

FUNDING STUDY ABROAD SAVING FOR YOUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Study abroad programs may seem expensive but with time, budgeting, and planning, students can succeed with paying for a program by doing one or more of the following:

- Applying early to a program will allow more time to look into resources and review your options.
- Research to see if you are eligible to use federal student aid and/or federal grants.
- Do you have a 529 college savings account? If so, see if you can use those funds to study abroad.
- Don't forget to research viable scholarships!
- Research to find a private study abroad loan with an organization. Search for an organization to find the lowest rates for private student loans.
- Consider taking up a part time job to pay for your program expenses and other needs for the program.
- Plan ahead! Start working and saving now for a program. Consider saving one to three years in advance.
- Choosing an inexpensive destination is also a great way to save money on a program. Some countries are more expensive than others.
- Consider crowdfunding! These days, there are ways to raise money from your network to help you pay for your study abroad program. Your friends and family might be able to chip in some funds to help you meet your financial goals. Check out resources like GoFundMe, DonateKindly, Kickstarter, or other alternative fundraising platforms to raise money.
- Do you use VA Education Benefits? Check to see if there are any financial resources for you with the Clayton State Veterans Resource office for a study abroad program.

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FINANCIAL AID

Do you receive a financial aid refund in the fall and/or spring? If so, you might be able to utilize the funds towards your study abroad program. However, pay close attention to financial aid distribution dates and your program payment deadlines. These dates may conflict. To learn more about the financial aid process, speak with a Financial Aid Advisor.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Study abroad scholarships are monetary awards for students to use toward the expense of their program such as travel, course tuition, credits, books, lodgings, and more. Check out the study abroad website to see which scholarship(s) applies to you.



THE STARS SCHOLARSHIP

The STARS Scholarship awards up to 10 scholarships of \$500.00 per award. The 10 students selected by the STARS Committee will receive \$500.00 towards their study abroad program. This award is sponsored by the Study Abroad Office and Clayton State University Foundations. Check out the study abroad website for more information.



START YOUR OWN CAMPAIGN

Create a KickStarter.com or GoFundMe.com account. This is a great opportunity to ask friends, family, and more to assist in your funding campaign! These are just several options, research what is the best option for you.

BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Instead of gifts for the upcoming holiday or for an approaching birthday, why not ask your friends and family to contribute to your education by sending you abroad on a once in a lifetime opportunity!



ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING IDEAS