

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR WAKE FOREST PROGRAMS OF STUDY ABROAD

Students participating in one of Wake Forest's study abroad programs are awarded financial aid in the same way as for a semester on the Reynolda Campus. There is not additional need-based scholarship funding for the additional costs of a Wake Forest study abroad program should a study abroad program's total costs exceed the standard on-campus Wake Forest cost of attendance for the same semester. If the Center for Global Programs and Studies, the WFU Program Director or other outside sources provide funding for the abroad period, these awards are included as part of the overall financial aid award and may reduce eligibility for previously awarded aid programs. Such awards are official only when included in an official notification from the Student Financial Aid office.

Student Financial Aid secures the official program "cost of attendance" estimates from the Wake Forest faculty member/administrator serving as the program director, prior to determining eligibility for financial aid during the program of study abroad. Student Financial Aid then notifies students of financial aid awards by providing an official award notification.

Several aid programs may not be available for study abroad including, but not limited to, Federal Work Study. For instance, students who receive a tuition concession based on their parents' employment may receive reduced or no benefits during a period of study abroad. 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 aid from outside sources should confirm with the donor organizations the availability of the aid during a period of study abroad.

Financial 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 receiving financial aid in excess of Wake Forest semester charges, or funding designated for study abroad expenses, should complete an online Student Refund Request (at <http://finance.wfu.edu/sfs/student-refund>) with Student Financial Services (758-5234 or sfs@wfu.edu) to arrange for aid to be refunded.**

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 confirm with the Wake Forest University Department of Military Science whether or not ROTC scholarships are available for study abroad programs.

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