



# FUNDING YOUR STUDY ABROAD

“As an immigrant and a first-generation college student, I never thought studying at university was something feasible, let alone participating in two study abroad programs. Thanks to various scholarship opportunities, the financial strain was lifted off of me and my family.”

- Caitlin Huynh, international studies and French

## Using Financial Aid

In most cases, financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans) can be applied to study abroad

- Submit the Global Education Office Financial Aid form (if you have federal aid and/or scholarships)
- The University Scholarships and Financial Aid Office will use the costs of the study abroad program to adjust your Cost of Attendance (COA). Generally, COA will be increased if study abroad costs exceed on-campus costs, allowing you to apply for more aid if needed.
- Federal aid will pay out after your arrival abroad (excluding faculty-led programs as aid will be disbursed on the same pay schedule as usual).
- For specifics about your financial aid package and studying abroad, contact the University Scholarships and Financial Aid Office ([www.finaid.vt.edu](http://www.finaid.vt.edu)). Questions about the 529 Plan or alternative ways to cover upfront costs can also be directed to that office.

## Virginia Tech Scholarships

Find the eligibility requirements and deadlines on the Global Education Office website.

- **College and Departmental Scholarships**  
Always check with colleges to see if funds are available for studying abroad
- **Global Education Scholarships**  
Financial need-based, however, FAFSA is not required as consideration is also given to need not addressed by the FAFSA. International students eligible.
- **Steger Ceter Scholarships (only for Steger Center programs)**  
Steger Center International Scholarships  
Steger Room Fund  
Nyfeler Scholarship

## Non-Virginia Tech Scholarships

There are several national and international scholarship programs including:

- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Critical Languages Scholarship
- Boren Scholarship
- Gilman Scholarship

Various sites have searchable databases for scholarship opportunities.

- IIE.org
- GoAbroad.com
- Studyabroad.com
- Diversityabroad.com
- Scholarshipportal.com

Find more funding opportunities:  
[www.globaleducation.vt.edu/Students0/Outbound/Before-departure/FinancialMatters.html](http://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/Students0/Outbound/Before-departure/FinancialMatters.html)

