International Scholar Award (ISA)  
University Scholarship Program – Argentina

Goal

The main goal of this scholarship program is to provide students with the opportunity to take their education to the next level in order to be competitive on the global scale. This event is also oriented towards students who wish to study abroad and have the conviction to learn from the life-changing experience offered by our courses.

Participation Requirements (Mandatory)

- Be a full time student in one of the participating Universities.
- **Take the EPIs EF English test online (50 min duration)** this item was not mandatory in past editions; please contact EF if you have any questions regarding this issue.
- Be at least in the first years of University.
- Present an essay in the following format:
  - Written exclusively in English Language and on the topic: *Gender equality in education*
  - Maximum of 2 pages.
  - Font: Arial, Font Size: 10, Interline spacing: 1.5, 1’ Margins.
  - Send the essay in electronic format to the e-mail address: ayelen.yildiz@ef.com
- Being able of verbally presenting and supporting the essay (in English) in case of reaching final rounds.

International Student Award – Scholarship

The International Student Awards provides an opportunity for students to travel expense-free to participate in a US or UK language course, to be determined by EF based on the student’s English level and on University availability.

Grading Criteria

A first cut will be applied in order to select the best essays. The students whose essays are selected will be notified through their University via e-mail during the month of August 2016. These students will be invited to a reception along with their schools’ English Coordinators and other School Board Members.

The essay grading criteria for the first group (A1 to B1 scored with EF EPI Test) will be as following:

- **Title:** The essay has a creative title that captures attention: 5 points
- **Thesis Statement:** In the introductory paragraph, the essay contains one sentence that clearly explain the thesis and what the essay will cover: 5 points
- **Clarity:** Has a clear introduction, body and conclusion (beginning, middle and end): 30 points
- **Grammar and punctuation:** The essay should contain little to no grammatical errors and good sentence construction: 20 points
- **Creative focus and imagination:** The essay touches the topic of globalisation in a manner that is innovative and creative: 30 points
- **Overall cohesion and coherence:** The essay reads and flows well. The student maintains focus on the topic and does not deviate too much: 10 points

- **Total possible points:** 100

The grading criteria for the B2 to C2 scored with EF EPI Test group will be similar to the previous one with the addition that it will also include a research and works cited criterion.

- **Title:** The essay has a creative title that captures attention: 5 points
- **Thesis Statement:** In the introductory paragraph, the essay contains one sentence that clearly explain the thesis and what the essay will cover: 5 points
- **Clarity:** Has a clear introduction, body and conclusion (beginning, middle and end): 20 points
- **Grammar and punctuation:** The essay should contain little to no grammatical errors and good sentence construction: 20 points
- **Creative focus and imagination:** The essay touches the topic of globalisation in a manner that is innovative and creative: 20 points
- **Research:** The paper has a background of research from academic source(s): 15 points
- **Works Cited:** The student has cited the sources used in the paper. No specific citation format will be necessary for this; they can cite the works and the end of the paper or in footnotes. The citations should at least include title, author, year of publication and editorial: 5 points
- **Overall cohesion and coherence:** The essay reads and flows well. The student maintains focus on the topic and does not deviate too much: 10 points

- **Total possible points:** 100

The students will receive three grades from three different judges, which will be averaged. The best essays will be selected by the highest number of points from each group. The students proceeding to the second round will have personal interviews with the jury.

The evaluation criteria applied during the second round will be the same as in the first round, with the addition that blind grading will be applied during the second round to avoid subjectivity. During the second round students will not have to send in any additional material, the cut will intend to select the “best of the best” essays.

The students whose papers make it into the third and final round will be invited to an event where they will have to present and support their papers in English in front of an international jury made up by EF Staff Members. The selection of the finalists will take into consideration both essay grades and the grade received in the final round presentation.

*Given the number of participants, EF-Education First will not return essays or give any feedback to students or schools. If a specific case is presented where feedback is requested, EF staff will take it into consideration before making a decision.*
Jury

TBD

Award

The winners of the scholarship will be awarded a 2 week course January 2017 to immerse themselves in a study abroad experience in EF New York. The Scholarship will cover the following services and expenses:

- Placement Test.
- English courses and classes
- Enrolment fee and Cancelation Insurance.
- Travel and Medical Insurance.
- Study Materials.
- Airport transfers.
- Housing in a shared room in family’s house or Campus with meal plan
- Airplane ticket.
- Group classes with other International Students.
- Excursions and activities at destination.

Important Dates

1. Essay Deadline, August 09th
2. Interviews: 5th week of August
3. Final Event and Award Ceremony: September