

How Will I Fund my Study Abroad Experience?

Students often pay for Study Abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants, and alternative loans.

1. Financial Aid

- In order to be eligible, students must have a FAFSA application on file by March 1st.
- Students are able to use the same award package abroad as they would at GVSU.
- To preview your award, log into [mybanner](#) and select financial aid > award > award for aid year.
- For detailed information, visit our [Financial Aid FAQs](#).

2. Study Abroad Grant

- If you apply through OASIS by the priority deadline, you are automatically eligible for a Study Abroad Grant.
- Approximately 40% of students receive grant assistance.
- Awards are based upon several factors: financial need, program location, overall cost of the program, and funding available.
- [Program specific grants](#) are also available.

3. Scholarships

- The Padnos International Center provides information on common study abroad scholarships and grants, however students are expected to do most of the research personally.
- We encourage you to [visit our website](#) for more information.
- Additional information and support for nationally competitive scholarships is available through the [Office of Fellowships](#).

4. Personal Funds

- Students should put together an estimate of how much money you are able to raise to contribute.
- Personal funds may come from:
 - Family contributions
 - Personal contributions
 - Fundraising

5. Alternative Loans

- For a list of alternative loans offered by private lending institutions, please visit the [financial aid website](#).
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