



## UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program

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*International Study Scholarship*

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Major: Political Science & Business Economics

Cohort Year: 2022

Plans to study abroad in Europe (Britain or France)  
2023-2024

At a young age, I have been captivated by the rich political history of Europe and have always known that I wanted to study abroad there, specifically in Britain or France. My fascination with the political institutions and monarchies of these countries motivated me to pursue a degree in Political Science. By immersing myself in the cultures and politics of these places, I hope to broaden my knowledge and understanding of the world.

During my time there, I plan on exploring historic landmarks, such as Buckingham Palace and the Palace of Versailles. I am eager to engage with local historians and fellow international students to gain a broader perspective on political systems and culture. Additionally, I am interested in studying the current political climate and gaining a firsthand understanding of how politics and government operate in these societies. Ultimately, I hope that studying abroad in Europe will also shape my perspective on the world and my role in it.

Throughout my academic journey, I have faced various challenges and setbacks, but I have always remained committed to my goals. As a first-generation Asian-American, pursuing my academic goals has not been easy. Despite this, I have remained committed to my dreams. When I decided to attend UCSD, my parents did not support me. They cut me off financially and disowned me, all because they believed I was throwing away my future by attending a lesser-known university. However, I refused to let their lack of support hold me back. I was determined to succeed at UCSD, even if it meant putting myself through college. I knew that if I was resourceful and persevered, I could take advantage of every opportunity that came my way. Overcoming this adversity has taught me the value of resilience and self-belief.

Studying abroad will be a new challenge, but I am excited about the opportunities it will bring. As someone who has never traveled outside of the United States other than my homeland of Vietnam, I look forward to navigating a new country and perhaps learning a new language. I am excited by the prospect of immersing myself in the local community and learning from the people I meet, both in and out of the classroom. All in all, studying abroad in Britain or France would be a dream come true. It will be a chance for me to explore new places, learn new languages, and gain new insights into the world. Above all, I am confident that this experience will shape me in ways that will be invaluable in my future academic and personal pursuits.

