

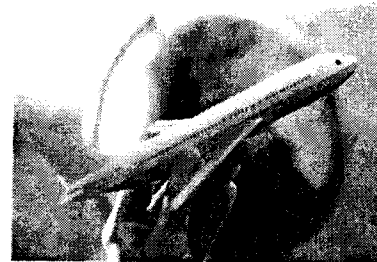
Pasadena City College

Financial Aid and Study Abroad

Pasadena City College participates in federal and state financial aid programs to assist students and their families with educational expenses. Financial assistance is available for participation in a study abroad program, however, **financial aid is not a guarantee** and the amount is dependant on a student's financial need.

To be considered for financial aid, a study abroad student must:

1. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. Be enrolled in an eligible program and pursuing a degree objective at PCC
3. Maintain satisfactory academic progress
4. Not be in default or owe a repayment on federal loans and grants
5. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
6. Register with Selective Service and not have a recent drug conviction
7. Adhere to all study abroad and financial aid deadlines
8. Must have completed 12 units at PCC



Deposits

All deposits and payments are the responsibility of the participant. Students are encouraged to maintain contact with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid for information regarding their status.

Disbursements

Unless instructed by the student in writing, all disbursements will be paid directly to the student. Payments to program agencies are done with permission and in accordance with a signed power of attorney.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will complete forms presented to study abroad participants by program agencies. Any amount given on these forms is only an **estimate** of what we believe the student is eligible to receive. To estimate the amount of financial aid, the applicant must have a completed and valid financial aid application on file with the PCC Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. If it is later determined that the student does not qualify for all or a portion of the estimated amount, **the student is responsible** for any amount owed to the study abroad agency.

Normally, disbursements occur at the beginning of each semester. Student loan (Direct Loan) disbursements are paid at least twice during an enrollment period. Financial aid is not available for periods that include summer and/or winter sessions.

If a student loan does not meet all of the requirements established by the study abroad program, its agencies or the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, no funds will be disbursed. The PCC Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid is not responsible for participant refunds.

Financial Aid Programs:

Depending on eligibility, all financial aid programs (except Federal Work-Study) can be utilized to study abroad. For additional information about these programs, please refer to the PCC Financial Aid Information Brochure.

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Frequently Asked Questions

The following are some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) from students participating in study abroad programs.

1. Will financial aid cover everything?

No. Financial aid is a supplement and only covers costs related to educational expenses. Those costs are: fees, books and supplies, a reasonable amount for room and board, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses.

2. How much financial aid can I receive?

The amount of financial aid can vary from student-to-student or family-to-family. In order to determine the amount of financial aid you can receive, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You may apply via the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov or you can mail your completed FAFSA to the address provided on the form.

When your FAFSA is processed, the U.S. Department of Education calculates what you and your family is expected to contribute to your education or your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This formula is what the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will use to determine how much financial aid you can receive. The amount of aid you receive is contingent upon your level of enrollment. A minimum of six units are required per semester to qualify for most aid programs.

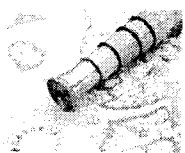
3. What if my circumstances change after I file the FAFSA?

You may be eligible for a recalculation of your contribution based on special circumstances such as change or loss of employment, or unusual medical, dental expenses.

4. Who is my Financial Aid Interviewer?

Your Financial Aid Interviewer is assigned based on your last name (see below).

Financial Aid Interviewers are available Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12 noon and 2:00 pm-4:00 pm



Last Name	Financial Aid Interviewer	Last Name	Financial Aid Interviewer
A-D	Anita Sum	O-S	Rebecca Arden
E-J	Alice Araiza	T-Z	Lillian Matthews
K-N	Han Dao		

5. When will I be notified about how much financial aid I receive and when will I get it?

It will take approximately three weeks to receive notification after you submit a completed financial aid application. Most students who work closely with their Financial Aid Interviewer receive their funds at the beginning of the semester or just before their departure date. Some students have to make arrangements to pay the amount via a power of attorney with the study abroad agency.

6. Will financial aid pay the deposit?

No. All payments are the responsibility of the student.

7. What could delay the disbursement of my financial aid funds?

The most common delay is Satisfactory Academic Progress. Before you receive notification of an award, we must determine if you are making Satisfactory Academic Progress and are enrolled at PCC as a regular student. We review each student's grade point average (GPA), unit completion rate and the number of units attempted. For more information regarding academic progress, pick up a PCC Satisfactory Academic Progress brochure at the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

8. May I receive financial aid for summer or winter study abroad programs?

With the exception of the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW), PCC does not provide financial aid for the summer or winter. We recommend that interested students enrolled in the previous fall and spring terms complete the FAFSA for financial aid consideration during either of those terms. Prior term eligibility is subject to applicable processing deadlines.