



Financial Aid for Education Abroad Checklist

UNCW students studying abroad may be eligible to receive financial aid through UNCW.

It is critical to start the financial aid process as early as possible to ensure all paperwork is completed prior to your departure. Students should be prepared to meet their own personal expenses, as well as the program's expenses (if not charged through the student's University Account); in the event aid is not available prior to departure. **Note: Funds will not be released earlier than the first day of classes at the host school, or, if the host school classes begin before those at UNCW, funds will be disbursed by the first day of classes at UNCW.**

Federal Stafford loan funds, as well as other grants and scholarships, will be sent to UNCW. All student refunds will be issued via the cashier's office. PLUS loan refunds will be issued per the request on the PLUS application.

The following information must be provided and/or steps taken in order to be considered for financial aid as a study abroad student.

- _____ 1. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov) if one has not been submitted for the academic year that you plan to attend an education abroad program.
- _____ 2. If attendance is for the summer term, you must complete the web-based Summer Aid Application online at: www.uncw.edu/finaid.
- _____ 3. Contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA) to determine your eligibility for financial aid and what additional steps you must take to complete your application.
- _____ 4. Complete the Education Abroad Advising Agreement and Permit for Transient Study (Transient Study Form) available at: <http://www.uncw.edu/intprogs/abroad.htm>. Submit the completed form to the Office of International Program (OIP). No aid can be disbursed if you do not complete the Transient Study Form with course approvals for at least a minimum full-time load. OIP will in turn, approve and forward your Transient Study Form to the UNCW Registrar's Office. The Registrar will then forward a completed copy to the OSFA.
- _____ 5. Make sure you have your account set up with the cashier's office in order to receive your refund.
- _____ 6. Upon completion of your program, ensure that your final academic transcript from your program is submitted to OIP.