

# QUICK GUIDE TO FINANCING STUDY ABROAD

Our goal at CC is to make study abroad accessible to all students. We believe the combination of our in-house aid and the many grants available outside CC can make this goal possible for us and for you. Here is what you need to know:



## 1 CC AID FOR BLOCKS ABROAD

- Apply on Summit during the main app period to automatically be considered for Aid.
  - During Block 5 for any Block 1-6 courses the following year
  - During Block 1 for any Block 7-8 courses offered later that year
  - October 31-December 2nd for all summer Block Abroad courses
  - All CC students are eligible to receive block aid once for summer and once for school year blocks.
- Aid awards calculate program fee and airfare expenses and will be the same percentage of coverage that you receive for on campus aid.
- You will be notified of your aid award when you receive your acceptance notice to the block program. You then must confirm that you plan to attend by completing key post-acceptance documents on Summit.

## 2 CC AID FOR SEMESTER ABROAD

- Apply to semester programs on Summit during the main app period to get full consideration for acceptance and Aid.
  - Fall semester = Apply on Summit by March 1
  - Spring Semester = Apply on Summit by October 1
- Semester abroad aid is calculated at the same percentage of coverage as on-campus aid, but awards may be larger to compensate for additional travel expenses such as airfare.

## 3 EXTERNAL AID AVAILABLE FOR PARTNERED AND NON-CC PROGRAMS

- If you are working with a third-party provider (an international education company) either from the CC approved partner programs list or an independent program, always check to see what grants and scholarships are provided by that organization. In many cases you may be eligible for company-based grants which can augment your aid award in addition to the CC award you receive.
- Be very vigilant of separate application processes for grants from provider companies and the deadlines those companies set.



## 4 EXTERNAL AID FOR ALL FORMS OF STUDY ABROAD

- In addition to company-based aid, there are many scholarships and grants designed for study abroad. We list several here, but this is only a small number. You can search for more options at any of these websites:
  - [www.iefaa.org](http://www.iefaa.org) - recommended due to strong search engine.
  - [www.gooverseas.com/blog/study-abroad-scholarships-grants](http://www.gooverseas.com/blog/study-abroad-scholarships-grants)
  - [www.studyabroad.com/study-abroad-scholarships](http://www.studyabroad.com/study-abroad-scholarships)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - a general aid search engine, but with study abroad options
- A list of specific grants which CC students have used in the past is available on the Center for Global Education & Field Study webpage at: <https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/globalandfieldstudy/>. Just use the dropdown menu for Global Education to find the "Scholarships" link.

## 5 OTHER OPTIONS YOU CAN CONSIDER

- You have received CC Aid, you have applied for external grants, what else can you do? Try some of these options to enhance potential aid.
  - Speak with your academic advisor or the department offering the program to see if there is departmental aid which may apply to the program you hope to join.
  - Speak with the Financial Aid office to ask about potential additional funding or loan options.
  - Consider either a GoFundMe campaign or reaching out to relatives and friends to help with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
  - If there is not time this year to raise funds, ask if the program will run again during your CC career and then make a plan to raise funds or work to earn funds with a goal of joining the later program as the target for your efforts.

For more information on semester off-campus study options and the application process, please contact Heather Powell Browne in the Center for Global Education & Field Study.

