

BETTY AND ROGER RUCH STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Charles T. McDowell Center for Global Studies announces competition for the Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarships for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2027 programs. This competition for generous study-abroad awards is open to all qualified undergraduates within the College of Liberal Arts. Students from other colleges/schools who have minor fields of study in Liberal Arts are also eligible, but preference is given to COLA students first. Priority is given to countries or regions where critical or less commonly taught languages are spoken, but other regions of the world will be considered as well. In all cases the awards are not intended to be the sole source of funding for projects.

Requirements:

1. Applicants must submit a letter of interest describing the project or program to be undertaken. This includes faculty-led UTA Study Abroad programs or external programs approved by UTA's Study Abroad Office. Native or heritage speakers of the language of study are not eligible for an award.
2. A CV or resume indicating education, work, and volunteer experiences.
3. A budget that explains all expenses including travel, tuition, room and board.
4. Program dates and the semester in which travel will be undertaken.
5. A copy of transcripts for all college-level work.
6. One letter of recommendation from:
 - a. a full-time tenured or tenure-track UTA faculty member; or
 - b. a UTA language instructor from the program for which the student is applying; or
 - c. a UTA academic-professional track instructor and a professional from outside the University with whom the applicant is familiar (except family members).
7. Full-time enrollment (12+ hours) at UTA, and sophomore standing of 45 hours. Students must be enrolled at UTA during their study-abroad semester.
8. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
9. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.

Application Deadlines: **October 30, 2026** for Winter or Spring 2027 programs; **March 1, 2027** for Summer or Fall 2027 programs. All awards will be granted provisionally, pending authorization from the UTA Study Abroad office for international travel.

Materials should be sent by email in a *single pdf file* (recommendation letters may arrive separately) to:

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