

CAL POLY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

FUND YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

Explore study abroad programs at abroad.calpoly.edu. Expenses vary for each program, so compare the cost information of programs that interest you. Select a program that fits your budget. It is also helpful to compare the cost of your study abroad program to the cost of attendance at Cal Poly.



FAFSA

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by early March of the year before you plan to study abroad. You must complete the FAFSA to be considered for need-based financial aid (grants, loans, scholarships).

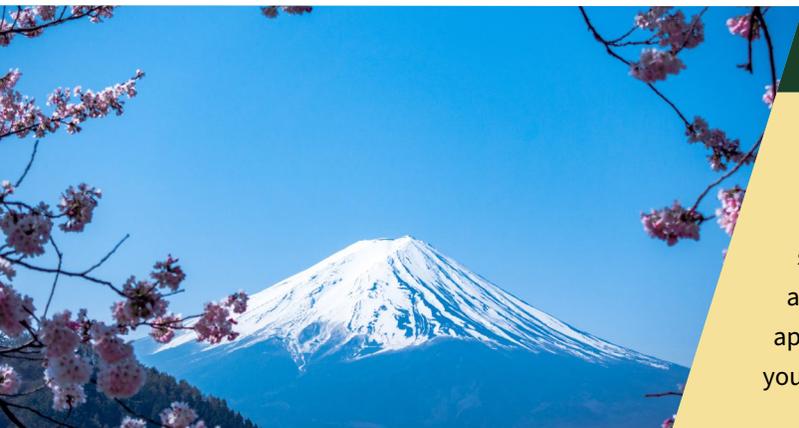
ADVISING

Attend drop-in Study Abroad Peer Advising for help with financial planning and scholarships. Once you have selected a program, contact a Financial Aid advisor to confirm the types and amounts of aid you are eligible to receive while on study abroad. Review your financial aid award under 'Money Matters' in your student portal.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Explore the list of study abroad scholarships on the Financial Planning page of the study abroad website. Also browse scholarships on the financial aid website. Aim to identify 3-5 scholarships that are applicable to you, and set aside time to apply for them. Focus on submitting high quality scholarship applications. Plan to apply for scholarships around the same time you apply to a study abroad program (and sometimes earlier!).



ELIGIBILITY

Cal Poly degree-seeking students may be eligible for financial aid if enrolled at least half-time (6 units per term for undergraduates) in a Cal Poly approved study abroad program. Financial aid is not available for independent study abroad programs. Summer financial aid awards require enrollment in at least 6 units, and are dependent upon the availability of unused aid from the previous academic year. Consult a Financial Aid advisor for details on your eligibility.



TYPES OF AID & STUDY ABROAD

	Cal Poly Global Programs	Cal Poly Int'l Exchanges	CSU Int'l Programs	Cal Poly Partner Programs	National Student Exchange	Architecture Domestic Programs (LA/SF)
Federal Pell Grant	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Federal Supp. Ed. Opp. Grant	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Cal Grants	X	X	X	X₅	X₃	X
State University Grant	X	X	X		X₃	
Federal Direct Loan - Subsidized	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Federal Direct Loan - Unsubsidized	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Federal Direct PLUS Loan*	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
GRAD Plus Loan*	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Alternative (Private) Loan	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Federal Work Study**				4		
Cal Poly Scholarships	X	X	X	X₂	X₃	X
Outside Scholarships	X	X	X	X₂	X	X
CSU Fee Waiver	X₁	X	X		X₃	

* PLUS loans are credit-based loans. Applicants/parents must be approved for the loan at studentaid.gov. If the PLUS loan is not approved due to poor credit, you may qualify to receive an additional unsubsidized Stafford loan.

** It may be possible to have your Federal Work Study converted to loans when you study abroad. Contact Financial Aid.

*** Fee waivers are processed by the Student Accounts Office.

¹ Only available on Cal Poly Global Programs on which students pay State Tuition Fees (not Extended Education Fees).

² Only available if student is enrolled in a placeholder course at Cal Poly during participation in the Partner Program.

³ Available for outbound Cal Poly students who use NSE Home Pay (paying tuition at Cal Poly while on exchange). Outbound NSE Host Pay students receive federal aid through Cal Poly. Host Pay Students do not pay Cal Poly fees, so are not eligible for SUG, Cal Grant or the CSU Fee Waiver. Neither NSE Host Pay or Home Pay are eligible for Federal Work Study.

⁴ Some non-federal work study positions ('Student Assistant Grants') are available on Semester at Sea

⁵ Available if enrolled via Extended Ed and paying Extended Ed fees. If student is paying their partner school directly (CEA, USAC, TEAN, etc.), they can only use Cal Grant B Access.

FINANCIAL AID



The Financial Aid Office helps you plan your finances and organize your resources to cover your college costs. Financial assistance is a resource designed to supplement the cost of education, and is not intended to be used as a student's sole means of income. The basic types of financial aid are Scholarships, Grants, Federal Work-Study, Loans, and Special Financing Programs.

The types and amounts of aid Cal Poly awards or recommends are subject to availability of funds, enrollment status, and financial need. Cal Poly students have a variety of financial aid programs available for assistance. Programs vary in eligibility criteria, award amounts, and repayment options.

SUMMER

Summer financial aid is limited to your remaining eligibility from the prior year. This means that you may only qualify for a summer financial aid award if you have any unused grant or loan amounts left over from the previous year. Check with a Financial Aid advisor to determine if you qualify for any additional financial aid for the summer.

DISBURSEMENT

- Financial aid is disbursed when Cal Poly's quarters begin, regardless of your study abroad program's start date. If your study abroad program starts earlier than the regular Cal Poly quarter, you will not receive your award until after your study abroad program begins. Plan ahead accordingly.
- Prior approval is required to defer program payment until your financial aid is released. In some cases, it is not possible to defer payments until financial aid is released. Plan ahead to cover any payments due before financial aid disbursement.
- Aid cannot be disbursed until all required documents are received and your eligibility for aid is confirmed. Check your My Cal Poly portal 'To Do List' (Money Matters tab), and remember to complete your tasks and accept your award.
- Upon disbursement, the Student Accounts Office (SAO) receives grant, scholarship, and/or loan disbursements, pays any outstanding Cal Poly balance, and refunds remaining funds to you. If your aid covers only part of your Cal Poly balance, you will not receive a refund; instead, you are responsible for paying the remaining balance.
- If you have Direct Deposit (recommended!), the refund amount is directly deposited into your personal bank account. For Partner Programs, it is your responsibility to use your refund to make any outstanding payments.
- If you want to share your account information with someone else (usually a parent), it is highly recommended that you grant permission prior to departing for study abroad. Log into your Student Center and click the 'Authorize to Release' link in the Personal Information section.

NOTE: The Financial Aid Office does not sign financial aid disbursement forms for Cal Poly Partner Programs. You need to accept any loans you wish to borrow, complete the form, and provide a copy of your Financial Aid Award Letter (print it from your Cal Poly Student Center at 'View Financial Aid'), and send both to your program directly. If you requested a budget increase, wait until the increase is reflected on your award before printing the award letter.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

The federal government mandates that every financial aid student must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) guidelines in order to continue to receive financial aid. Cal Poly students are required to complete a minimum of 75% of units attempted for the preceding academic year, maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA (cumulative 3.0 for graduate students) and complete degree requirements within a maximum of 18 terms. SAP is reviewed annually at the end of spring term for the following summer, fall, winter and spring. Students who fail to meet SAP requirements are not eligible for financial aid for the following award year.

Credits completed on study abroad are subject to SAP requirements. Students who receive transfer credit from study abroad have until the end of the following summer to have transcripts sent to and evaluated by Cal Poly. If transcripts have not been received, or have been received but not yet reviewed at the end of summer, students will be SAP disqualified for fall. Students may appeal their SAP disqualification status by turning in an SAP Appeal Form, completing the requirements in Section A, and explaining their mitigating circumstance.



FEATURED RESOURCES

