

# Jepsen International Scholars Program

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The Jepsen International Scholars Program, funded generously by Dr. Keith Jepsen and Ms. Kathy Dore, will assist students with financial need to involve themselves in a diverse culture and language in its natural setting. Study Abroad programs that emphasize learning a different language and culture are the preferred focus for the Jepsen Scholars Program.

## Eligibility:

Each candidate for the Jepsen International Scholars Program must:

- Be a College of Education student major (programs in TCH, SED, EAF)
  - Undergraduate majors: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Bilingual/Bicultural Elementary Education, Middle Level Education, SED DHH, SED LBS1, SED LVB
  - Graduate majors: One of the majors listed on the [COE website](#).
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be participating in the international travel education experiences (courses) sponsored and developed by the College of Education.
  - Preference given to students who will be studying in countries where English is not the primary spoken language.
- Demonstrate financial need
- Agree to share your experiences with the donors via email while the experience is occurring, and after you graduate and begin to teach fulltime
- Agree to write an article for the College of Education website sharing their study abroad experiences

## Jepsen International Scholars Questions:

One of the key criteria for the Jepsen International Scholars program is that students involve themselves in a diverse culture and language in its natural setting. Please answer the following questions related to the Jepsen Scholarship. In total, the responses should not exceed 2 pages.

1. Given the description of the program you have selected, please discuss what unique experiences you want to participate in during your time abroad and explain how they align to your personal and professional goals.
2. What unique skills, interests, or activities could you share with the host country as a representative of Illinois State and the United States?
3. How will you tie what you will learn abroad back to your future teacher education coursework and teaching experiences?