



1. As soon as possible complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the academic year that you will study abroad. For **Summer 2014** financial aid, you will need to complete the 2013-2014 FAFSA application. Apply online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

• The FAFSA requires personal financial information and takes 2 – 4 weeks to process. Federal Financial aid cannot be awarded until the KU Financial Aid and Scholarship (FAS) office has received FAFSA results.

2. Apply for a study abroad program online and answer "Yes" to the "Financial Aid & Scholarships" online questionnaire to indicate that you are planning to use financial aid. The Office of Study Abroad (OSA) will then send the Budget/Cost of Attendance for your program to the Financial Aid and Scholarship office after you are accepted into the study abroad program. This budget provides the total estimated program cost, which will be used to help calculate your financial aid for study abroad.

3. Complete the Financial Aid and Scholarship (FAS) office's one-page summer financial aid application at the KU Visitor Center or online at <http://affordability.ku.edu/financialaid/summer/>. Indicate on the summer financial aid application that you are a study abroad student. (You may also want to apply online for summer Grad Plus loans).

• If you have questions regarding financial aid eligibility or would like to discuss financial aid options and procedures, make an appointment with a Financial Aid Counselor at the Financial Aid and Scholarship office immediately as appointments fill up quickly, 785-864-4700.

4. When the Financial Aid and Scholarship office receives your summer financial aid application it will take them up to 2 weeks to process. Once your summer application for aid is processed, you will receive an email that your awards are posted online (if you are eligible to receive aid) on the Enroll & Pay website. Accept your awards online.

5. If you are not able to receive adequate financial aid for summer you can search for other Alternative/Private Loan or KU Endowment Loan opportunities. They can be found online here:

<http://affordability.ku.edu/sites/affordability.ku.edu/files/documents/Private-AltLoans.pdf> or <http://affordability.ku.edu/sites/affordability.ku.edu/files/documents/KUEA.pdf>

• Financial aid is typically available on the first day of on-campus classes, and cannot be disbursed earlier, regardless of the study abroad program dates. If you depart before aid is disbursed, you will need to plan accordingly. We highly recommend KU Endowment loans (which can be disbursed early if you need funds early. KU requires students to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The request form for EFT is available at the OSA and the Bursar's Office (Room 20, Strong Hall) or online: <http://www.bursar.ku.edu/forms>

6. Don't forget to check that you have completed all necessary paperwork with the Financial Aid and Scholarship office, sign your Financial Contract with the Office of Study Abroad and Enroll in the study abroad courses before you depart!!

NOTE: Do not sign your Study Abroad Financial Contract and commit to the program until you know you can pay for all the costs associated with the study abroad program.