



## USING FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDY ABROAD

**YES!** In most cases, you can apply your financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans) towards study abroad

### Request your financial aid be applied towards study abroad

Submit the **Global Education Office Financial Aid form** (if you have federal aid and/or scholarships)

### Deadlines

**June 1** for fall • **November 1** for spring semester and winter session • **March 1** for summer I + II

### How much aid will I receive?

The Financial Aid Office uses the costs of your study abroad program to adjust your Cost of Attendance (COA). Generally, your COA will be increased if your study abroad costs exceed your on-campus costs, allowing you to apply for more loan aid, should you need it.

### When will I receive my aid?

Federal aid won't be paid out till after you've arrived abroad (faculty-led excluded as aid will be disbursed on the same pay out schedule as if you were still on campus)

### Contact the Financial Aid Office

 ([www.finaid.vt.edu](http://www.finaid.vt.edu))

- To make sure in advance whether your type of aid (i.e. 529 plan) is applicable to study abroad
- If you need alternative ways to pay upfront costs the Financial Aid Office can advise you on loan options

## NON-VT SCHOLARSHIPS

### Sites with searchable non-VT scholarship databases

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| GoAbroad.com     | IIE Study Abroad Funding              |
| Diversity Abroad | The Scholarship Portal                |
| Scholarships.com | University of Minnesota               |
| Studyabroad.com  | University of Kansas                  |
| Fastweb          | International Education Financial Aid |

## VT SCHOLARSHIPS

### VT College and Departmental Scholarships

Always check with your college to see if there are any funds available

### Global Education Scholarships

**Amounts** vary from \$ 1,500 to \$ 4,000. Financial need-based, however, a FAFSA is not required as consideration is also given to need not addressed by the FAFSA. Also for international students.

**Requirements:** GPA 2.5 minimum, full-time enrollment in credit bearing programs (12 VT credits semester, 6 for summer, 3 for short winter/spring)

**Deadlines:** February 6 (for fall and summer II), September 6 (for winter and spring), December 6 (for summer I)

### Steger Center Scholarships

 (*only for Steger Center programs*)

- 1. Steger Center International Scholarships**  
FAFSA must be on file, full-time student enrollment required (12 credits for a semester, 6 for summer, 3 for winter), no application as students are automatically considered
- 2. The Steger Room Fund**  
Full-time enrollment required (12 credits for a semester, 6 for summer, 3 for winter). FAFSA not required. Apply through the GEO website. Deadlines: Sept 6 (for spring), Feb 6 (for fall)
- 3. Nyfeler Scholarship**  
\$1,000 awards for semester students at the Steger Center (12 VT credits minimum). You need to identify a project that will enhance your Steger experience for which you need to submit a proposal. Deadlines: Sept 6 (for spring), Feb 6 (for fall)

