Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Undergraduate Students

What types of financial aid can I apply towards my study abroad program expenses?

- **DePaul-sponsored study abroad programs** are the most common and often the most affordable study abroad options for DePaul students who receive financial aid. These programs allow you to study abroad in an approved program through DePaul while earning DePaul credit. Your federal, state, and institutional financial aid will apply towards the cost of these programs. For study abroad scholarship consideration, please contact the Office of Study Abroad.

  Summer study abroad programs are different than programs offered during the academic year. Your financial aid eligibility may be limited for summer programs based on the program itself. If you are considering a study abroad program for the summer session, please contact the Office of Financial Aid to see how your financial aid will apply during the summer.

- **Non-DePaul-sponsored study abroad programs** are typically offered by other universities abroad or by external agencies. Financial aid opportunities are limited; your state and institutional grants, as well as institutional scholarships, cannot apply towards the cost of these programs. Federal Direct Student and Parent Loans, Federal Pell Grants (for those who qualify), and private educational loans can be used towards the cost of a non-DePaul sponsored study abroad program.

How do I request additional federal loans for a study abroad program?

- **DePaul-sponsored study abroad programs**: The Office of Financial Aid automatically updates your cost of attendance to reflect additional tuition or program fee expenses associated with your program. To discuss your federal loan eligibility, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central to speak with a Financial Aid counselor.

- **Non-DePaul-sponsored study abroad programs** require you to meet with a Financial Aid counselor in the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central to discuss your cost of attendance and federal financial aid eligibility.

  Additional documentation is required before your eligibility can be determined. After speaking with your Study Abroad and Academic Advisors 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 of your program representative to the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central for processing.