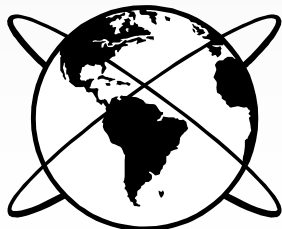


Study Abroad Financial Assistance Checklist

- ☐ Complete the online study abroad financial assistance form at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm
- ☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ☐ Download or request a study-abroad scholarship application from the Office of International Programs in 124 Joyner Hall
- ☐ Sign and return your financial assistance award letter
- ☐ Apply for loans (if applicable)
- ☐ Turn in payment deferral paperwork (non-Meredith programs only)
- ☐ Pick up your refund check in the Office of Accounting (if applicable)
- ☐ Pay your host program (non-Meredith programs only)



Financial Assistance for Study Abroad Programs

Meredith College



Office of Financial Assistance

www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm

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How do I apply for aid to study abroad?

Once your program abroad has been approved by the Office of International Programs, you may apply for financial assistance by completing **both** the online Meredith Financial Assistance Application at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm **and** the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the web at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>. Be sure to sign the FAFSA using your electronic PIN and include Meredith's school code (002945) when prompted. The Office of Financial Assistance will process your application as if you were attending Meredith full-time during your semester(s) abroad and will automatically mail an official Statement of Award detailing your aid eligibility. Follow the instructions included in the Statement of Award to ensure the aid offered will be applied to your student account and return your signed Statement of Award to the Office of Financial Assistance.



Are there scholarships designed specifically for students studying abroad?

Study-Abroad scholarships are available through the Office of International Programs. To apply, visit their office in 124 Joyner Hall and request an application. Scholarships are competitive and based primarily on a student's academic and service record. Award amounts typically range between \$500 to \$1500, depending upon the number and quality of the applicants and the expense and length of the program.

How will I transfer my aid to my program abroad?

• Meredith Programs

If you are studying through Meredith's semester program in Italy, Meredith's summer programs abroad, or through our partnership programs with DIS, your aid will be applied directly to your student account and you will receive a bill only if you have a remaining balance. If your aid exceeds your charges and you would like to use your excess funds while abroad, make sure you completed Meredith's online financial assistance application at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm and indicated how you would like to receive your refund. You will receive a check two-weeks prior to your program departure.



• Non-Meredith Programs

If you are studying through a provider other than Meredith (such as Butler University, CIEE, IES, etc.), financial assistance will be issued in the form of a check two-weeks prior to your program departure. This check will be in the amount of all semester aid less any balance on your student account. Keep in mind students using non-Meredith providers are subject to a \$350 processing fee from the Meredith Office of International Programs. Additionally, it is imperative that you complete the online Meredith Financial Assistance Application at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm in order for your aid to be processed.

Since you will not be issued a check until two-weeks prior to your program departure, it is likely that you will need to notify your program that you will not be meeting their typical payment deadlines. Many providers offer payment deferral forms; inquire with your provider about

Non-Meredith Programs (continued)

how to receive one in order to avoid late fees or other penalties. Keep in mind, **Meredith will not make any payments to your program for you; we will issue a check in the amount of your financial assistance (less any charges on your student account) approximately two-weeks prior to your departure date. It is up to you to deposit those funds into your bank account and pay your program.**

How will I pay for my plane ticket, passport or other pre-departure expenses if my aid isn't issued until two weeks before my program begins?



You will be permitted to request **one** aid advance before your program departs to help with

your pre-departure expenses. Bring your advance request and all receipts to the Office of Financial Assistance in 309 Johnson Hall. If you submit your request before noon on Friday, your check will be available the following Tuesday in the Office of Accounting on the first floor of Johnson Hall. *Please note: if you cancel or withdraw from your program abroad, you will be required to return any funding advanced.

Where can I find out more information about financial assistance and study abroad?

Please visit the study abroad page on the financial assistance website at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm