



## *Study Abroad Financial Aid Guide*



Cal Poly Pomona Study Abroad Program is dedicated to making international educational programs available to students. We provide unique educational experiences by offering classes in various locations around the world. Students are immersed in a new culture and gaining insight into that culture which is impossible to obtain in a classroom. International experience and understanding of other people and cultures are highly valuable qualities in today's diverse environment.

The Office of Financial Aid is committed to get you to your destination and adventure as a study abroad student. We recommend you take care of your finances before you go in order to have a smooth and unforgettable experience. Here are some helpful tips to remember:

- You must complete **one** of two Financial Aid Applications beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Complete your application by March 2nd. If you miss this deadline, you might miss out on eligible funds! Your citizenship status will determine which application you need to complete.
- FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or Ca. Dream Act [www.csac.ca.gov/dream\\_act.asp](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp)
- If you already have financial aid, refer to your award on bronco direct and compare your study abroad budget: Will this be enough to cover your expenses?
- If you want to accept your Stafford loans and you are a first time borrower, please follow the Stafford Loan Instructions available on our home page or bronco direct (your loans will not be disburse until all steps are completed accurately). For more information, please visit our home page at: <http://www.csupomona.edu/~financial-aid/index.shtml>
- Federal guidelines will not allow financial aid funds to be released more than 10 days before the academic year begins.
- If you are going to Study Abroad with a Non-Cal Poly Pomona Program you'll need to submit an "International Consortium Agreement" form which can be obtained from our office website <http://www.csupomona.edu/~financial-aid/forms.shtml> . Complete all sections of this form and return to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships last.
- We urge you to come and see us at least once before you leave to your destination to ensure everything is ready to go and that you understand the process of your financial aid while you're abroad; don't wait until the last minute!
- If you want to learn more about your award or how to increase your loans, you can reach our office at (909) 869-3700 or visit our Financial Aid Service Counter at Bldg. 98, Tower side, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for additional assistance.
- Lastly, have FUN, take lots of pictures and don't forget to send us a post card!!

Bon Voyage,

Office of Financial Aid Staff