

# FINANCING STUDY ABROAD



## STUDY ABROAD COSTS

Program costs are generally similar to or somewhat less than U.S. college costs. In general, most study abroad experiences can be achieved well within the total cost of a term or year at Middlebury. Students returning from study abroad are the best sources of information about the real expenses of such study.

With the exception of the Schools in China and Russia, which charge a comprehensive fee, the C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad charge a tuition fee only, and students are responsible for room and board costs, as well as travel. This is also often the case when students study on non-Middlebury programs. Cost estimates for the Middlebury Schools Abroad are available from International Programs and Off-Campus Study and on our web page ([www.middlebury.edu/academics/ump/sap/](http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ump/sap/)).

Students studying abroad (except those on official exchange programs) are charged an administrative fee of \$1,100 per semester abroad in order to help offset the cost of the services provided by International Programs and Off-Campus Study.

## MIDDLEBURY'S FINANCIAL AID POLICY

U.S. citizens eligible to receive federal grants and loans can usually apply these to any kind of approved study abroad. Check with the Office of Student Financial Services for more detailed information ([http://www.middlebury.edu/admissions/finaid/study\\_abroad/](http://www.middlebury.edu/admissions/finaid/study_abroad/)).

Middlebury grant and loan financial aid **is** available for:

- Students engaged in advanced language study in a language taught at Middlebury *and* who study at Middlebury Schools Abroad or on an approved program in Japan.
- Students who are pre-approved International Studies majors with a focus in African or South Asian Studies.
- IP&E majors with a focus on Africa studying abroad in the language they are taking at Middlebury.
- Students on an official exchange program.
- Classics and Classical Studies majors on an approved program in Greece or Italy.

Middlebury grant and loan financial aid is **not** available for:

- Study in countries/programs where English is the official language or lingua franca (this includes Middlebury's affiliation with Lincoln College/Oxford University), except as part of an official exchange program.
- School for International Training (SIT) programs, unless a student is studying in Africa or South Asia as a pre-approved IS major, or is an IP&E major studying in Africa in the language they are taking at Middlebury. (Some limited scholarships may be available directly from SIT.)
- International students who seek to study on non-Middlebury programs in their home country.

## OUTSIDE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

- The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides awards for study abroad, for US citizens who are receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application. More information: [www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman).
- National Security Education Program (NSEP) Scholarships are available for students studying less commonly taught languages and area/international studies. See International Programs and Off-Campus Study and [www.ndu.edu/nsep/](http://www.ndu.edu/nsep/) for more information.
- Rotary Foundation scholarships are available for junior-year study abroad; however, applications for these have to be prepared nearly two years in advance. More information: [www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx)
- BUTEX (British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association) often offers one or two scholarships (£400 each in 06-07) for Study Abroad and Exchange students from Canada and the United States who are attending BUTEX member institutions. More information: <http://www.butex.ac.uk/?q=node/38>
- Association of Teachers of Japanese: Bridging Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan: a professional association which offers resources for studying Japan, including undergraduate scholarships. More information: [www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html](http://www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html)
- Sarah's Wish Foundation offers scholarships to young women committed to making the world a better place and who exhibit qualities of leadership, service, and adventure. More information: [http://www.saraswish.org/international\\_travel.htm](http://www.saraswish.org/international_travel.htm)

## FINANCIAL AID WEB SITES

[www.studyabroadfunding.com](http://www.studyabroadfunding.com): This valuable funding resource allows you to search by country or subject to find the study abroad funding information that you need.

[www.internationalscholarships.com](http://www.internationalscholarships.com): This web site allows you to search for financial aid, college scholarships and study abroad scholarships.

The University of Minnesota's Learning Abroad Center's Scholarship Database:

[www.umabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/](http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/)

This web site allows you to search for funding and scholarship opportunities to help pay for your next adventure.

Michigan State University's information on scholarships for students of color:

<http://studyabroad.msu.edu/people/studentsofcolor/scholarships.html> .

Michigan State University's Web Site: "You Can't Afford Not To Go: Financing Your Study Abroad Experience": <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/shared/afford.html> (while some information on this site is specific to MSU students, there is a good guide to creative fundraising and helpful links).

Internet Resources on Financial Aid, Grants, and Scholarships for Individuals:  
<http://studyabroad.msu.edu/scholarships/external.html>

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com): This web site provides free customized scholarship search after user fills out profile (scholarships are not necessarily specifically for study abroad).

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org): This web site provides scholarship (not necessarily specific to study abroad) searches and extensive information about financial aid.

## LOANS FOR STUDY ABROAD

- [www.studyabroadloans.com](http://www.studyabroadloans.com)
- International Education Finance Corporation: [www.iefc.com](http://www.iefc.com)
- [www.internationalstudentloan.com](http://www.internationalstudentloan.com)

## OTHER RESOURCES

*Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad, 2006-2008*, by Gail A. Schlachter and R. David Weber, Reference Service Press: <http://www.rspfunding.com/catalog/item/1420994/878925.htm>

**International Programs and Off-Campus Study**  
**Sunderland Language Center, Room 127, x5745**  
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[www.middlebury.edu/academics/ump/sap](http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ump/sap)