



Financial Aid for Study Abroad

A Guideline for Washburn University Students

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If you are planning to use financial aid to study abroad, here are a few guidelines:

1. **File a FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the academic year in which your program occurs. This is free and available online at www.fafsa.gov.
2. **Complete the online Study Abroad Program & Scholarship Application at:** <https://washburn.studioabroad.com>. Apply by October 15th for winter and spring programs, February 15th for spring break, and March 1st for summer programs. To be eligible for financial aid you must maintain satisfactory academic progress and enroll in a minimum of 12 WU credit hours for semester programs and 6 WU credit hours for a summer program.
3. **Submit an “Estimated Study Abroad Program Budget” to the Director of Washburn’s Financial Aid Office** to have your financial need and resources accessed. You are not guaranteed to be eligible for enough federal financial aid to pay all costs associated with your study abroad program.
4. **Complete a Consortium or Contractual Agreement** if you plan to use Federal Financial Aid to pay to cost associated with your study abroad program.
5. **Upload a the completed “Estimated Study Abroad Program Budget” to your WU Study Abroad portal.**
6. **Accept your aid.** If you are using Federal Financial Aid, once your aid is posted on your student account, accept it and complete/sign any needed paperwork.
7. **Federal aid disbursement.** Please note that any federal aid awarded towards study abroad programs will not be disbursed until 10 days prior to start of the WU semester. If you depart before aid is disbursed, you will need to plan accordingly. You may inquire about a Bridge Loan through the WU Business Office. Visit the Student One Stop for more information.
8. **Apply to outside scholarships.** If you are not eligible for sufficient financial aid from federal, state, and/or other campus-based sources, you may want to explore other options as listed on “[Selected Scholarships for Study Abroad](#)”