Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Study Abroad
Fact Sheet

If you are a financial aid recipient and are planning to study abroad this year or in the future, check well in advance of your trip to make sure you have taken the necessary steps to receive financial aid and that you will be participating in an eligible study abroad program.

Eligible Program for Receiving Financial Aid

• The SDSU International Student Center (ISC) can assist you in choosing an approved study abroad program that has a cooperative agreement in place between SDSU and the foreign school or with another United States university.

• It takes time to set up an agreement if one is needed. As you plan, check with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to make sure that everything is approved for the program you are considering.

Study Abroad Costs and Resources

• Expenses that you incur by studying abroad may be higher than our standard cost of attendance that includes tuition, room, food, and travel. Check with a financial aid counselor to find out if other expenses qualify to be added to your cost of attendance.

• All resources you receive must be taken into account when determining your eligibility. This includes scholarships or other resources you receive from San Diego State University or from an external entity.

• Notify the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships of any assistance you anticipate receiving such as outside scholarships, private education loans (alternative loans), a fellowship, a stipend, or a research or teaching assistantship. We need to know about other sources of assistance you receive to determine that you have the right amount of financial aid. A financial aid counselor can explain the interaction between costs and resources so you can maximize your financial aid.

Review the “Study Abroad” section of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website for more information.

Financial aid counselors are available by telephone or in person Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.