

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON FINANCIAL AID

Faculty-Led Group Study Abroad Kansas State University

1. I plan to use financial aid to pay for my study abroad experience. What should I do first?

Please see **4 Steps to Financial Assistance for Study Abroad** available on the Study Abroad Program website

2. What study abroad expenses will financial aid cover?

Financial aid will be disbursed by the K-State Office of Student Financial Assistance and will be applied to the bill you receive through your K-State student iSIS account for the term you are studying abroad. For your study abroad program, you will be billed K-State tuition and the Division of Continuing Education fee on your student iSIS account. You can log into iSIS at: <https://isis.k-state.edu>

Please note that when financial aid is disbursed, it will be applied to your outstanding bill on your student account. For example, if you owe K-State tuition for last term, the financial aid you receive through iSIS will first be applied toward paying the outstanding bill. After your outstanding bill is paid, remaining financial aid will be applied to your current bill.

If you have less financial aid than what you currently owe when your aid is applied to your bill, then the difference should be paid before the current billing due date. If you have more financial aid than what you currently owe K-State, then you will have a credit balance refund.

To make receiving your financial aid easier while you are studying abroad we recommend that you submit a form for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) at

<http://www.k-state.edu/controller/cashiers/eftauthorization.pdf>

This form will allow Kansas State University to directly deposit your financial aid into your bank account.

Due to federal regulations, intercession courses are not eligible for financial aid. This includes winter intercession, spring break intercession, and summer intercession.

3. How does K-State determine the amount of financial aid I will receive for study abroad?

The Study Abroad Office determines how much a study abroad program will cost. Your study abroad advisor will create a cost sheet for you which outlines program expenses. You will need to set-up an appointment with Ben Kohl in the Office of Student Financial Assistance and take the program cost sheet to this meeting. Ben Kohl will review the cost sheet and adjust your financial aid package accordingly, so that the Office of Student Financial Assistance will be able to offer you sufficient financial aid for your study abroad program.

Financial aid is different for each student, depending on what they have already borrowed for the fall and spring terms. Typically, the student is eligible to receive enough aid to cover the entire study abroad experience.

4. Does the financial aid process work differently, depending on the type of the study abroad program in which I participate?

No, the process is the same for all study abroad programs.

5. How does the number of credits I take affect my financial aid?

In order to get loans for studying abroad, you need to be enrolled at least half-time. That is 6 credit hours per term for undergraduate students and 5 credit hours per term for graduate students. For faculty-led programs, half-time enrollment is based on the number of weeks you are studying abroad, so please check with your study abroad advisor or with the Office of Student Financial Assistance to confirm the number of hours you need to enroll in to be eligible for financial aid.

6. Is it possible for the Office of Student Financial Assistance to guarantee that I will receive financial aid for my study abroad program?

Unfortunately, there is not a guarantee. It is up to each student's eligibility to receive financial aid. Typically, students need to have their parents apply for a Parent PLUS Loan or the students need to apply for a private alternative loan or a combination of both.

7. Will my outside scholarships carry over to my study abroad program?

Yes. Any form of financial assistance that applies to your regular academic studies at K-State may be applied to your study abroad program.

8. What happens to my Federal Work-Study award if I study abroad?

Federal work-study does not apply to study abroad programs, so you will not be able to participate in federal work-study until you return from your study abroad program. When you return, you just need to obtain a job on campus to earn your Federal work-study funding.

9. When will I be notified about whether I will receive financial aid for my summer study abroad program?

It is a first come, first serve basis. You will be notified of your financial aid award package in mid-April.

10. When will I find out how much aid I will receive for my study abroad?

You will be notified by the Office of Student Financial Assistance in mid-April.

11. When will financial aid awards be disbursed for my study abroad program?

Financial aid is disbursed into student accounts ten days before the study abroad program begins. Usually the credit balance refund is available to the student from the Cashier's Office on the following Thursday after disbursement. You will probably be trying to leave the country at this time, so we advise completing the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) at <http://www.k-state.edu/controller/cashiers/eftauthorization.pdf> early in the spring term.

12. How will my financial aid be disbursed while I am away?

To make receiving your financial aid easier while you are studying abroad we recommend that you submit a form for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) at <http://www.k-state.edu/controller/cashiers/eftauthorization.pdf>. This form will allow Kansas State University to directly deposit your financial aid into your bank account.

13. To receive financial aid when I return to K-State, what must I do before I leave my host university?

You will need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) to the K-State Office of Student Financial Assistance. You can fill out the FAFSA form online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>. The priority filing date for the upcoming academic year is March 1. You will need to know K-State's federal school

code: 001928. Visit the Office of Student Financial FAFSA information page at: <http://www.k-state.edu/sfa/fafsa>

In addition to submitting the FAFSA form, you will also need to closely follow the K-State Financial Aid Calendar, available at: <http://www.k-state.edu/sfa/calendar> to make sure you are on track.

14. How can I contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance?

Office of Student Financial Assistance
Kansas State University
104 Fairchild Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506-1104

Phone: 785-532-6420 or 877-817-2287 (toll free)
Fax: 785-532-7628
E-mail: finaid@k-state.edu
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Website: <http://www.k-state.edu/sfa>

15. How can I contact the Office of International Programs, Study Abroad Office?

Study Abroad Program
Office of International Programs
Kansas State University
304 Fairchild Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506-1111

Phone: 785-532-5990
Fax: 785-532-6550
E-Mail: oip@k-state.edu
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Website: <http://www.k-state.edu/studyabroad/facultyled/index.htm>