

# Financial Aid Information for Individualized Study Away Programs

## Domestic Students Apply!

- **Apply for Financial Aid - FAFSA** – Required for all types of financial aid. Apply for financial aid preferably by March 2 each year by completing the FAFSA. If you miss the deadline you may still apply but some funds may be limited. [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)
- **Cal Grant – Undergrad CA Residents** - Undergraduate California residents who are not currently Cal Grant recipients should file their FAFSA by March 2 and be sure that Enrollment Services has submitted your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2. [csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov)

In many cases, students may use federal financial aid. To be eligible for other financial aid, the individualized study away program must be pre-approved and advance the student toward a degree.

As a general rule, students will be able to take their Title IV federal funding (Pell, Stafford, PLUS, SEOG) and Cal Grant overseas with them.

## All Students – International and Domestic

- **No Institutional Scholarship Available**- Since you are not paying Art Center tuition, institutional scholarships are **not** available for individualized study away programs.
- **Private Loans** – Allow about four to six weeks to apply for a private loan. Most students do require a co-signer. International students must have a U.S. Co-signer. <https://inside.artcenter.edu/go/privateloans>
- **Outside Scholarship Resources** – <https://inside.artcenter.edu/go/outsidescholarship> and <http://www.artcenter.edu/studyaway/scholarship-financial-aid/>

## How Do I Apply for Individualized Study Away to Use My Financial Aid?

- **Submit Copies of Individualized Study Away Forms** - Students must submit copies of all Individualized Study Away Forms to the Financial Aid Office.

**When Will I Receive My Financial Aid?** - Your financial aid will not be released to you until we have verification of enrollment at your school.

**Final Transcripts:** Request transcripts from your school. Students will be required to pay back any financial aid awarded if they do not complete the number of units to which they have agreed.

**Budgets** - Financial Aid is awarded based on the cost of education. Students may use federal and state financial aid. However, financial aid may be prorated if your cost is less than an Art Center cost of attendance.

**Increase Budget** – Students may be able to obtain an increase in their financial aid if their cost of attendance is higher than Art Center. You must **submit a copy of your Study Away budget** that includes detailed information about tuition, fees, books, housing and travel expenses. Any increased financial aid will be in the form of private or federal loans if approved by the lender.