



Five Steps to Successfully Fund Your Semester Abroad

1. Complete the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov as soon as possible starting October 1st every year to receive the maximum federal and state aid.
2. Review the cost sheet posted on the Education Abroad website for the semester you are studying abroad at educationabroad.kent.edu.
 - a. Add up the costs of the program that will be billed to your Bursar account
 - b. Review your financial aid awards to see how much will pay to your account
 - c. **Apply for scholarships!** You can find our list of Education Abroad specific scholarships from internal and external sources at <https://www.kent.edu/financialaid/education-abroad-scholarships>. Utilize our online portal Scholarship Universe as well at <https://www.kent.edu/financialaid/scholarship-universe>.
3. Meet with an Education Abroad advisor in the Office of Global Education and look out for communications from OGE to your Kent State email informing you of any required forms or orientation dates.
4. Review the bill due date and financial aid disbursement date for the semester you will be abroad.
 - a. If your study abroad program starts before or after the start date of classes at Kent State, be aware that by federal regulations your financial aid will not disburse until 10 days before the start of your classes abroad.
5. Bring enough money with you to cover 2-3 weeks of expenses, since it takes time for a refund from the Bursar's Office to fully process. If you have not yet set up a direct deposit account with Bank Mobile, do that as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition of funds to your personal account once abroad.