



# CHATHAM UNIVERSITY GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

### UP TO \$5000 FOR SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD THROUGH THE BENTER INITIATIVE FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP, APPLIES TO CHATHAM EXCHANGE OR PARTNER PROGRAMS

The Benter Initiative for Global Citizenship scholarship supports students' study, international travel, and interactions with diverse populations outside of North America, with the highest priority given to study in Middle Eastern nations and Muslim cultures.

#### Deadlines

- ❖ The application deadline for spring 2026 scholarships is **September 30, 2025**. The application deadline for fall 2026 scholarships is **March 15, 2026**. **Students must apply separately and be accepted to their study abroad program.**

#### Eligibility criteria

The Benter Initiative for Global Citizenship scholarship is open to all Chatham undergraduate students who meet the criteria listed below at the time of application and at the time of travel abroad:

1. Enrolled full time (12 credits or more) in an undergraduate degree granting program at Chatham University.
2. Successful completion of at least 2 semesters and 24 credit hours at Chatham University before beginning study abroad experience. Transfer students can apply during their first semester at Chatham and participate in study abroad after completing 12 credits at Chatham University.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. The applicant must be accepted into or in the process of applying for a semester-long study abroad at a Chatham exchange or partner institution, or in Middle Eastern nations or Muslim cultures. See current list of exchange and partner institutions at <https://www.chatham.edu/academics/international/abroad/exchange.cfm>. Coursework for the study abroad program must transfer or be equivalent to Chatham coursework (confirmed by completing Chatham's study abroad application).
5. Students who have little or no international travel experience and/or with demonstrated financial need are strongly encouraged to apply for this scholarship.
6. The applicant must be in good academic, financial and judicial standing.
7. No student can receive the Benter Initiative for Global Citizenship scholarship more than once.
8. Scholarship amounts will be **up to \$5000** for a semester-long study abroad program (up to 9 scholarships may be awarded per academic year).
9. No student will be awarded Benter and IFSA funding for the same study abroad experience.

**Selection process**

All applications will be reviewed by the university study abroad scholarship committee, which will award scholarships based on the following:

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Please write a statement of purpose that addresses the following in 2 pages or less:

1. Please detail how you would engage in local culture through your proposed research, service, internship, or project.
2. How does your study abroad program relate to your academic, personal, and professional goals?
3. Please discuss your current (within the last year) involvement on Chatham's campus (such as with student organizations, volunteering, etc.) or in Pittsburgh community.
4. Upon return, how will you share your experience with the Chatham community?
5. Please list any previous international experiences (country, duration, purpose).

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** -Please include one letter of recommendation from your advisor or a Chatham faculty member that knows you well.

**RESUME** - Please submit your resume. You should include a list and description of your involvement in the Chatham community and any dates and description of service, internship, and research activities.

If you have demonstrated financial need, please submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which can be requested from the Office of Financial Aid.

**APPLICANTS MUST SIGN, DATE AND SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH APPLICATION.** If applicant is awarded Benter funding, the applicant agrees to below Academic and Service Requirements:

1. While abroad, students will be required to maintain full-time student status (12 or more credits).
2. All academic coursework must be pre-approved for Chatham credit upon acceptance into the study abroad program by completing Chatham's study abroad application.
3. Student will return to Chatham for at least one semester following their study abroad program. Upon their return to the US, Benter scholarship recipients are required to get involved in the promotion of study abroad in the following ways: 1) Student must serve as a Study Abroad Ambassador for one semester (minimum 8 hours); 2) Student will participate in a Study Abroad Returnee Symposium to share their experiences; and 3) Student will hold at least one other event to share their experience abroad. Some examples may include a presentation, workshop or culture sharing project. Students will coordinate this involvement through the Office of Global Engagement.
4. All scholarship recipients are required to submit a one-page reflection and three photos from their overseas experience to the Office of Global Engagement within 3 weeks of return to Chatham University.
5. Scholarship recipients grant permission and consent for Chatham to use submitted reflection and photos for publicity and web content.

**I understand and agree to the above Academic and Service requirements if I am awarded Benter funding:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_