Financial Aid for Study Abroad



Student To-Do for Financial Aid

- Meet with the study abroad office to compare programs. You will also go over location(s), costs, faculty led vs remote credit, insurance and create a preliminary advising form.
 Complete the FinAid App for Study Abroad on the financial aid home page.
 Bring preliminary advising form, from meeting with study abroad to a financial aid counselor to get an <u>estimate</u> on the types of awards available.
 Sign up for direct deposit for faster refunds.
 Note study abroad program payment due date
- 6. Request a financial aid confirmation letter (Study abroad award visa letter) or deferment letter if study abroad program requires one.

financial aid disbursement date.

and contact program if payment due date is before

- 7. Check in with study abroad office to confirm that COP is complete and sent to the financial aid office before processing deadline.
- 3. Check CWU email for notification of award change.
- 9. Accept/decline award.
- 10. Meet with a financial aid counselor to complete a study abroad checklist and discuss dollar amount of aid.

Helpful Reminders

- Study abroad award/deferment letters can only be written if financial aid has a COP on file (can take 2 weeks to process). Students are encouraged to plan ahead and request the letter before it is due.
- Financial aid loans cannot be disbursed unless the aid has been accepted by the student.
- Parent plus loans require a separate application for summer quarter.
- Master promissory note and entrance counseling must be done for subsidized and unsubsidized loans to disburse.
- Parent plus application and master promissory note must be completed for the parent plus loan to disburse.
- A separate parent plus application will need to be done for study abroad if "max yes" is not selected on the parent plus application.
- Aid will disburse to the student account and then be refunded through the preferred method on file.
- CWU employees cannot disclose account details (including the status of disbursements) to anyone but the student unless there is a signed CWU release of information on file.
- Students are encouraged to monitor their CWU email and checklist items while abroad.