To access financial aid for study abroad, you will need to complete the following four steps at least 2 months prior to your program departure.

**Step 1: Complete Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
Apply as early as possible—at least six months before your program starts, but not before January 1 for the following academic year. Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Allow at least two weeks for processing. Fill out FAFSA as normal.

**Step 2: Schedule and attend a Financial Aid Preview Meeting at OneStop in the Science Teaching & Student Services Building (STSS)**
Preview meetings offer the chance to see how much aid you have available for your study abroad program before you apply and/or pay any non-refundable fees or deposits. It is especially important if your decision to participate on a study abroad program heavily depends on the amount of your financial aid award.

- Call 612.624.1111 to set up a meeting with a financial aid Adviser in STSS.
- Bring the budget estimate for program(s) you are interested in.

**Step 3: Request a SACE from the Learning Abroad Center**
The SACE is the official document used to modify your aid eligibility. If you plan to use financial aid, you must request an official SACE from the Learning Abroad Center and submit it to OneStop’s Office of Student Finance. It documents all eligible financial aid costs of your study abroad program and is used to adjust your cost of attendance from University of Minnesota costs to your study abroad program costs.
[www.UMabroad.umn.edu/students/finances/requestsace](http://www.UMabroad.umn.edu/students/finances/requestsace)

**Step 4: Submit your SACE to a Financial Aid Adviser**
By submitting your SACE to OneStop, or your Financial Aid Preview Meeting advisor, you are officially requesting an adjustment to your financial aid award. Most students who have already had a financial aid preview meeting can simply drop off or email the form. However, you or your financial aid Adviser may request a follow-up appointment when submitting the SACE, especially if your financial situation has changed since your preview meeting, or if you did not complete the preview meeting mentioned in Step 2.

For additional details, visit our financial aid web page at [www.UMabroad.umn.edu/students/finances/abroad](http://www.UMabroad.umn.edu/students/finances/abroad).