



Greetings from the ASU Study Abroad Office!

We are thrilled that you are interested in studying abroad, and we look forward to seeing many of you make this dream a reality in the upcoming months!

One of the concerns our students share with us is their worry about how to finance their study abroad experience. We want to provide you with as many resources for financing your program as possible. Please continue reading for our **Top Ten Resources for Financing Your Study Abroad Program!** Depending on your ASU status (degree-seeking vs. non-degree), some of this information may or may not be applicable to you.

1. Attend a **Financing Your Study Abroad workshop**. Workshops are held every other Monday from 2-3pm in the Memorial Union on the Tempe Campus. Details on time, locations, and dates can be found [here](#). Online workshops via Adobe Connect are available for students who cannot meet during the in-person workshops. These will take place on Thursday afternoons from 3-4 pm MST. Please [visit the SAO website](#) for login details.
2. Read our **Financing Your Study Abroad Program Handbook**. This handbook will provide you with additional information to help you start thinking about finances.
3. [Apply](#) for a **FAFSA**, even if you don't think you qualify. Having a FAFSA on file is essential for receiving student loans and is also sometimes necessary for acquiring other grants and scholarships.
4. Learn the **financial aid rules**. Remember that financial aid disburses on a yearly cycle. Summer signals the *final* disbursement of yearly aid. If you are considering a summer study abroad program, be strategic about how you allocate your aid—especially if you typically use all your financial aid in the Fall and Spring semesters. If you can save a little aid from your Spring disbursement to apply to your Summer term, talk to a [financial aid counselor](#) to make this change. Also, remember that in order to receive financial aid in the summer, you must be enrolled in at least *6 credit hours* (5 credits for graduate students). If you are participating in a 3 credit hour summer program and need financial aid, consider taking an online course or an on-campus course before or after your program dates to reach the 6 credit hour requirement.
5. Take funding into your own hands with our **Community-Based Funding guide**. Get inspired by the [creative ideas](#) other students have implemented to raise funds in past years!
6. Think about **crowd-sourcing** a portion of your trip. Many ASU students have found success setting up accounts and raising program monies through crowd-sourcing websites like [FundMyTravel](#), [Project Travel](#), [GoFundMe](#), and [Indiegogo](#). Make sure you fully understand the rules and regulations of any site you decide you use.

7. Apply for the **ASU Study Abroad Office Travel Grant and Diversity Scholarship**. Instructions and eligibility requirements for the Travel Grant are available [here](#). Students are eligible for grants of \$1000 and \$500. Instructions and eligibility requirements for the Diversity Scholarship are available [here](#). Awards are for \$2000, regardless of the term you go abroad. Please note that you can apply for both scholarships, but you are only eligible to receive one.
8. Exhaust your **scholarship options**. Use our [Searchable Scholarship Database](#) for a wide-ranging list of different funding opportunities available to you. These include Study Abroad Office scholarships, ASU departmental scholarships, national study abroad scholarships, partnership scholarships, and a hefty list of other external scholarships. Get to searching!
9. Once you have applied for your program, look for an e-mail from [Financial Aid and Scholarship Services](#) (FASS) providing you with a reassessment of the financial aid you are eligible to receive. For all programs and terms, we automatically send your cost sheet to FASS automatically. Should you choose to Confirm in your program, be on the lookout for another e-mail from FASS near the end of the semester letting you know that your financial aid package has been reassessed.
10. If you have additional questions, contact one of our Study Abroad Office **International Coordinators**. They can answer many of your questions and point you in the right direction for other campus resources. [International Coordinators](#) are available for Skype, phone, and in-person [appointments](#). Also, visit the [Financing Your Study Abroad Program](#) section of our website for more information and links covered in this message. Regardless of what ASU campus you study on, our International Coordinators are available!

Wishing you happy and well-funded travels,
The ASU Study Abroad Office