

How to Afford & Fund Study/Intern Abroad Experiences!

Funding tips and resources:

- Scour the **40+ Sources for Funding Experiences Abroad!** list for options that might work for you.
- **Research any and all scholarships** specific to your program or location or situation to see if you are eligible.
- **Apply early!** Watch for special travel or country promotions!
- **Look at cost effective locations** that have a lower cost of living. (for example, Latin America vs. Spain or Eastern Europe vs. Western Europe)
- **Consider homestay options** that are less expensive compared to dorms or apartments, since meals and laundry are included. Homestays are also a great way to learn the language/culture and get home cooked meals!
- **Compare the costs of programs** with the specific services received or included: meals? laundry? airport pick-up? access to free WI-FI? welcome and farewell meals? extra activities and excursions?

Campus related funding:

- **Complete FAFSA** and accept additional federal grants or loans you are eligible to receive.
- If you are eligible for federal financial aid, you could be eligible for a **Concordia Study Abroad Endowment Scholarship**. Awards available for students based on financial need & annual fund availability.
- If you will be studying in an Asian country, check with the Director of Global Opportunities to see if you could be eligible for a **Fiala Asian Studies Scholarship**.
- If you are a Luke Scholar, there is a **Luke Scholar Grant** available to you, that can be used for experiences abroad.
- Any **money left in your student account** after paying for your semester at CUNE can be used toward paying for a spring or summer experience abroad. Federal funds in your account must be used by June 30th.

Outside resources:

- Check with local 4-H, Kiwanis, Rotary, or Lions Clubs if they have scholarships for international experiences.
- Check **local heritage organizations** like Sons of Italy chapters, German clubs, Czech groups, Hispanic cultural groups, Chinese-American associations, etc. if they have any scholarships available.
- Set up on **online crowdfunding site** to share your desire to go abroad to learn and grow! (see back side for sites to consider.)



Personal resources:

- **Get a part time job or add hours to your current job** to make extra money. See if your employer offers college related scholarships.
- **Save your money** - ask for money for Christmas, birthdays, etc. - start a **“keep the change”** travel fund jar.
- **Limit daily spending**. Consider the things you want vs. the things you need (daily coffee run, late night fast food, etc.) to save money for study abroad.
- **Send letters to family or friends asking for their support**. Share how the experience will expand your knowledge of other parts of the world and increase your understanding of other cultures. Make connections to how this experience will help you achieve your future vocational goals.
- **Use family credit card points or air miles** to “pay” for airfare to study abroad.

Program specific scholarships for any CUNE students:

The scholarships listed below are available to CUNE students because we have affiliation agreements with these study/intern abroad providers.

AIFS	www.aifsabroad.com \$400 (semester programs)	\$200 (summer programs)
API	www.apistudyabroad.com \$300/\$500/\$1000 (varies by program type & length)	
CISabroad	www.cisabroad.com \$250 (semester programs)	\$100 (summer or internships)
Global Experiences	www.globalexperiences.com \$500 (internship programs)	
ISA	www.studiesabroad.com \$200 (fall/spring/summer)	
Spanish Studies	www.spanishstudies.org 10% off program/tuition fees for CUNE students	
TEAN	www.teanabroad.org (\$200 (fall/spring/summer)	
Veritas	www.veritasabroad.com \$200 (fall/spring/summer)	



Also be sure and check for additional scholarships available from the program provider you choose!

- merit, diversity, need based
- other unique scholarships (travel, early bird, service, athlete, etc.)

Crowdfunding sites & social media:

Go to www.CrowdsUnite.com to compare crowdfunding programs. Here are a few sites to get you started!

Fundly	www.fundly.com	7.9% fee per donation
Fund My Travel	www.fundmytravel.com	5% fee per donation
GoEnnounce	www.goennounce.com	3.5% fee per donation
Go Fund Me	www.GoFundMe.com	2.9% fee + .30 per credit card transaction
Plumfund	www.plumfund.com	2.8% fee + .30 per credit card transaction
You Caring	www.YouCaring.com	2.9% fee + .30 per credit card transaction

Review crowdfunding sites to find the right one for your situation since some cater to specific project types.

- Look for one that lets you keep funds raised if you don't reach your goal.
- Most are free to set up a site - fees are collected from each donation received.
- Keep in mind, funds earned through crowdfunding are likely to be considered taxable income.

Who do you know? Invite your friends, family, classmates, teammates, neighbors, church, etc. to help support you.

- Tell your story - why go abroad - why this trip - tie to future vocational goals - share how funds will be used and why support will make a difference.
- Change cover photo to destination country and post fun facts about that country.
- Let people know the best way to get funds to you.