



\$ FUNDING STUDY ABROAD

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PROGRAMS COST



Funding is one of the most important factors in any student's decision-making. Often students assume that funding should be most plentiful for higher-achieving students. At ECU, however, **study abroad programs costs are not determined by grade or class level, ethnicity, or career, faculty, etc.** As a part of your application process, the Education Abroad Office will provide you with a detailed budget worksheet outlining the actual and anticipated out-of-pocket costs of studying abroad.

Program costs vary depending on destination and program structure.

1. Tuition

The additional cost can vary greatly.

- The ECU tuition rate is charged for ECU credit courses, regardless of if courses are online and/or on-site. Programs that offer more tuition rate credits/competencies will result in less ECU tuition.

2. Program fee

An additional fee charged to cover living and travel expenses.

- Costs include housing, air, mobility, education, program transportation, and insurance built into the program.
- Many destinations include housing, visa, travel, etc.

3. Out-of-pocket expenses

Real costs of participating, but not billed to the student account.

- Costs include airfare, personal spending money, visas, in-country transportation, books, etc.

FUNDING OPTIONS



1. Financial Aid

Financial Aid (scholarships, grants, and need-based awards) can help offset some out-of-pocket expenses. The need to rely on loans and other financial resources.

- To be eligible for **financial aid**, you must maintain a **minimum GPA** of 3.0 and be a **resident of North Carolina**. Keep this in mind when applying for aid, as some programs may require you to be a resident of North Carolina and others may not.
- To be eligible for **ECU Aid** as well as outside aid, you must maintain a **minimum GPA** of 3.0 and be a **resident of North Carolina**.
- Make an appointment with your financial aid advisor to discuss your study abroad options. Advisors can help you understand how much aid you may be eligible for.

2. Scholarships & Fellowships

- ECU offers many internal scholarships and fellowships for students studying abroad. Find out what **scholarships and fellowships** are available and how to apply by going to our **international scholarships** page. Most programs only will be available to students.
- Many international programs offer you **scholarships** and **fellowships** to study abroad. Find out what **scholarships and fellowships** are available and how to apply by going to our **international scholarships** page.

3. Fundraising

- Get an **ECU fundraising** team and **fundraising** committee to help you raise money for your study abroad. Find out what **scholarships and fellowships** are available and how to apply by going to our **international scholarships** page.

BILLING



- Students can visit [Study Abroad Billing](#) for more information on how to bill for study abroad expenses.
- Students pay a deposit** to confirm participation. Usually, the deposit should be paid within 30 days of enrollment.
- Students are not responsible** for other fees and charges that are not included in the program fee.
- The remainder is billed to the ECU Student Billing Office. Students can visit [Study Abroad Billing](#) for more information on how to bill for study abroad expenses.
- Payment plans can be arranged with Student Financial Services. [Contact Student Financial Services](#) for details.

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TIPS FOR CUTTING COSTS



- Most new RIT programs charge differences and would like to make it a discount RIT students who intend to participate in our study abroad programs. Consider these tips to help keep your airfare costs down.
- Our existing [Travel Passports](#) for students, residents & faculty.
- RIT programs for students who intend to study abroad.
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