

Study Abroad Programs
Contact the Office of Financial Aid
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The aid a student may receive will depend on the following:

- Type of program student will be participating in
- Cost of the program
- Date FAFSA and financial aid application materials are submitted. Be sure to file a **FAFSA** by March 1st for priority consideration

EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

- Students participating in an approved **Exchange** program will pay tuition and fees directly to BSU
- Student's room and board charges are paid directly to the host institution **NOT BSU**
- A student eligible for a refund may use the refund to pay room and board charges to the host institution
- If a student plans to use their refund to pay room and board we strongly recommended they contact the host institution and inform them of the disbursement date
- **BSU DOES NOT** pay student's room and board charges directly to the host institution. **It is the student's responsibility to use their refund, loan or personal savings to pay room and board charges**

AFFILIATE PROGRAM:

- Students participating in an approved **Affiliate** program will pay tuition, fees, room and board directly to the affiliate
- Student may receive most types of aid with the exception of tuition waivers and work study
- Student must complete a budget worksheet
- The Financial Aid Office will send the affiliate a **Consortium Agreement** informing them of how much financial aid student will be receiving and date of disbursement
- It is recommended that all students contact the affiliate early to ensure that procedures are followed and deadlines are met
- Student must contact the affiliate directly to determine the payment schedule
- **BSU DOES NOT** pay the bill to an affiliate program. **It is the student's responsibility to use their refund, loan or personal savings to pay these charges**

REFUND SCHEDULE:

- Fall refunds are disbursed late October
- Spring refunds are disbursed late February

We strongly recommend...

- Make an appointment with Denise McNulty in the Financial Aid Office if planning to participate in any study abroad program and want to use financial aid
- Sign up for direct deposit with the Student Accounts Office
- Contact Kim Griffin in Student Accounts 508-531-1225 regarding the possibility of an early disbursement for your trip
- File a FAFSA by the March 1st BSU's priority deadline
- Apply for a private loan at www.elmselect.com if needed