of their internship proposal and their own academic and personal accomplishments.

Eligibility:

- Open to full time* Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A, MSW, MISt)
- Must be returning to McGill in the same program the semester following the internship
- Must have secured an internship with an host organization that meets eligibility criteria (see below)
    - No more than three (3) applications per same host organization - please refer to your internship supervisor to verify the number of applicants before submitting
- Internship must take place during the summer (May-August)
    - Internships should end before the first day of classes
- Internship must be 8–12 weeks in duration. Applications for longer internships will be considered, but any funding would be limited to the 12-week maximum.
- Weekly hours can range from part-time (15h/week) to full time (max. 35h/week)
    - Total number of hours must be at least 150 hours
- Minimum CGPA of 2.7*

Enriched Educational Opportunities: Need-based Bursary Program (for Faculty of Arts Internships)

Enriched Educational Opportunities (EEOs) are high-quality, off-campus experiential opportunities officially recognized by a Faculty.

This is a need-based opportunity, specific to Faculty of Arts Internships. See EEO: Need-based Bursary Program link for other opportunities.

McGill Abroad Website

This website contains information for both incoming and outgoing exchange students. There are a few external funding opportunities available for Canadian institutions - McGill University is applicable for the following awards:

> Pathy Foundation Fellowship
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> This is a 12-month experiential-learning program in youth leadership and community engagement. Each year, up to 12 selected Fellows receive state-of-the-art training, extensive support, and $50,000 in funding to support

their growth as leaders, make a meaningful impact in a community they care about, and acquire skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Open to all faculties, undergrad and graduate students, eligible to study at any location.

Mitacs Globalink Research Award
Under the joint supervision of a home and host professor, successful senior undergraduate students, graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows will receive a $6,000 research award to conduct a 12- to 24-week research project in the other country.

Open to all faculties, undergrad and graduate students, eligible to study at any location where the participant does not hold citizenship.

Global Challenges Award
APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBA

The Global Challenges Award is an opportunity for **undergraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering.** It encourages students to apply their engineering and design related problem-solving skills in non-conventional settings - including locations abroad.

Project Eligibility:

- Be between 12 to 16 weeks in length during the Summer 2026 term
- Be clear in its description of duties, responsibilities and deliverables required of the student
- Demonstrate opportunity for personal, professional and/or leadership development
- Demonstrate that the student will be using their engineering or architectural knowledge
- Be supervised by a professional and who will provide a final evaluation of the student

Student Eligibility:

- Be enrolled in an Undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Engineering at McGill University
- Return for at least 1 term of undergraduate studies before completing your degree
- Be in satisfactory academic standing
- Have completed at least 2 full-time academic terms