

## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR AFFILIATE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Enrollment abroad approved for credit by Wake Forest may be considered enrollment at Wake Forest for the purpose of Wake Forest and federal aid programs. When notified of a student's study abroad plans, Student Financial Aid secures the following items to determine aid eligibility: (a) program and specific coursework approval from the Center for Global Programs and Studies (GPS); (b) official student expense estimates from the program via a financial aid consortium or contractual agreement. Student Financial Aid then notifies students of aid eligibility.

GPS's approval signifies that the program and specific coursework is acceptable to Wake Forest faculty. Students receiving scholarships or other financial aid must enroll in coursework that has been pre-approved by Wake Forest faculty to be equivalent to at least twelve hours of WFU coursework; additional coursework in which students may choose to enroll does not count toward this minimum requirement. Students who do not meet this minimum will have scholarships and other financial aid for the study abroad program period revoked. The student expense estimates allow Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility for aid programs. Eligibility for aid is sometimes less because estimated student expenses are less than for an on-campus semester, while the expected family contribution remains the same. When estimated student expenses are greater, Student Financial Aid cannot guarantee to meet full demonstrated need. All types and sources of aid count toward the cost of attendance limit established by the approved program. The consortium or contractual agreement outlines various responsibilities between Wake Forest and the approved program in order to ensure compliance with Wake Forest, private, federal, and state aid policies.

Aid awards for study abroad often differ significantly from those for an on-campus semester. Students are required to notify Student Financial Aid if they receive any funding from the approved program or other sources; all aid must be coordinated as to comply with Wake Forest, private, federal, and state financial aid policies. Several aid programs may not be available for study abroad, including Federal Work Study. For affiliate study abroad programs, the Wake Forest University dependent tuition concession amount is limited to the semester maximum available to students attending colleges and universities other than Wake Forest; please consult with the student's parent's WFU Human Resources benefits office (Reynolda or Bowman Gray Campus, as appropriate) for procedures and guidelines. Similarly, some scholarship donors restrict the use of their funds to domestic study. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) requires all recipients of National Merit Scholarships to complete an application for study abroad scholarship approval with NMSC. Students receiving assistance from outside sources should confirm with the donor organizations the availability of the aid during a period of study abroad. The FACTS payment plan offered through Student Financial Services is not available for study abroad in affiliate programs.

Aid generally is not available in advance to pay for deposits or airfare. Funding is applied to the student account at Wake Forest at the beginning of the semester in which the student will be abroad. Study abroad merit scholarships specifically designated for travel expenses may be available at an earlier date. Students should notify Student Financial Aid ([financial-aid@wfu.edu](mailto:financial-aid@wfu.edu)) if the approved program has an early payment deadline and requires proof of aid in order to defer payment. Students receiving aid in excess of Wake Forest semester charges, or funding designated for study abroad expenses, should complete an online Student Refund Request (at [finance.wfu.edu/sfs/student-refund](http://finance.wfu.edu/sfs/student-refund)) with Student Financial Services (758-5234 or [sfs@wfu.edu](mailto:sfs@wfu.edu)) to arrange for aid to be refunded. Students are encouraged to enroll in direct deposit for a convenient and secure way to access funds more quickly. Otherwise, a paper check will be mailed to the student's home address. Please note that there is an enrollment fee due to WFU for study abroad in approved non-WFU programs during the fall and spring semesters. This fee is approximately 12% of Wake Forest tuition.

Students awarded any loans (Federal Perkins, Denmark, Hutchins, or Wallace) must sign the appropriate applications/promissory notes and return them to Student Financial Aid prior to departure. Another party cannot complete these forms on a student's behalf, even with power of attorney.

**ROTC:** Please consult with the Wake Forest University Department of Military Science to determine whether or not ROTC scholarships may be used for study abroad.

**Veterans' Education Benefits:** Please consult with your Wake Forest veterans' education benefits certifying official to determine whether or not benefits may be used for study abroad.