Let's Talk
Funding
WAYS TO PAY FOR STUDY ABROAD
Questions for Your Advisor

Can I use my financial aid for study abroad?

If yes, will all of it apply?

Are there any special forms that need to be completed by either me or my study abroad provider (ISA)?

Is there any additional funding for study abroad from my university?

- Financial aid funds from your university usually arrive after the start date of your program.
- Once you figure out how much financial aid you’ll be getting, use the Financial Aid Calculation Tool (FACT) on our website to determine your out-of-pocket costs.

Did you know?
60% of ISA students use their financial aid to help fund their program.
Cost Comparison Worksheet

Use this cost comparison sheet to work on your budget and to see how a term abroad will compare to a term at your home university.

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Questions?
Call us anytime at (512) 480-8522 to speak with one of our helpful advisors!

Looking for a program that fits your budget? Check out our program finder at studiesabroad.com and search by cost.

*For help estimating these items, go to the Budgeting & Expenses section of our website under Admissions – Funding Your Program.
What’s Included

Wondering what’s included in an ISA program? It’s MUCH more than just tuition...

*Meals are included in many programs, depending on housing and location.

Additional Expenses

Don’t forget to budget for these items! For country-specific expenses, check out the Budgeting & Expenses section on our website.

- **VISA SUPPORT**
  Estimated range: $120 - $600

- **MEALS**
  Estimated range: Varies

- **AIRPORT RECEPTION**
  Estimated range: $700 - $2,500

- **INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE**
  Estimated range: $120 - $600

- **EXCURSIONS**
  Estimated range: $50 - $400
Not receiving financial aid? No problem!

Payment Plans
ISA offers payment plan options for participants and their families who need more time to make payment arrangements. Please reach out to ISA to learn more about payment plan options, which generally align to the following timeline:

1. First payment due on program payment due date
2. Second payment due
3. Third payment due two weeks before program starts
4. Program start date

529 & College Savings Funds
ISA accepts any funds that are applicable to study abroad programs. Check with your 529/college savings provider to ask about using these funds towards your program.

ISA Grants & Scholarships
There are numerous scholarships and grants available through ISA and our host university partners, whether you have financial need or not. Check out the details on p. 6.

Home University Grants & Scholarships
Many U.S. universities have scholarships and grants available. Be sure to check with the Study Abroad and/or Financial Aid office at your home university to see if they have additional funding available for programs abroad.

Outside Scholarships
Hundreds of past ISA students have been awarded outside scholarships such as the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, the Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS), and many more. Check out the Resources section (under Admissions – Funding Your Program) of the ISA website for a detailed list of scholarships that may be helpful in funding your program abroad.

Fundraising
Students often ask how they can get started with fundraising. We encourage students to get creative! Use social media to your benefit and get the word out about your fundraising efforts. Getting started as early as possible is always a great idea. Have a plan in mind, stay positive, and check out the Fundraising Guide on p. 7.
Are you looking for additional funding?

ISA awards over $1,000,000 each year to help students fund their program abroad.

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Scholarship Deadlines

Don’t forget! Mark your calendar and submit your application by the following dates:

- February 28
- April 30
- October 30

Summer | Fall | Winter/Spring

Questions?

Schedule an advising session by emailing financialaid@studiesabroad.com

Check out the studiesabroad.com/scholarships section on our website for additional eligibility details and application instructions.

ISA GO (Global Opportunity) Scholarship
ISA will award one scholarship to a participating student for the full list price of the ISA program!

Affiliate Partnership Awards  $200 to $5,000
ISA provides special funding to over 470 of our university partners!

GIVE (GI Veterans Excellence) Scholarship  $500
ISA awards a $500 supplemental scholarship to GI-Bill recipients. This award will apply to all recipients, regardless of whether the GI-Bill funding will transfer to their term abroad.

Repeat Student & Alumni Grants  $350 to $600
For returning students who have traveled with ISA before.

Sibling Grants  $350 to $500
Did your sibling participate in an ISA program? If so, you qualify for this grant—and you owe your sibling a thank you!

Freeman-ASIA Supplemental Scholarship  $500
ISA awards a $500 supplemental scholarship to Freeman-ASIA Scholarship recipients who are going on an ISA semester program to China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, or Vietnam.
Fundraising Guide to Study Abroad

Fundraising is a great way to raise money for your education abroad program. We encourage students to get creative and put the “fun” in fundraising!

**Crowdfunding**
Various websites such as gofundme.com are great platforms where your social media connections can easily contribute to your fund.

**Start a Shop**
Have a skill or interest you can market and sell? Think Etsy, Facebook marketplace, or a local farmer’s market. Use your skills to help fund your program abroad.

**Network**
Reach out to your school, youth group, manager at a part-time job, local companies, or your parents’ friends—anyone who might be willing to contribute to your cause. You never know what people will say unless you ask!

**Freelancing**
Love to write? Freelancing is a great opportunity for aspiring writers to stretch their skills and earn extra cash. Many companies need gifted writers, and freelance websites can be a great place to make those connections.

**Frequent Flyer Miles**
Ask friends, family, or your neighbors to donate their frequent flyer miles to you. If you have enough people pledge their miles, you can purchase your plane ticket for little to no cost.

**Tutoring**
Students are always in need of tutoring! The hours are flexible and you can set your own rates. If you excel in a particular subject, consider offering your services.

**Birthdays & Holidays**
Ask for contributions to your study abroad fund instead of presents this year.

**Get Active**
Commit to running a marathon, biking a certain distance, or participating in some sort of race or event. Ask friends and family to make a pledge.

**Hometown Resources**
When asking businesses for funds, focus locally. Start with the Chamber of Commerce, who might be able to provide contact information for nearby businesses. Consider reaching out to your local Rotary or other clubs who might be willing to sponsor you.

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