Understanding the Financial Aid Process for non-FSU Students Going Abroad with FSU International Programs

Step 1: Contact the Financial Aid Department at your home institution.
Check with your home institution to learn how your school handles the financial aid process for studying abroad and determine which types of aid may or may not be used for overseas study*. Common types of aid include:

- Loans:
  - Stafford Loans
  - Parent PLUS Loans
  - Private Loans
  - Grad PLUS Loans
- Grants
- Veteran’s Affairs Funding
- Bright Futures: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf
- Florida Prepaid: http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/
- Scholarships
  - Private Scholarships or scholarships from your University

*Tuition waivers and College Work Study may not be used toward International Program fees.

Step 2: Ask the Financial Aid Department at your home institution if a Consortium Agreement with FSU is required.
A Consortium Agreement allows your home school to award your financial aid even though you are registered for classes at a different school. If applicable, your home school’s financial aid office may require a paper Consortium Agreement be sent to FSU. Your home school’s financial aid office may send this agreement directly to International Programs via fax (850.645.4659). If your home school requires anything from International Programs to process your financial aid, you must notify our office in writing (IP-FinancialAid@fsu.edu).

Step 3: Familiarize yourself with International Programs Payment Due Dates, Fee Deferments, & other FSU fees

Payment Due Dates: Students admitted to an International Program must pay or defer program fees in accordance with due dates published on the International Programs website. Payment instructions for International Programs Fees can be found here: https://international.fsu.edu/Documents/MoneyMatters/FSUIP_Payment_Instructions.pdf

Fee Deferments: International Programs allows non-FSU students to defer a portion of program fees against expected financial aid by completing a fee deferment on your IP Student Portal (https://studentportal.international.fsu.edu/). Non-FSU students may defer up to 50% of remaining program fees, after paying the application and commitment fees. Fee deferments must be completed in accordance with the payment due dates published on the IP website.

Payment for all deferred fees must be received in full no later than 10 days after the start of your program. If the amount of financial aid you receive does not cover the balance of fees owed to International Programs, you must pay the difference out of pocket. Failure to do so within 10 days of the program start date could result in being asked to depart the program early.

A Fee Deferment is a legally binding financial agreement. By completing a deferment, you will be held liable for the commitment fee and/or full program fee in accordance with the IP fee liability and refund policy. Cancellation from the program does not remove fee liability as stated in our fee liability and refund policy.

Other FSU Fees: Technology fees are assessed each term by FSU (not International Programs) and should be paid directly to Student Business Services online (https://fees.fsu.edu) at the beginning of each term. International Programs has no control over these fees or any associated late payment penalty.

Still have questions? Contact our office at 850-644-3272 or IP-FinancialAid@fsu.edu.