Student Aid Steps for Education Abroad Students
Please follow these steps to ensure the prompt processing of your student financial aid.

**STEP 1: APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by April 15 for maximum student aid consideration.

**STEP 2: MEET WITH AN EDUCATION ABROAD ADVISER**
- Make an appointment to review program details for your education abroad program with a representative in the Office of Global Programs.
- Download cost sheets for your specific education abroad program and apply for education abroad scholarships at [www.international.psu.edu/ea](http://www.international.psu.edu/ea).
- Coordinate the scheduling of your education abroad credits with the Office of Global Programs.

**STEP 3: REVIEW YOUR STUDENT AID SUMMARY**
- The Office of Student Aid begins to e-mail student financial aid notifications to current students in mid- to late-June.
- Carefully review your Student Aid Summary, available from the “Students” menu on eLion at elion.psu.edu. Your Student Aid Summary will list the student financial aid programs—loans, grants, Work-study, and scholarships—you are eligible to receive based on the information you provided on the FAFSA.
- If you are eligible for the federal Work-study program for fall and spring, but will be abroad during the fall semester, choose Work-Study Extension from the “Students” menu on eLion and select the Spring Only radio button to request that your Work-study be saved for the spring semester.

**STEP 4: APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID**
- The Office of Student Aid will adjust your cost of attendance based on the specific costs of your approved education abroad program provided by the Office of Global Programs. If your cost of attendance increases based on this adjustment, it will enable you to apply for additional aid to cover those costs. Please note: Not all adjustments will increase the cost of attendance. In some cases, the adjustment may decrease your cost of attendance.
- Many students take advantage of federal Stafford loans (for eligible students), federal Direct Parent PLUS loans (for parents of dependent undergraduate students) and private alternative loans (for all students, requires a co-signer) to help pay for their education abroad costs. For more information about loans, please visit our Web site: [www.psu.edu/studentaid](http://www.psu.edu/studentaid).

**STEP 5: CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION**
- Be sure to confirm your registration on your tuition bill before you leave for your education abroad program. Your registration is not complete until you access your tuition bill on eLion, select a payment option, and confirm/complete your registration. Incomplete registration can result in a loss of student financial aid.

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