

Education Abroad **Request for Financial Aid**

Financial Aid and Student Records does not have any funds specific to education abroad, but in some cases your existing financial aid may be used to cover education abroad costs. Additional financing is primarily done through Parent PLUS or private alternative loans.

Information on scholarships which may be available for education abroad can be obtained at <http://www.binghamton.edu/oip/> or from the Binghamton University Education Abroad Office.

Important note: Once all degree requirements have been met, students are no longer eligible for federal funding. You may still apply for private education loans.

The following steps need to be taken to receive financial aid for your SUNY education abroad program:

1. File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Our recommended filing deadline is March 1st. If you are planning to study abroad for summer semester, you should plan to file your 2023-24 FAFSA by February 1st so that we can have the information to estimate your financial aid.
2. **Complete Page 3 of this “Education Abroad Request for Financial Aid” form, and PRINT OUT a copy of your official education abroad cost sheet AND a copy of your notification of acceptance into your education abroad program.**
3. Stop by to meet with a Binghamton University financial aid counselor to determine what additional funds you may need for this program.
4. Make sure you have done ALL of the necessary paperwork with the Binghamton University Education Abroad Office so that they can register you for your education abroad program. You must show as registered for the semester abroad and confirm enrollment in order for financial aid to disburse.
5. Stop by the Student Accounts Office to discuss how your aid will be disbursed while you are abroad and to complete the required paperwork needed to release your financial aid. If your education abroad program is through a college other than Binghamton, you will need to bring a copy of your **official education abroad program cost sheet** as well. Please be aware that financial aid funds will not be released until the first day of classes at Binghamton University, regardless of when your program begins - please plan accordingly. **If you have received a “Financial Arrangements Form” to submit for your program, this is also completed by Student Accounts as part of your discussion with their office.**
6. Before you leave for the program, double check with all offices involved to assure your registration, financial aid, and billing details are finalized and will be processed smoothly. Don't leave without knowing everything at Binghamton University is in order.

Once you have completed your education abroad experience, please be sure your transcript is received by the Binghamton University Education Abroad Office. You will need to have submitted your transcript and show education credit received in order to ensure continued eligibility (under federal/state academic progress guidelines) for any future federal aid.

Education Abroad Facts and Figures I Need to Understand:
(This will be filled out during your meeting with a financial aid counselor)

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| Total amount needed* (estimate based on figures provided) | \$ _____ |
| minus | |
| Estimated financial aid in place: (for the semester abroad) | \$ _____ |
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| Total of Estimated Aid** (applicable toward this program) | \$ _____ |
| Amount Still Needed after aid is applied | \$ _____ |

Possible Options are as follows:

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To request financial aid for a SUNY education abroad program, please complete this form and attach the documentation requested below. **NON-SUNY programs require pre-approval obtained by emailing your specific program information to iegi@binghamton.edu.**

Please be sure to sign the form in the space provided below. **ALL INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED BEFORE WE CAN DETERMINE ANY FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS FOR YOUR PROGRAM ABROAD.**

Student's Name _____ B# _____

1. What semester(s) will you be enrolled in an education abroad program? _____
2. How many credits will be earned from this program? _____
3. You must attach the following documentation to this form:
 - A copy of your official education abroad cost sheet
 - AND**
 - A copy of your notification of acceptance to your education abroad program.

My signature below certifies that I have read the important information on page 1 of this document.

Student Signature _____ Date _____