

## Fundraising Ideas

### International Programs

- Start saving now.
- Check with UVU Financial Aid to see if you can apply grants or loans to your program.
- Send letters to friends, relatives, friends of the family, acquaintances, old teachers, co-workers, professors.
  - One student from 2013 raised \$2,400 using this method.
  - Visit the UVU Writing Center in the library (LI 208) if you need help writing this letter.
- Waive all holiday & birthday gifts; request financial gifts instead (to use towards your experience).
- Network via social media platforms.
- Ask family or friends to donate frequent flyer miles.
- Visit the **Potential Funding Sources** section on the International & Multicultural Studies Costs & Funding page to search for scholarships from UVU and other sources.
- Check with local businesses.
  - Important:** If a business wants to donate directly to YOU, they cannot use it as a tax write-off. If they want to write off the donation, they have to donate through the UVU Foundation and it has to go into program account and then be disbursed among all participants.
- Crowdfunder.
  - gofundme.com, fundmytravel.com, mytab.com, indiegogo.com, projecttravel.com.
  - Important:** These sites typically take a percentage of what you raise.
- Check with your employer. Some companies are willing to provide financial support for this kind of experience if they feel it will add value to their organization.
- Have a fundraising event! Collaborate with other students in your program.
  - Talent show, art show, concert, auction using donated items from local businesses, 5K, tournament, dance party, cook off, car wash, luau, etc.
- Have a yard sale, bake sale, garage sale, etc.
- Sell items you no longer need on ksl.com or craigslist.

- Tap into your hometown resources.

Check with community groups and alumni associations from your hometown, county or state. Research local civic groups such as Rotary, Elks, Kiwanis, Lions or other charity organizations who might be interested in sponsoring you.

- Connect with your place of worship.

- Work a seasonal job.

- Ask a sorority, fraternity or campus organization/club to donate.

- Run errands for people who don't have time or can't do them on their own.

- Babysit.

- Be frugal.