



STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Federal financial aid is available to students enrolled in an approved study abroad program and who meet eligibility guidelines to receive aid.

Federal financial aid for students who study abroad works very much like it does for students who study online or on campus. However, there may be a difference in the amount awarded.

The following is a step-by-step guide to use if you are planning to study abroad. Timing is very important in this process. Each of these steps must be completed before you leave the country.

- ☐ **1. APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID AND COMPLETE YOUR FINANCIAL AID FILE.**
If you have not done so already, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available online at studentaid.gov. Please be aware that it may take up to six weeks to process a FAFSA. You may also need to provide additional documentation, which could take additional processing time, so complete and submit the FAFSA and any additional documentation as soon as possible.

If you have already completed your FAFSA and you are planning on using financial aid as a funding source for studying abroad, check your financial aid award summary on your financial aid dashboard at my.eou.edu. Generally, you may use your federal and state financial aid to study abroad.

In addition, if your program is during the summer, you must submit the Summer Financial Aid Request Form to the Financial Aid Office (FAO), which will be available concurrently with Summer registration opening. Contact the FAO if you have any questions about completing the FAFSA, and to ensure you have a complete financial aid file.

Date completed _____
- ☐ **2. COMPLETE AN ONLINE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM APPLICATION BY THE PROGRAM DEADLINE AT: [EOU.EDU/STUDYAB](https://eou.edu/studyab)**
- ☐ **3. ONCE ACCEPTED INTO THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AND YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOU INTEND TO USE FINANCIAL AID ON YOUR STUDY ABROAD QUESTIONNAIRE, SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TO DETERMINE YOUR BUDGET.**
You cannot receive financial aid in excess of the cost of the study abroad program.
- ☐ **4. MEET WITH A FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR IN THE FAO AND SECURE FUNDING RESOURCES.**
During this appointment, the financial aid counselor will check to make certain your awards are based on the appropriate study abroad budget, let you know of the specific financial aid paperwork required in order to receive your award(s) while abroad, and answer any additional questions you may have. Please bring everything that you have showing how much it will cost and what's included.
- ☐ **5. MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISBURSEMENT OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID.**
Discuss arrangements needed for disbursement of your financial aid with your advisor and Student Accounts. Complete all necessary paperwork to deposit appropriate aid into your bank account or released to third party.

Note: Scholarships and institutional grants for study abroad may vary. Generally, a student can utilize aid they have been awarded for a Study Abroad program. However, some awards may need to be adjusted or cancelled. For example, most study abroad students are ineligible for EOU fee remissions scholarships, but students enrolled in programs that require them to pay EOU Tuition and fees may be eligible for fee remissions.

If you have questions about studying abroad, please contact International Student Services at (541) 962-3406 or visit the Study Abroad website at eou.edu/studyab. For questions regarding financial aid, contact the Financial Aid Office at (541) 962-3550 or fao@eou.edu.

FINANCIAL AID FOR SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

The financial aid procedures are the same for summer study abroad as for the year or term/semester programs. In addition, there is a one-page summer financial aid application which must also be completed and is available online at eou.edu/financial-aid/forms or in the Financial Aid Office in Inlow Hall STE 104 in May. Follow the steps for disbursement as outlined above in steps 4-5.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Contact International Student Services for more information and application procedures or visit the study abroad website to access the applications online at eou.edu/studyab.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL INTERNET RESOURCES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES , Room 215, Hoke Union Building, (541) 962-3406	
international@eou.edu	• Questions about your study abroad application and fees
eou.edu/studyab	• Study abroad webpage
STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES , Room 101, Inlow Hall, (541) 962-3590	
cashier@eou.edu	• Tuition payment plan
eou.edu/student-financial-services	• Direct deposit
	• Student Account questions
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS , Room 104, Inlow Hall, (541) 962-3550	
fao@eou.edu	• Questions about using your financial aid to study abroad
eou.edu/scholarships	• Additional financial aid options

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