Financial Aid for Study Abroad

Follow the financial planning steps for study abroad below:

• **Complete the FAFSA** - In order to be considered for Financial Aid, you must first complete a FAFSA for each academic year. Based on the FAFSA, you will be awarded grants, scholarships, and/or loans. Complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

• **Get your Award** - Normally, your Financial Aid Award (grant & loan offer) is based on the average costs of living and studying at Cal Poly. When you study abroad, however, your award may be adjusted based on the costs of living and studying in another country.

• **Know Your Program Cost** - There are many different types of study abroad programs at Cal Poly, and they fall along a wide spectrum of costs. As you browse programs, be sure to consider their relative costs. Also, when you study abroad, remember that your living expenses may change, and you may have extra travel costs such as international airfare. Select a program that aligns with your personal budget.

• **Complete a Student Budget Worksheet** - To have your Financial Aid Award adjusted for the terms(s) you spend abroad, you must complete a Student Budget Worksheet to inform Financial Aid Services of your program budget, comparative costs, and funding sources. Fill out the Worksheet using the online Budget Sheet for your program ([abroad.calpoly.edu](http://abroad.calpoly.edu)).

• **Accept your Award** - You must accept your award in your MyCalPoly portal ([myportal.calpoly.edu](http://myportal.calpoly.edu)) in order for the funds to be released. First, your award will be applied towards your bill. If there is a remaining balance, you must pay the difference. If your award covers all of your bill and funds are remaining, you can have the remaining amount directly deposited into your bank account (remember to sign up for direct deposit). You can use those funds to cover your housing and personal expenses while you are abroad.

• **Plan Ahead** - Please note that your Financial Aid Award will be disbursed on or around the first day of the quarter at Cal Poly, regardless of the actual start date of your study abroad program. Plan ahead to cover your plane ticket and other pre-departure or arrival costs, which you may need to pay for before your Award is disbursed.

• **Summer Financial Aid** - Financial aid is limited in the summer. Awards typically consist of any unused loan amounts from the previous academic year. Consult a Financial Aid counselor for details.

• **Fund Your Study Abroad Experience** - Read this helpful resource for details on financial aid for study abroad ([studyabroad.calpoly.edu/financial/index.html](http://studyabroad.calpoly.edu/financial/index.html)).
Scholarships & Grants for Study Abroad

Cal Poly Study Abroad Scholarships

- **FEATURED CAFES International Agriculture Scholarship** - This scholarship fund is supported by an endowment that provides awards of $500+ to 20+ students per year. It is intended to support CAFES students who study abroad. Requirements include copies of your resume and transcript, two letters of recommendation, a budget of projected program expenses, and a 1-pg essay. Contact Professor Chris Appel at cappel@calpoly.edu. [WEBSITE: http://www.cafes.calpoly.edu/scholarships]

- **FEATURED Orfalea Competitive Travel Grants** - Multiple grants of up to $3,000 are available for students in the Orfalea College of Business who study abroad. [WEBSITE: http://www.cob.calpoly.edu/studentservices/study-abroad/travel-grant-application/]

Program-Specific Scholarships

- **FEATURED Cal Poly Partner Program Scholarships**
  - **CEA Scholarships** – Cultural Experiences Abroad
    [WEBSITE: http://www.ceastudyabroad.com/students/financing/scholarships.html]
  - **DIS Scholarships** – Danish Institute for Study Abroad
    [WEBSITE: http://disabroad.org/application-and-fees/scholarships/]
  - **TEAN Scholarships** – The Education Abroad Network
    [WEBSITE: http://www.educationabroadnetwork.org/costs.html]
  - **USAC Scholarships** – University Studies Abroad Consortium
    [WEBSITE: http://usac.unr.edu/money-matters/scholarships-and-discounts]
  - **CIEE Scholarships** – Council on International Educational Exchange
    [WEBSITE: http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships-grants/]

- **FEATURED Cal Poly Global Program Scholarships**
  - **London only**: Jon M. Ericson Founders Scholarship & Michael Koehn Memorial Scholarship
    [WEBSITE: http://studyabroad.calpoly.edu/financial/scholarships/specificscholarships.html]

- **FEATURED CSU International Program Scholarships**
  - CSU-IP Scholarships, CSU-IP Ghana Scholarships, Baden-Württemberg Fellowship Program (Germany), Michelle Marriot Memorial Scholarship, Dan Floyd Memorial Scholarship, Wang Family Scholarship, and Ward Wallach Memorial Scholarship
    [WEBSITE: http://csuip.calstate.edu/]

National Study Abroad Scholarships

- **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships** - For students in science, mathematics, and engineering fields
  [WEBSITE: http://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/index.php]

- **Critical Language Scholarships (U.S. Department of State)** - Overseas language and cultural immersion program for American students
  [WEBSITE: http://www.clscholarship.org/]

- **Go Overseas Study & Intern Abroad Scholarship** - One $500 scholarship will be awarded annually
  [WEBSITE: http://www.gooverseas.com/scholarships/study-abroad-application]

- **FEATURED Boren Awards for International Study** - Scholarships of up to $20,000 for U.S. students who go abroad for one year to study less commonly-taught languages. Open to students studying abroad in geographic areas that are critical to U.S. national security. This includes all countries in Asia, but does not include Australia, New Zealand and Western Europe. Students must be U.S. citizens to apply.
  [WEBSITE: https://www.borenawards.org/]

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FEATURED Fund for Education Abroad - Study Abroad scholarships of up to $10,000 for underrepresented students who go to non-traditional destinations on programs where there are service-learning or volunteer components
WEBSITE: http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/

FEATURED Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship - Aims to diversify the types of students who study and intern abroad and the countries where they go by offering awards to U.S. undergraduates who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints
WEBSITE: http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program

Golden Key Scholarships - Offers various awards for study abroad
WEBSITE: https://www.goldenkey.org/scholarships-awards/overview/

Rotary Scholarships - Various awards; contact your local Rotary club
WEBSITE: https://www.rotary.org/

Whitaker International Undergraduate Program - For biomedical sciences and biomedical engineering students going abroad; awards range from $7,500 per semester to $10,000 per year
WEBSITE: http://www.whitaker.org/grants/undergraduate-grants

GLBTI Scholarship Resources
- eQuality Scholarship, WEBSITE: http://www.equalityscholarship.org/
- Point Foundation, WEBSITE: https://www.pointfoundation.org/
- Queer Asian & Pacific Islander Pride Scholarship, WEBSITE: http://apiwellness.org/scholarship.html
- Human Rights Campaign, WEBSITE: http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/scholarship-database
- Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, WEBSITE: http://www.davisputter.org/
- Rainbow Scholarships, WEBSITE: http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/

Country/Region-Specific Scholarships

ASIA: Freeman-Asia Scholarship - Need-based funding for study in Asia
WEBSITE: http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia

ASIA: Blakemore Foundation Fellowships - For graduate students studying language in Japan, China, Korea, Thailand, or Vietnam
WEBSITE: http://www.blakemorefoundation.org/

CHINA: CPE Scholarships - For U.S. students who study in China
WEBSITE: http://www.state.gov/p/eap/rls/ot/2012/191948.htm

DENMARK: Rebild Scholarship for Study in Denmark - Awards of up to $3,000 for U.S. students with Danish heritage
WEBSITE: http://www.umrsc.org/5901.html

FRANCE: Benjamin Franklin Travel Grant - Awards of $900 for U.S. students who study in France
WEBSITE: http://highereducation.frenchculture.org/grants-and-fellowships/ben-franklin-grant

GERMANY: Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarships - Various scholarships for U.S. students who study in Germany (including one for STEM students) WEBSITE: https://www.daad.org/

JAPAN: Bridging Scholarship - For U.S. undergraduate students who study in Japan; awards are $2,500 for a semester or $4,000 for a year
WEBSITE: http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships

JAPAN: JASSO Scholarship - Japanese government funding for U.S. exchange students going on short-term study in Japan
WEBSITE: http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/scholarships_sfisij_e.html

NEW ZEALAND: New Zealand Education Scholarships - Various awards for study in New Zealand
WEBSITE: http://www.enz.govt.nz/our-services/scholarships/

UNITED KINGDOM: BUTEX Scholarships - Awards of up to $750 for a semester or year in the UK
WEBSITE: http://www.butex.ac.uk/scholarships/are-you-eligible/
Other Scholarship Resources & Fundraising tools

- American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Scholarships for women

- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund - Scholarships for students of Asian heritage
  WEBSITE: http://www.apiasf.org/

- Chegg.com - Free scholarship search engine
  WEBSITE: http://www.chegg.com/scholarships

- Diversity Abroad - Various study abroad scholarships
  WEBSITE: http://www.diversityabroad.com/

- Fastweb - Free scholarship search tool
  WEBSITE: http://www.fastweb.com/

- Fund My Travel - easy to use fundraising website
  WEBSITE: https://www.fundmytravel.com/

- Gates Millennium Scholarship - Various awards for African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and other minorities
  WEBSITE: http://www.gmsp.org/

- GoAbroad.com - Free scholarship search tool
  WEBSITE: http://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad

- InternationalScholarships.com - International scholarship database
  WEBSITE: http://www.internationalscholarships.com/

- IIE Passport Study Abroad Funding - Excellent website with information on a number of scholarships. Search by country or by area of study
  WEBSITE: http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/

- Scholarships.com - Free scholarship search tool
  WEBSITE: https://www.scholarships.com/

- Studyabroad.com - Study abroad scholarships and financial aid info
  WEBSITE: http://www.studyabroad.com/scholarships.aspx

Scholarship Tips

- Dedicate several hours to browsing scholarships.
- Set a goal to identify 3-5 scholarships or grants to which you will apply.
- Set aside several days to work on your scholarship applications.
- Apply for scholarships around the same time you are applying to study abroad.
- Remember: focus on quality in your study abroad scholarship applications!

Scholarship Advising

- Cal Poly International Center
  DROP-IN PEER ADVISING: Mon- Thurs 10-11AM & 2-4PM, Bldg 52, Rm E32
  WEBSITE: http://www.studyabroad.calpoly.edu/financial/scholarships.html

- Cal Poly Financial Aid
  FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR AVAILABILITY: Mon-Fri 9AM-12PM & 1-3PM, Admin Bldg 001, Rm 212
  WEBSITE: http://financialaid.calpoly.edu/