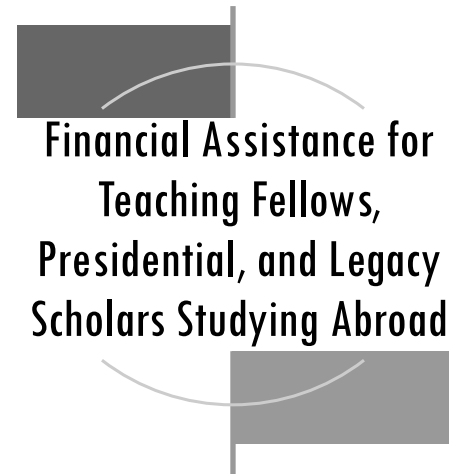


Study Abroad Financial Assistance Checklist

- ▢ Complete the online study abroad financial assistance form at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm
- ▢ Fill in the budget information on your paper study abroad application from the Office of International Programs using your program's official budget
- ▢ Make an appointment with the Office of Financial Assistance to discuss your funding for your trip abroad
- ▢ 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)



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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 the online Meredith Financial Assistance Application at www.meredith.edu/finaid/study-abroad.htm. Please indicate on the form if you are a Teaching Fellow, Presidential, or Legacy Scholar. Once your online financial assistance application is complete, contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 919-760-8565 or finaid@meredith.edu to make an appointment to discuss funding for your program abroad.



What should I bring to the financial assistance appointment?

On the day of your financial assistance appointment, you will want to bring :

- 1) A paper copy of the budget for your program abroad **and**
- 2) Your official study abroad application from the Office of International Programs

Before your meeting, please locate the page of your application to study abroad that requests you to fill in your budget information and requires the signature of a financial assistance officer. Please fill in the budget portion **before** meeting with the financial assistance office.

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.

How much scholarship money will I receive for my trip?

The amount of your scholarship will depend on the cost of your program and whether you are classified as a Teaching Fellow, Presidential, or Legacy scholar. You will find out the amount of your scholarship after your meeting with financial assistance.