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## Money For Study



Do you know what 15.6 billion euros represent? Well, this is the approximate value of scholarships available for international students every year! And this is only in Europe. Scholarships are the most common and well-known form of financial aid, but you can also apply for other types of financial support. After deciding to study abroad, you should check all the available funding options and pick the one that matches your needs and goal

### 1. Merit-based scholarships

The merit-based scholarships are awarded based on a number of criteria including academics, achievements, hobbies, talents, affiliations with various groups or career aspirations. These scholarships can be offered by the federal and state government, large corporations, local businesses, professional organizations or universities.

The criteria by which universities offer scholarships are usually: academic excellence, students have to be under a certain age limit. In addition, you will find out there are special scholarship offers for each degree level. Some of the European universities that provide the largest number of scholarships are University of Oxford, University of Bristol, Utrecht University, University of Bologna and Uppsala University. Normally, government scholarship holders are exempt from tuition fees. Most of these scholarships last for three, six, or nine months. In the UK, some of the government scholarships cover the following: tuition fees, monthly living allowance, economy class return airfare to and from the UK, additional grants and allowances to cover essential expenses

### 2. Specific scholarships

Most specific scholarships are given to students with a certain ethnic background or family affiliations. For this reason, you will find a number of scholarships specifically dedicated to

## Higher Education Virtual Exchange 2021 Launched

Higher Education Virtual Exchange (HEVE) 2021 will make its debut during February 5th-7th, 2021 – an effective and safe solution to college recruitment during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic crisis. HEVE 2021 is a state-of-the-art virtual platform to facilitate interaction and networking between Nepalese students and higher educational institutions around the world through almost identical match to real-time event.

There is too much at stake for us to stop just because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Every year 300,000 plus students seek higher education abroad among which 65,000 leave the country for higher studies. Nepal holds 12th position for the most numbers of foreign students studying in US and likewise 5th position in Australia. We cannot allow education to come to a stand-still and every effort must be initiated to facilitate its normal

African-Americans, Asian-Americans or Hispanics.

In some countries (Belgium, France, U.S. etc.), the local government provides scholarships to students that come from certain countries. For example, Belgium offers special scholarships to applicants coming from African, South American, and Asian countries. Some organizations provide scholarships to students with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and debilitating health conditions.

### 3. Need-based scholarships

Grants are often called “gift aid” because they are a type of financial aid that doesn’t have to be repaid. Grants or bursaries are usually based on financial circumstances but may also consider other factors (e.g. physical or mental disabilities).

This form of financial support doesn’t need to be paid back and its value most times varies from 500 to 2,500 USD. In Germany, different types of merit-based grants are awarded. Each institution awarding the merit scholarship decides the amount and duration. For example, the University of Hamburg offers a merit grant of 720 – 1,000 EUR/month for 2 semesters. However, you can only apply for this grant if you are not eligible for the federal student loan scheme.

operation and continued progress even during this historic Covid-19 pandemic period. HEVE 2021 will have all the features necessary for an effective and convenient interaction, networking and knowledge-sharing. HEVE 2021 is expected to host about 200 exhibitors from Nepal, India, US, UK, Australia, Japan and other countries. The exhibitors will include colleges and universities, training Institutes, higher educational consultancies, education testing services, education accreditation services, education finance services, student travel services, educational & cultural institutions, embassies and consulates.

HEVE 2021 is expected to attract more than 25000 students and education professionals from primarily Nepal but also India, Bangladesh, Pakistan. The visitor profile include students seeking college and university

admission – bachelor’s and master’s degree, students seeking training and internships, parents and education professionals – faculty, administration and consultants.

The registration and entry to the fair shall not only stay free but packed with door –prize incentives to draw maximum traffic to the show. The virtual event shall also feature several interactive live events to further facilitate the interaction among the potential college applicants and recruiters.

HEVE 2021 clearly defines and demonstrates the power of virtually live marketing. A TV or FM commercial cannot do what an exhibition can do – be it virtual or live. What an exhibition can do .....a print or bill-board ad cannot do – just as true with virtual version. The exhibition, as virtual as it may be, is a rare event that gives you far more possibilities that even a door-to door sales call.

## 85% of Colleges Going Online



The COVID-19 pandemic has affected more than 1.5 billion students and youth across the world and has become a major disruption to the life of students and higher education. Impracticality of having in-person instructions due to the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a shift from classroom setting to online only instructions. Based upon the survey conducted by International Association of Universities (IAU) Global Survey on the Impact of COVID-19, 85% of the higher education institutions representatives and 65% of the foreign students who responded to the surveys exchanged the information that online classes has replaced the in-person classes, totally or partially. Despite the difficulties

in the adaptation to a completely different methodology of teaching, it concludes that the higher education sector has exhibited reactivity in order to resolve the obstacles marked up by the pandemic.

Although significant uncertainties continue, it shows that both institutions and students have come into an understanding level for the upsetting caused by the pandemic and could promote the appropriate solutions.

There is a need for close collaboration between higher education institutions and students to yield solutions for current and next generation students to maintain the same depth of student engagement in an online scenario as in a real-time classroom