
STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Federal financial aid is available to students enrolled in a study abroad program approved by the KU Office of Study Abroad and who meet eligibility guidelines to receive aid.

Federal financial aid for students who study abroad works very much like it does for students who study on the Lawrence or Edwards campus. However, there may be a difference in the amount(s) awarded for loans. Disbursement of awards may also be different since students are not able to be on campus to receive their awards.

The following is a step-by-step guide to use if you are planning to study abroad. Timing is very important in this process. Each of these steps must be completed before you leave the country.

- 1. Apply for federal financial aid and complete your financial aid file.**
If you have not done so already, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please be aware that it may take up to six weeks to process a FAFSA. You may also need to provide additional documentation, which could take additional processing time, so complete and submit the FAFSA and any additional documentation as soon as possible.

If you have already completed your FAFSA and you are planning on using financial aid as a funding source for studying abroad, check your financial aid award summary through Enroll & Pay at <https://sa.ku.edu>. Generally, you may use your federal and state financial aid to study abroad.

In addition, if your program is during the summer, you must submit the Summer Financial Aid Request Form to the OSFA, which will be available by mid-February.

Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) if you have any questions about completing the FAFSA and to ensure you have a complete financial aid file.

- 2. Apply for a study abroad program in the Office of Study Abroad, 108 Lippincott Hall.**
- 3. Once accepted into the study abroad program, submit your Office of Study Abroad Financial Planning Form Confirmation of Acceptance to the OSFA.**
This form will be provided to you by the Office of Study Abroad in your acceptance packet. You will need to submit this form to the OSFA before financial aid for a study abroad program can be awarded.
- 4. Meet with a Financial Aid Counselor in the OSFA and secure funding resources.**
During this appointment, the financial aid counselor will check to make certain that your awards are based on the appropriate study abroad budget, let you know of the specific financial aid paperwork required in order to receive your award(s) while abroad, and answer any additional questions that you may have.
- 5. Complete and submit your Financial Contract for Study Abroad and include your deposit payment to the Office of Study Abroad.**
The Financial Contract and deposit payment information was included in your KU Study Abroad acceptance packet. You must submit the completed Financial Contract form and include your deposit in order to formally accept and hold your place in the program.

6. Make all necessary arrangements for disbursement of your financial aid with the Office of Study Abroad.

Discuss arrangements needed for disbursement of your financial aid with your advisor in the Office of Study Abroad. Complete all necessary paperwork to deposit appropriate aid into your bank account. If you are receiving any financial aid including, but not limited to: Federal, State, and/or Institutional aid; Scholarships from the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, National Merit Scholarships and/or Byrd Scholarships, you must sign a Worksheet for Disbursement of Financial Aid.

Note: Scholarships and institutional grants for study abroad may vary. Generally, a student can utilize aid they have been awarded for a Study Abroad program. However, some awards may need to be adjusted or cancelled. For example, most study abroad students are ineligible for the KU Tuition Grant. Students enrolled in the Santiago, Spain and Western Civilization programs may be eligible for the KU Tuition grant since they pay KU tuition and fees.

If you have questions about studying abroad, please contact the Office of Study Abroad at (785) 864-3742 or visit the Study Abroad website at www.studyabroad.ku.edu. For questions regarding financial aid, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 864-4700 or financialaid@ku.edu.

Study Abroad Scholarships

The Office of Study Abroad awards scholarships to students who are studying abroad. Scholarships are based on merit and/or financial need. Contact the Office of Study Abroad for more information and application procedures.

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, including the following:

Boren Awards for International Study

<http://www.borenawards.org/>

Boren awards are sponsored by the federal government and provide scholarships and fellowships to eligible undergraduate students studying abroad who study languages and world regions critical to U.S. national security.

The International Rotary Organization

<http://www.rotary.org>

The Rotary club sponsors Ambassadorial Scholarships for civic-minded students who want to broaden their horizons.

Institute of International Education (IIE)

<http://www.iie.org/>

IIE specializes in educational exchange and training programs and provides information on Fulbright fellowships and sponsored programs.

IIEPassport

<http://studyabroadfunding.org>

IIEPassport is a study abroad scholarship search engine supported by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

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