



Study Abroad Financial Aid Process

Richland College students studying abroad may be eligible to receive financial aid. It is critical to start the final aid process as early as possible to ensure all paperwork is completed prior to your departure.

The Financial Aid process takes 12 weeks to be completed

We recommend you to take the following steps.

1. Complete the FAFSA application Process

1. A) Apply for a PIN (www.pin.ed.gov) (For you and your parents)
1. B) Gather all the **proper documentation. (IRS form 1040 w-2s and other income related documents)**
1. C) Apply on line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) **RichlandCollege's code: 008504**

The FAFSA process takes at least 6 weeks to be completed

2. **Complete the Cost of Attendance Form below and attach documentation to support your figures.**
<http://www.rlc.dccd.edu/finaid/forms/studyabroad.pdf>
3. Explain in writing where you plan to study. Please include acceptance letter, summary of expenses, start and end dates.
4. Schedule a meeting with the Director of Financial Aid to start your process.

When you call or email, please indicate that you are study abroad student and want to meet with him to start your process. Please remember to bring all the documents requested above, or otherwise there is no reason to meet with the Director.

You must have all the documents needed prior to this meeting.