Choosing Your Program



 Program Type Cost Destination Housing Length and Term Academics/Language Individual Considerations Summer Programs

Program Types

Albion Programs

Grenoble, The Philadelphia Center

Affiliated Programs

Names often start with acronyms like "CIEE" or "ISA" Classes are targeted, fewer options Extensive support services, on-site staff Service learning, internships possible Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year U.S. student intensive International and U.S. options

Exchange Programs

University programs, lower-level support services University Classes, more choice Independence Required Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year International only



Cost, Financial Considerations

- Use a "Budget Worksheet"
- Basic Costs
 - Albion Tuition
 - \$1440 Admin Fee
 - Housing direct cost
- Albion Aid
 - 100% of need-based
 - 75% of merit-based
 - OCP Grant
- Reduce cost by choosing destination with low cost of living.
- Ample scholarship options

Scholarships, Grants, Fellowships

Albion College Off-Campus Programs (OCP) Grant

Grants of up to \$1,500 are awarded to students demonstrating financial need - check with the Office of Financial Aid with questions about this eligibility requirement. These competitive awards are also weighted by other factors such as program location (domestic or abroad), whether off-campus study is a requirement of the student's major, grade point average, and the quality of the application essay. Apply in the Brits Abroad portal after being accepted by the Albion Off-Campus Programs committee, by clicking the link above.

Kim Tunnicliff Fellowship

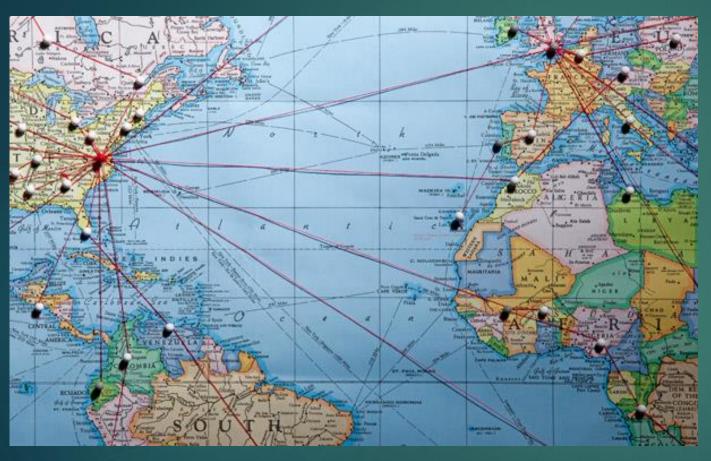
In support of individuals studying abroad, the Kim Tunnicliff Endowment seeks to provide Albion College students with financial support as they embark on experiential and international educational opportunities.

- Eligibility: Student must be engaged in an Albion-approved study abroad program. Preference shall go to a student studying in Russia, Africa or the Middle East, or to those who apply for an international program which includes independent field study or research. Preference is also given to members of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service.
- Requirements: As a follow-up to their experience, recipients will prepare an academic project on campus (i.e. reflection paper, public presentation) upon their return.
- Read about previous fellows and their stories: David Utrata and Sydney Roeder.
- Highly qualified students are encouraged to apply for this prestigious fellowship. Apply in the Brits Abroad portal after being
 accepted by the Albion Off-Campus Programs committee, by clicking the link above.

External Grants and Scholarships for Study Abroad

- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
- Boren Awards
- Institute of International Education (IIE) Scholarship Listings
- Diversity Abroad Scholarship Listings
- BUTEX International Scholarships
- The Bridging Scholarship
- French-American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. Contact 248/936-9473.

Destination



What are your geographic interests?

Do you want to be in a country where English is spoken on the street?

Research your destination country, including customs and travel warnings (https://travel.state.gov/content/p assports/en/country.html)

How important is the weather, climate?

Do you want to be in a rural environment, a big city?

Housing Options, different by program

- Dorms
 - College life
 - Meal plan options
 - Flexibility in schedules
- Homestays/ Host Families
 - Family life
 - Meals provided (2 or 3)
 - options for family vacations/ excursions
- Apartments
 - Independent living
 - Meals not provided

- Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year
- Do the dates of the program conflict with other activities or Albion classes?
- Fitting in athletics, required courses, internships, etc.

Summer considerations:

- Albion tuition
- Pre-assured credit transfer
- Under "umbrella" of Albion College
- Insurance coverage
- Self-enrollment option

Length and Term



Academics: Program Eligibility

Albion requirements:

□2.7+ GPA

- Junior+ standing, good Social Standing
- Writing Competency Exam
- Additional requirements:

Program provider websites list additional requirements

- Language proficiency may be required
- Pre-requisites may be required
- Higher GPA may be required

Academics: Program Choice

- What is missing in your degree plan? In your Major?
- Do you plan to take general courses, or majorspecific?
- Are there modes and categories to fulfill?
- How much extra time do you want to travel, socialize, have fun outside of class?

Talk to your academic adviser and department chair to get answers.

Individual Considerations

Heritage Programs
 LGBTQ Friendly Locations
 Accessibility Needs
 DACA Students, International Students
 Other...

The Center for International Education is a good resource

Summer Programs

Albion enrollment	Self-enrollment option
 Pay Albion summer tuition. <u>"Summer Tuition and Fees" amounts on Albion website.</u> Pay \$1440 Administration fee. 	 Pay tuition and fees directly to the program.
 Follow Albion application process. Pre- assured credit transfer. Pre-petition for modes/categories. 	 Apply directly to the program. No Albion application process. Transfer credit is arranged after returning to Albion.
 Under "umbrella" of Albion College. Considered an Albion student. EllA insurance provided. 	 Not an Albion student for the purpose of the program. EllA insurance is not provided.
Eligible for OCP grant	Not eligible for OCP grant

Talking to Parents



It's Safe

It's Affordable

It's Life-Changing

It will get you hired!

Opportunities for Independence, growth "Adulting" with a safety-net! Next Steps

Step 1: CIE Peer Advisor, returning students Step 2: Research Programs, Brits Abroad Step 3: Academic Adviser and Department Chair **Step 4:** CIE Director or CIC Step 5: Apply!

