

## Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Can I use the scholarships I already have at Trine during study abroad?**

- a. No, merit scholarships are not transferable to the Study Abroad program. However there is a Study Abroad scholarship available for students who qualify.

**2. Is there a scholarship at Trine specifically for students wanting to study abroad?**

- a. Yes, Trine offers a Study Abroad Scholarship valued at up to \$5,000.

**3. What are the deadlines for the Trine study abroad scholarship?**

- a. Study Abroad forms for Fall semester should be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Study Abroad forms for Spring semester should be submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>

**4. How much is awarded by the study abroad scholarship?**

- a. The maximum Study Abroad scholarship is valued at \$5,000

**5. Can I use my State Grants during my study abroad experience?**

- a. Possibly. A student must enroll full-time and meet all other eligibility criteria required to receive state grants. State grants may never exceed the cost of tuition.

**6. Can I use my Federal Grants during my study abroad experience?**

- a. Yes. As long as the student meets the general eligibility requirements for the Pell grant. Pell can be used towards any educational related expense not to exceed the cost of attendance.

**7. Can I use my Federal Loans during my study abroad experience?**

- a. Yes, a student must enroll at least ½ time status and meet all other eligibility criteria. Loans can be used towards any educational related expense not to exceed the cost of attendance.

**8. Is there a limit to how much financial aid I can use?**

- a. Yes. Total financial aid from all sources can never exceed a student's cost of attendance. Check with the financial aid office to determine what that is for your program.

**9. Will I need to start paying back my loans since I won't be attending an American university?**

- a. Loans remain in an in-school deferment as long as you enroll at least ½ time status. While in deferment you are not required to make any payments.

**10. Do I pay Trine, the program I am traveling with, or the foreign university I will be attending?**

- a. In most cases payments will be handled through the Trine University Business Office.

**11. Can I still study abroad if I have a balance remaining with the Business Office?**

- a. No. All balances must be paid prior to your study abroad experience.

**12. Would it be a good idea to sit down with someone in Financial Aid before I leave even if I think I have everything figured out or under control?**

- a. Yes. Contact the Director of Financial Aid to schedule an appointment to discuss financial aid options.

**13. Is there a scholarship for Federal Pell Grant recipients? If so, what can you tell me about it?**

- a. Yes. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program awards scholarships to Federal Pell Grant recipients varying in amount and depending on length of study and student need. Average award for Fall or Spring semester is \$4,000. Average award for Summer semester is \$3,000. Awards can get up to \$5,000. Approximately 1 out of every 3 applicants receive a scholarship for Fall or Spring term. For Summer term, approximately 1 out of every 5 applicants receive a scholarship. The website for the Gilman scholarship is <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>.