

Temple University International Programs Study Abroad Financial Aid and Scholarships FAQ

You may be thinking that study abroad is expensive and you are wondering if you can afford it. The good news is that there are sources of financial assistance for study abroad. The following FAQ should answer many of your questions.

1. Is it expensive to study abroad?

That depends. For Temple programs, you will pay the same tuition as you pay here in Philadelphia. If you choose a non-Temple program, you will pay the costs set by that program, which may or may not be more expensive than Temple. In both cases, you will also need to budget for living and travel costs.

2. May I use my Temple University financial aid for studying abroad?

Yes! If you study on a Temple University study abroad program, you may use all of your Temple, federal and state financial aid: loans, grants, even outstanding achievement scholarships. Limited work-study positions are also available at Temple University Rome. If you study on a non-Temple University study abroad program, you will still be able to use some forms of financial aid if you choose a program that has been approved by International Programs, your major department(s), and academic advising office.

3. Can I get more money from the Temple University financial aid office if I study abroad?

Depending on your circumstances, there is the possibility that you can receive an increase in financial aid for study abroad. It is imperative, however, that you discuss this with a counselor in Student Financial Services once you have identified a program and have detailed information from that program about costs and fees.

4. Are there additional sources of Financial Aid available through International Programs for Temple University programs?

For Temple University Japan, there are scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. For Temple University Rome, there are scholarships ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$4000. For the Temple University-University of Hamburg Exchange, students may compete for a living allowance stipend of approximately \$600 per month. Temple summer program students may apply for \$500 scholarships.

5. Is it less expensive to do a summer program rather than a semester program?

While it seems like that would be the case, in many ways it is more cost effective and financially manageable to study abroad for a fall or spring semester, rather than for the summer. For one thing, there are more scholarships for semester and year-long study abroad, and your financial aid can be used for semester study abroad. For summer, only loans are available to eligible students.

6. How do I find out about other sources of financial assistance?

The International Programs Resource Library has a variety of resources available for students to research funding opportunities for study abroad. Among the books in the International Programs resource library are: Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad, Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad, and Financial Resources for International Study. All three of these volumes have information for funding at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels. There are also binders, arranged by country, of scholarship competitions and sources of financial assistance.

7. What are examples of scholarships available for study abroad?

Here are a few examples: Rotary International has scholarships for students to spend their junior year studying at a foreign university, and they also offer scholarships for graduate study. The St. Andrew's Society of

Philadelphia each year awards five \$18,000 scholarships to students from the Delaware Valley to spend their junior year studying at a university in Scotland. The National Security Education Program (NSEP) of the U.S. government, provides funding up to \$10,000 per semester to students planning to study in non-Western countries, i.e., outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Bridging Japan Scholarships offer grants up to \$5,000 for study in Japan. Students who receive federal Pell Grants are eligible to apply for Gilman Scholarships for study abroad, a program sponsored by the U.S. government. The Vira I. Heinz Foundation of Pittsburgh annually awards \$5,000 to a Temple University female sophomores planning to spend the summer studying abroad. Fulbright Grants fund one year of graduate study and/or research in over 150 countries around the world; students may apply as seniors or as graduate students. Rhodes, Marshall and Gates Scholarships fund graduate study in the United Kingdom; Mitchell Scholarships fund graduate study in Ireland.

8. How do students apply for these scholarships, and what are the qualifications?

Information and application materials for these and other sources of financial assistance are available in the International Programs Office. Members of International Programs are happy to assist with application procedures, offer advice, and review proposals and essays which may be required as part of the application process. Almost all scholarship competitions have some merit requirements, i.e., academic records and faculty references, and financial need is usually taken into consideration. Language skills are a factor in some cases, but not all. In many cases, U.S. citizenship is required, although for Temple International Programs scholarships, Permanent Residents are also eligible to apply.

9. Do Temple students really get these awards?

YES! Over the past several years, Temple University students have received funding to study in such countries as: Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Romania, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Taiwan and Vietnam.

10. Are study abroad programs sponsored by other colleges and universities more expensive than Temple programs?

Sometimes, but not always. There are programs, especially those sponsored by private universities, which charge higher tuition rates. And there are destinations that are more expensive places to travel. The key is to identify programs sponsored by other state universities, or by private universities or organizations that offer extra financial aid for study abroad. The other option is to consider geographic locations that are less expensive.

11. Is it possible to work abroad while participating in a study abroad program?

In some cases, yes. At Temple Rome there are work-study positions and at both Temple Rome and Temple Japan there are part-time student worker positions available on campus. In some countries, notably Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, it is possible to secure a work permit that enables students to work for periods of three to six months before, during or after study abroad.

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