

PCC Education Abroad First Steps Videos

Funding Your Study Abroad



In this First Steps Video series, let's take a look at various ways you can fund your study abroad program.

How Will I Pay For This?!?



**FINANCIAL AID &
FAFSA**



SCHOLARSHIPS



**PERSONAL
FUNDRAISING**



We recognize that thinking about the costs of study abroad program may feel overwhelming. We consider a study abroad experience an investment in yourself. In this video we will look at a variety of options available to finance your overall experience. Our broad categories include using financial aid, applying for scholarships, and raising personal funds. You will likely use a combination of these and they are not your only options..

Financial Aid & FAFSA

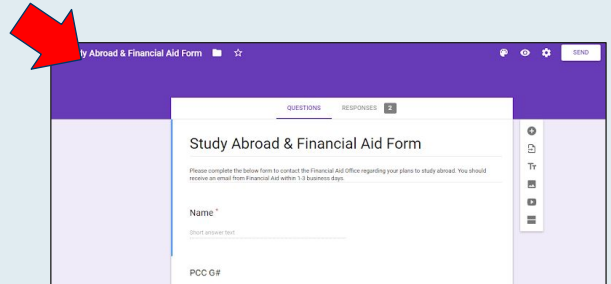
- Financial Aid is here to work with you
- Reminder: Fill out FAFSA early for next year



If you receive Financial Aid, you might be able to use it for your study abroad experience. We are not Financial Aid professionals and do not want to offer wrong information, so you must speak with Financial Aid Advisors EARLY in this process. Do not make assumptions about your Financial Aid package! Everyone's Aid package is different.

How much Financial Aid do I have? Can I use it for a summer term?

Connect with the PCC Financial Aid Office by
completing the Study Abroad & Financial Aid
Google Form:
<https://www.pcc.edu/education-abroad/funding/>

A screenshot of a Google Form titled "Study Abroad & Financial Aid Form". A red arrow points to the top of the form. The form has a purple header bar with the title and a "SEND" button. Below the header, there are tabs for "QUESTIONS" and "RESPONSES". The main content area is white and contains the following text: "Please complete the below form to contact the Financial Aid Office regarding your plans to study abroad. You should receive an email from Financial Aid within 1-2 business days." Below this text are two input fields: "Name *" and "PCC G#". On the right side of the form, there is a vertical sidebar with icons for various Google services.

Work with Financial Aid Advisors:
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To connect with the Financial Aid Advisors that work with study abroad students, look at the Funding page of our website: [pcc.edu/education-abroad/funding](https://www.pcc.edu/education-abroad/funding)

This page includes a worksheet that you will complete with with Financial Aid Advisors Melinda Leiva or Matthew Sagayaga that will help you understand your specific financial aid package. Consider asking about banking any leftover financial aid money at the end of each term.

Fill out your FAFSA as early as possible. If your financial situation has changed, you may be eligible for more aid.



Scholarships

Visit our website for more scholarship information:
pcc.edu/education-abroad/funding/



There are many scholarship opportunities specifically designed to help pay for your education abroad experience. Our advisors have a lot of resources to help you through this, so visit our website pcc.edu/education-abroad/funding.

Financial Resources: Scholarships

We encourage all students to apply to these scholarships:

- PCC Foundation
- PCC Ed Abroad Scholarship
(within the Foundation Scholarship)
- Fund for Ed Abroad

If you are eligible to receive a Pell grant,
we encourage you to also apply for:

- Gilman Scholarship



The First Steps Videos All About Scholarships shares more details about each of these scholarships. Please know there are scholarships you can apply for, you will want to tackle this challenge before April, and we are happy to help you with these applications!

How Will I Fund My Study Abroad

Experience?

Financial Aid & FAFSA

Scholarships

Savings & Personal Fundraising



As a reminder, outside of Financial Aid and Scholarships you will want to consider additional ways to save money for a study abroad program.



Personal Fundraising

Consider creative
(and less creative)
ways for you to invest in
yourself.



This brings us to our final category, looking at ways to raise personal funds for a study abroad experience.

Personal Fundraising (AKA Your Plan B)



Do you have any savings, or a way to start building your savings? Consider taking on extra Shifts at Work if possible, to start putting away a little bit of money starting now. This will go a long way! If you have generous family or friends, consider asking for money for your Holiday and Birthday gifts.

We encourage students to be creative and consider your own talents/community to help with some fundraising. Other students in your program cohort may be in the same position, and together you can work together to come up with a bigger project. One year a team of students worked together and made and sold tamales. They earned over \$700!

If you don't already have a credit card, consider getting one soon for small but immediate payments. Keep in mind the interest and deadlines. Consider personal private loans if you feel they are right for you.

The PCC payment plan may be an option depending on your departure date; this breaks down the fee so you can pay over time, but needs to be fully paid before departure.

Crowdfunding Campaigns may be another option if you feel comfortable.

Personal Fundraising: Crowdfunding

Education Abroad

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Featured Student Crowdfunding Campaigns

The Education Abroad Office provides support for PCC students who are creatively looking to fund their study abroad experience. The following students have put together crowdfunding campaigns to raise money. Please support them by donating if you can!

[Dre Prendergast: History in Italy](#)

Hey, my name is *Deondre* but feel free to call me *Dre*. I am attempting to study abroad in Italy while documenting my experience in order to fulfill both a dream of filming and the requirements for the Gilman scholarship program that has trusted me to do so. I



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Location or Language-Specific Scholarships

Education Abroad Scholarship Recipients



We have a page on our website where we host students' crowdfunding campaigns. We send these out to our colleagues, staff who have helped with study abroad in the past, and others who want to support students. We are also happy to help you come up with ideas for your campaign. You can see previous GoFundMe campaigns from PCC students:

pcc.edu/education-abroad/funding/featured-student-crowdfunding-campaigns/

Questions? Meet with an Ed Abroad Advisor



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Meetings**

**Individual
Appointments**

**Prefer to meet in
person?**

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We want to be sure you have a full understanding how you will pay for your trip as you are applying. The Education Abroad Advisors are available to answer any questions you have about this process. Thank you for watching.