

Can I get Financial Aid while going on Study Abroad?

Financial Aid	Fall/Spring Terms	Winter	Summer
Direct Loans*	Y (must be 6 credits)	N	Y (must be 6 credits)
Pell	Y	N	Y
SEOG	Y	N	N
TAP **	N	N	N
Excelsior Scholarship**	N	N	N
Alternative Loans	Y	N	Y

* If possible, apply for a loan for the preceding semester you will be attending study abroad – this will eliminate the required Consortium Agreement and permit. You will also receive your loan amount before you leave for your trip.

**TAP & Excelsior are available for some foreign exchange programs and for students taking course(s) in a NYS school that administers TAP to their students. If you are participating with the American University of Florence (FUA), FUBEST (Germany) study abroad program and the new program with Greece – you will not be eligible for state aid.

Please Read Carefully

A student who is considering visiting a Non-CUNY institution or a study abroad program must follow certain procedures in processing financial aid. The paperwork required must be in the Office of Financial Aid Services prior to traveling to the Host Institution. To qualify for aid, the coursework taken at the Host College must be applicable to the student's degree. In most cases, you may have to pay your expenses before your financial aid is processed.

- ❖ If you are a QC student on permit to any University within the U.S. or going abroad that is not a CUNY foreign exchange program, you must complete a Non-CUNY permit with the QC Registrar's Office. You must also have the Host Institution Official and the QC Registrar complete/ sign a Consortium Agreement.
- ❖ If you are in a CUNY foreign exchange program, you pay your tuition at your Home School. A consortium agreement is not required. You may also qualify for state aid for the semester.**

- ❖ If you are a QC student on permit to a foreign University through the QC Study Abroad Office or another CUNY school (e-permit), you must have the QC Study Abroad Office or the CUNY College whose program you are attending complete a Consortium Agreement and submit it back to the Office of Financial Aid Services to Lisa Moy-Medina & Alisa Hamilton along with your permit/e-permit. The Registrar's Office at QC must also sign the Consortium Agreement stating the courses will be applicable toward your QC degree. If the QC Study Abroad Office does not have a contract/ consortium agreement with the foreign University you have chosen, you still must provide a permit for the courses you will be taking.

National Student Exchange (NSE)

Please contact the Study Abroad Office for information on this program. Effective December 1, 2022, NSE Home Campus (Queens College) will award and disburse federal financial aid for all outbound students regardless of payment plan (Home or Host). There is no consortium agreement needed. Please make sure your financial aid paperwork is approved before leaving to your Host College.

Important:

1. No aid will be disbursed unless the Study Abroad Office/ USAC/ Host College can confirm your commencement of attendance.
2. Any courses for which you received financial aid must show grades on your academic transcript. You will owe a repayment of your financial aid if these courses are not on your academic transcript.
3. You may be eligible for state aid for some of these programs. Check with the Office of Financial Aid Services. If you are eligible, you will only receive your state aid after your grades are posted to your QC academic transcript and you have submitted a paid bill from the visiting institution.

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