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Study Abroad
So many choices, so little time!

- Over 150 programs in over 45 countries
- Quarter, semester, year-long, short-term and summer
- Financial aid may be available
- GE, major or minor classes
- Continuous progress toward degree

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How Much Does it Cost to Study Abroad?

- Total costs vary by program; the range is broad
- Talk to CPIC staff and program providers to request a budget sheet for your selected program
- Possible costs include: tuition and fees, room & board, travel expenses, passport and visa costs, local transportation, books & supplies, phone/internet, a $400 International Center fee and personal expenses
- Add any self-arranged excursions, independent travel, and entertainment in your personal budget
How Can I Fund My Study Abroad Experience?

- Cal Poly and program providers can assist with funding resources
- Some Colleges provide study abroad scholarships (i.e. OCOB travel grants up to $3,000)
- CPIC Office has some program-specific scholarships for faculty-led and affiliated programs
- Program providers offer both need- and merit-based scholarships
- Complete FAFSA (free financial aid form)
- Cal Poly study abroad scholarship information: http://www.studyabroad.calpoly.edu/financial/scholarships.html
Financial Aid Tips

- **FAFSA**
  
- Complete FAFSA by March 2nd for early consideration for state, institutional and federal aid

- Loans and grants offered by the U.S. federal government:
  - Federal Grants: 1) Federal Pell Grant 2) Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG grant)
  - State Grants: 1) Cal Grant 2) State University Grant
  - Federal Loans: 1) Federal Direct Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized) 2) Perkins Loan 3) Parent PLUS Loan
Scholarships and Aid

- Federal Scholarships:
  - David Boren (NSEP) Scholarships
  - Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship

- Other Types of Aid:
  - State Aid (must be receiving resident credit)
  - Institutional Aid (must be receiving resident credit)
  - Study Abroad Scholarships (eligibility requirements vary)
  - Scholarships from program providers (e.g., CEA, GlobaLinks, USAC)
  - DAAD awards for Germany
  - Diversity Scholarships (LSAMP for STEM students)
Financial Search Tools

- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.studyabroadfunding.org
- www.diversityabroad.com/scholarships
- www.iie.org/gilman
- www.borenawards.org
Creative Funding

- Look beyond scholarships and financial aid
- Consider putting yourself on a tighter budget now
- Accept any loan amounts for current term(s) that you were awarded but were not planning to use; save the funds for the program
- Use your own and others' frequent flier miles
- Community organizations may provide sponsorship
- Sell items through eBay, Amazon, craigslist, etc. for cash; ask for donated items from friends and family
- Check out gofundme.com and fundmytravel.com for creative crowdsource funding tools
Go after graduation, too

- There are also numerous programs that fund international study, research, grad programs, teaching abroad, etc. after you graduate.

- Examples:
  - Fulbright
  - Rotary Peace Fellowships
  - Marshall, Rhodes, Gates Cambridge
  - DAAD awards
  - the Funding webpage
Getting the Right Information is Easy

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