What types of programs are available?

There are two types of programs:

- **DePaul-sponsored study abroad programs** are the most common and often the most affordable study abroad options for DePaul students who use financial aid. These programs allow you to study abroad in an approved program through DePaul. All forms of financial aid can be used for these programs.

- **Non-DePaul study abroad programs** are typically offered by other universities abroad or by external agencies. Financial aid opportunities are limited for these programs; institutional grants, scholarships and Federal Perkins Loans are not available for external programs.

To learn more, please visit the [International Programs Office (IPO) website](#), or visit in person at either the Loop or Lincoln Park campuses. The IPO will guide you through the pre-approval processes to ensure that all credit hours earned while abroad apply to your DePaul degree.

What forms of financial aid can I apply to my study abroad expenses?

- **DePaul-Sponsored Programs**: All forms of your financial aid will apply to your tuition and fees and your study abroad program fee. DePaul also offers limited undergraduate study abroad travel grants to undergraduate students who complete the FAFSA and meet federal need-based eligibility requirements. Amounts vary based on the cost of the program and number of participants. You are automatically considered for this grant once the IPO accepts you into your DePaul-sponsored study abroad program; no application required.

- **Non-DePaul Programs**: Financial aid opportunities are limited for non-DePaul programs. Institutional financial aid—which includes DePaul scholarships and grants—as well as Federal Perkins Loans are not available for non-DePaul programs. Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Pell Grants (for those who qualify) are available for non-DePaul study abroad programs.

How do I request federal student loans for a non-DePaul study abroad program?

Additional documentation is required before your eligibility can be determined. After speaking with the IPO to ensure that credits earned while abroad are applicable to your DePaul degree, a Transfer Credit Approval form will be created for you. At this point, you will have already spoken to a program representative at the university abroad or external agency offering your selected program. Please bring your signed Transfer Credit Approval and the contact information for a program representative to the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central for processing.