



Center for International
and Intercultural Education

How Can I Pay For Study Abroad?

Many students think they cannot afford to study abroad. However, this is an opportunity you cannot afford to miss! Studying abroad is an experience of lifetime in which you will gain knowledge, experiences, friends, and a new perspective of the world. This investment in your future will, however, require planning, commitment, and creativity. In addition to the cost worksheet provided by the Center for International & Intercultural Education, here are some available resources that may make financing your trip more feasible:

Financial Aid

In many situations, a student's financial aid may apply to study abroad programs. If you are not currently receiving financial aid, you may apply for aid by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

All students are eligible for either need-based subsidized or unsubsidized non-need-based federal Stafford loans. To inquire about your specific circumstances, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 517-483-1200 (option 2) or visit them on the 2nd floor of the Gannon Building.

*Students can also use their Michigan Education Trust (MET) while studying abroad. Questions regarding this should be directed to Student Finance at 517-483-1272

Scholarships

LCC does not offer scholarships specific for students who apply for its short-term study abroad programs; however, there are a number of external sources that offer competitive scholarships. Check out the following websites:

www.fastweb.com

www.college-scholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm

www.schoolsoup.com/?ed=1

www.InternationalScholarships.com

www.istc.umn.edu/study/scholarships.html

<http://www.iie.org//programs/gilman/index.html> (scholarship program for students who are receiving a Federal Pell Grant)

Other Sources

There are many ways to raise funds for your study abroad program. Here are some examples:

- Contact a local civic group (ex. Rotary or Lions Club), heritage group, charitable organization, or religious group to solicit funds for your trip. Offer to give a presentation with video/slides or contribute a newsletter article upon your return to the U.S.
- Ask family members for financial assistance. Write a letter to your extended family, requesting that they donate to your overseas education. Outline the specific costs of the trip and how important the experience will be for your education and career.
- Instead of birthday or holiday presents, ask for gifts of money to offset your overseas study fees.
- Get a part-time job and dedicate all of your earnings to your trip.
- SAVE!!!!

