

Barlow Endowment for Study Abroad - Grants & Activities

The endowment was initiated in 2001 with a generous gift from David S. Barlow '79. The overall goal of the grants and activities below is to enhance the study abroad experience of Bates students and to strengthen the links between study abroad and the College's on-campus academic program. The program is managed by the Off-Campus Study Office with oversight by the Off-Campus Study Committee. Detailed information is on the Bates off-campus study web pages.

Enrichment grants These grants provide up to \$500 to support additional student travel or other "extra" activities during the semester. Four grants are available per country per semester.

Thesis research grants These grants provide up to \$1,200 for research in the study abroad country during the summer following junior year or during senior year. The thesis topic must be directly related to the study abroad experience and endorsed by the student's thesis advisor.

Barlow fellowships Up to five Fellows are selected each year with \$1,200 awarded per Fellow. Fellows typically have especially strong academic records and study abroad plans that are closely related to their on-campus academic program. Fellows may not apply for an enrichment grant.

Travel grants for alums One or two travel grants of up to \$3,500 are awarded each year to alums who have been teaching more than five years in K-12 education.

Faculty site-visits The endowment supports faculty visits to programs and foreign universities used by Bates students. In most cases, funds support participation in visits organized by a program provider or a visit by a faculty member who is already abroad for college or personal travel.

Faculty travel costs for Short Term courses abroad The endowment pays these costs to reduce the extra cost of these courses for students and to assist faculty.

Study Abroad For Everyone (SAFE) Grants The endowment provides \$500 grants to Pell Grant-eligible students for incidental expenses not included in Bates' regular financial aid award. The goal is to reduce student anxiety about the extra expenses that often accompany study abroad. This grant is not available if the study abroad program provides similar assistance.

Annual photo exhibit Each year, approximately 50 photographs are selected from student submissions, professionally enlarged and matted, and displayed in conjunction with the Mt. David Summit. The photograph is given to the student following the exhibit.

Campus and community activity grants Grants of up to \$500 support student organized activities on campus or in the Lewiston-Auburn community that are directly related to the student's study abroad experience. The goal is to bring study abroad experiences to campus, enrich the community, and build post-study abroad links.

Special projects Up to \$1,200 is available for unanticipated needs related to the off-campus study program, but not included in the usual grant categories or the JYA budget. The funds are available for activities, purchases, or travel that enhance the study abroad program at Bates.