

THE MONEY HUNT: Funding for Study Abroad (FAQ)

When should I start planning my finances for study abroad? Sooner is always better than later! You should begin your financial planning as soon as you begin researching study abroad locations and programs. Keep in mind the funds/grants/loans you anticipate receiving. Carefully read the program costs to determine what is included in the program fee. Don't forget to consider your spending habits, the cost of international airfare and your additional travel and meal costs (if you plan to travel during your program). Returned study abroad students have said studying abroad required at least \$1,000 more than they initially anticipated.



Do I apply for financial aid differently if I am planning to study abroad? No. You and your parents should file the FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA as though you were going to study in Boise. For the 2017-2018 year and moving forward FAFSA will be available on October 1. The priority filing deadline will be February 15.

I have never received financial aid. Is there any federal financial aid that might apply to me now that I am planning on studying abroad? Possibly. You should file the FAFSA in February (follow the Financial Aid Office deadlines) to be considered for federal, state, and institutional aid (including loans).

Will ALL my financial aid go with me on a study abroad program? No. Work-study awards do not travel. You should not count on the work-study amount of your current package for studying abroad. It might be possible to receive loan money in lieu of work-study. In some cases, the GEM or the WUE will also not apply.

If I am going to use financial aid for study abroad, what *will* be different? You will need to grant "Power of Attorney" authorization to someone. This will be the person you designate as being responsible for your financial affairs while you are out of the country. Please provide copies of this form to both the Financial Aid Office and International Learning Opportunities.

When will my financial aid be available and how will I receive it? Different types of aid become available at different times during the semester. Please discuss this issue with the Financial Aid Office. Our study abroad contact in the Financial Aid Office is Sierra Lewis, sierralewis@boisestate.edu.

Are there any scholarships available for study abroad? There are several scholarship opportunities for students studying abroad. For more information, please refer to the reverse side of this document.

What about scholarships for certain majors, athletics, or the Honors College? Ask the scholarship sponsor if your scholarship can be used to study abroad.

Will I be able to work while I am abroad? In most countries, US students cannot work without a work permit. However, in Australia, American students are now eligible to work up to 20 hours per week while studying abroad.

What about Veteran Benefits, Armed Service waivers, and ROTC scholarships? Contact the Boise State Veteran's Services Office, Lincoln Garage 1st floor, (426-3744) for more information regarding whether you can use your benefits for study abroad.

Study Abroad Scholarships



The key to finding and receiving scholarship money is planning and commitment. Take the time to type your application, answer questions thoughtfully, proofread your application several times and begin to research funding opportunities as soon as you become interested in studying abroad. The International Learning Opportunities Office has a number of scholarships available. Please contact ILO for application materials and deadlines. The scholarships offered through International Learning

Opportunities are: the Boise State **Frankle scholarship, USAC scholarships, Eto scholarship, Ansotegui-Fereday Memorial scholarship, International Learning Opportunities Scholarships,** and the **Sandra Eggers Memorial scholarship.** Many of your Boise State scholarships will travel abroad with you, but this is not guaranteed. Please confirm your scholarship details with the Financial Aid Office.

Frankle Scholarship

Declared business students studying abroad on USAC programs are eligible for this scholarship. Award is \$500-\$1000.

USAC scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded to students participating in any USAC program. The average award is \$500 - \$1,500 per person.

Ansotegui-Fereday Memorial Scholarship

Awards in the range of \$500 - \$1,500 will be awarded to students studying Basque language or culture through USAC in San Sebastian/Donostia and Bilbao in the Basque region of Spain.

Eto Scholarship

Several scholarship awards of \$500 - \$3,000 will be given to students who study at sites in Asia, Australia or New Zealand.

Sandra Eggers Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be made available to BSU students participating in a study abroad program outside of Europe. The average award is \$500 per person.

International Learning Opportunities Scholarships

ILO scholarship awards are available for any program and require the completion of service hours promoting study abroad upon return to Boise State campus.

Other Scholarships & Resources

The **Pat and Eloise Bieter Memorial scholarship** in the range of \$500 - \$1,000 will be made available to a Boise State University history major intending to study abroad. Minimum GPA is 3.2 and it is open only to declared history majors who have completed all lower division required history courses. Contact the History Department for deadlines and application materials at 426-1255.

The **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** for study abroad will provide up to \$5,000 for U.S. undergraduate citizens and nationals to pursue overseas study. Only students receiving Pell Grants are eligible. If you do not meet this eligibility criterion, you will not be able to take advantage of this program. For information and deadlines: <http://www.iie.org/gilman>