

Terms of Application

Partnership Programs

I have created an application to participate in a Partnership program (the Program) offered by Arizona State University (ASU). As a condition of participation, all applicants are expected to read and understand the information provided below.

Application Creation

I created an application to participate in the Program when I clicked the "Apply Now" button on the program brochure on the ASU Study Abroad Office (SAO) website at https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu.

- After I sign the <u>Acknowledgment of Application Fee and Procedures</u> in my online Program application, the SAO will charge a **\$50 Application Fee** to my ASU student account, regardless of whether or not I complete the application requirements.
- The \$50 Application Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE, unless I am not accepted for participation in the Program after completing my application, or the Program is canceled before it begins.

To return to my application at any time, I can access my Applicant Home Page by logging in to the SAO website at https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu.

Application Completion

My application to the Program will not be considered for acceptance until each of the required submissions in my online application is marked as "Received".

To view the list of required application submissions, I can log in to the SAO website at https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu and click on the Program application from the left side of my Applicant Home Page. Application requirements include:

- My Tasks. Specific items I must submit to the SAO, or other tasks that I must complete outside of the online Program application. These items can only be marked as "Received" by SAO staff. I can click on each of the Tasks in my online Program application to view specific instructions and/or documents that I must print, complete and submit to the SAO.
- My Signature Documents. Items that I must read carefully and sign. I can click on each Signature Document in my online Program application to view and digitally sign, indicating my agreement and understanding. Once I have signed each Signature Document, it will automatically be marked as "Received." If I am younger than 18 years of age, I will not be able to sign these documents electronically. Instead, I will be required to print these documents and secure a parent or guardian signature, sign and deliver the form to the SAO.

- My Online Forms & Submissions. Online forms that I must complete or items that I
 must submit electronically by uploading to my online Program application. I can click on
 each of the items in this section of my online Program application to provide the required
 information. I may begin one of these items and save it for later completion, but I must
 click "Submit" in order for the item to be marked as "Received."
- Resources. Important information that I must carefully review. I can click on each of the links in the Resources section of my online Program application to review the information and mark these pages as "Read."

Each of the *Tasks*, *Signature Documents* and *Online Forms & Submissions* must be marked as "Received" by the application deadline listed for the Program. I can find instructions on how to complete the required submissions by clicking on each item individually in my online Program application. Once all of my required application items are marked "Received", my application will be ready for review.

Application Processing

My application will have a status of "Pending" until the SAO has processed my application, and has reached a decision on the status of my application. The status of my "Pending" application will be updated by the SAO to one of the following:

- Accepted. If the status of my "Pending" application changes to "Accepted," I have completed the Program application, I meet all program eligibility requirements, and the SAO is willing to endorse my participation in the Program. However, I am not yet considered a participant in the Program until I have been formally accepted by the host institution and/or Program provider. Before the SAO will submit my application for formal acceptance to the host institution and/or Program provider, I must confirm my participation by "committing" to the Program. Terms of confirming participation in the Program are outlined below. In addition, I will be required to complete any new required application submissions (Tasks, Signature Documents, Online Forms & Submissions, and Resources) that are only made available to "Accepted" students.
- **Waitlist.** If the status of my "Pending" application changes to "Waitlist," I have completed the Program application, I meet all program eligibility requirements, but the SAO is not able to consider my participation in the Program unless and until another place in the Program becomes available.
- **Denied.** If the status of my "Pending" application changes to "Denied," I have completed the Program application, but was not selected for participation in the Program.
- **Withdrawn.** If the status of my "Pending" application changes to "Withdrawn," the SAO has withdrawn my application for the Program because I did not complete the application requirements or because I clicked the "Withdraw" button next to my Program application on my Applicant Home Page.

Confirming Participation in the Program

Once my application status has changed to "Accepted," I will be required to take an important additional step before the SAO will consider me an actual participant in the Program.

• To confirm my participation in the Program, I must click the "Commit" button in the "Confirmation of Participation" panel on the top right side of the online Program application. This panel will not appear in my application until my status changes to

- "Accepted." It is important to confirm my participation in the Program as soon as possible after acceptance, in order to reserve my place in the Program.
- After I confirm my participation in the Program, SAO will begin to make financial commitments on my behalf, for which I will be held responsible. I will be expected to pay for any unrecoverable costs committed by SAO on my behalf prior to my withdrawal, even if I withdraw from the program well before the Program start date.

For more information on payments, refunds and my financial obligation to the Program, I can refer to the <u>Study Abroad Payment and Withdrawal Policies</u> within my online Program application.

Fees and Payment

Application Fee

I am required to pay a **non-refundable** \$50 Application Fee.

- After I sign the <u>Acknowledgment of Application Fee and Procedures</u> in my online Program application, the SAO will charge \$50 to my ASU student account.
- I will be expected to pay the \$50 Application Fee by the due date posted on my ASU account.
- In the event I am going to participate in two different programs, back-to-back, I will need to make separate Application Fee payments for each application.

Study Abroad Program Fee

I am not required to pay ASU tuition in order to participate in the Program.* Instead I am responsible for paying a Program Fee, which includes tuition and may include additional features like accommodation, meals, dedicated on-site staff, in-country orientations, airport pickup, insurance, overnight excursions, and local field trips as part of a comprehensive package.**

- The \$50 Application Fee is a separate charge and is not applied to the published Program Fee.
- The Program Fee will be charged to my ASU student account.
- I will be expected to pay my balance by the due date posted in my ASU student account.
- Full year students will pay 50% of the Program Fee balance by the deadline posted for the first semester of participation, and the remaining 50% by the deadline posted for the second semester of participation.
- If I am a non-resident student or international student, my Program Fee may be higher than the Program Fee charged to an Arizona resident. I may refer to a Cost Sheet for the Program on the SAO website at any time for complete cost details.

*Participants will be expected to pay portion of the standard <u>Student Initiated Fees</u> (e.g., Financial Aid Trust Fee) as a condition of participation in the Program. In addition, certain courses at ASU require students to pay special class fees and certain ASU colleges and schools charge students an additional <u>College Fee</u> in order to maintain enrollment in the major.

**My Program Fee DOES NOT include optional non-credit bearing courses, or supplemental tuition charges, beyond what is specified on the Program documentation provided by the SAO, NOR does it include additional non-academic endeavors such as group parties, tours or other cultural events (unless specified).

Method of Payment

All SAO fees will be charged to my ASU student account and are to be paid using the same methods I would normally use to pay my ASU charges. More information on payment options is available on the ASU website at http://students.asu.edu/paymentoptions.

Declining Participation in the Program

If I wish to decline my acceptance to the Program and withdraw my application (rather than confirming participation), I must click the "Decline" button in the "Confirmation of Participation" panel described above.

- Clicking the "Decline" button will withdraw my application.
- While I will still be responsible for paying the \$50 Application Fee, I will not have any
 further financial obligation to the Program if I decline participation prior to confirming my
 participation.

Withdrawing an Application

I may withdraw my application to the Program at any time, but I will be subject to the terms of the <u>Study Abroad Payment and Withdrawal Policies</u>. In all cases, withdrawal from the Program must be submitted in writing. **The SAO may not be able to refund any portion of the fees submitted to or owed to the SAO if I withdraw from the Program for any reason.**

- If I wish to withdraw before a decision has been reached on my application, I may click
 the "Withdraw" button next to the Program application on my Applicant Home page. I will
 be prompted to enter a reason for withdrawing before the status of my application will be
 changed to "Withdrawn." I may also send an email to my SAO International Coordinator,
 stating my reasons for withdrawing, and SAO can change the status of my application to
 "Withdrawn."
- Once a decision has been reached on my application, I am no longer able to withdraw my own application to the Program and MUST submit my request for withdrawal to the SAO in writing. The SAO will change the status of my application to "Withdrawn."

For more information on withdrawing from the Program, I can refer to the <u>Study Abroad Payment and Withdrawal Policies</u> within my online Program application.

Program Cancellation

The SAO reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel the Program.

- Should the SAO cancel the Program, my application status will change to "Program Cancelled" and I will be subject to the terms of the <u>Study Abroad Payment and</u> <u>Withdrawal Policies</u>.
- The SAO strongly advises that students purchase fully refundable airline tickets and/or trip cancellation insurance to safeguard against losses or penalties should a program be canceled or its dates changed. SAO assumes no responsibility for such losses or penalties.