

# Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

**Welcome!** We will begin **shortly**.

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**February 7, 2023, 2-3 pm**

**Dr. Vidalino Raatior**

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questions in the  
chat.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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- Why should I study abroad?
- Do I need to speak another language?
- Can I afford studying abroad?
- Where, when, how can I study abroad?
- What should I start doing with my advisors (EOP, Major, Minor, Study Abroad)?
- How should I talk about study abroad with my family to get their support?
- Any other questions?



# Why Study Abroad or Away?

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- Earn credit that fulfills SJSU degree requirements
- Take classes in the U.S. or another country
- Immerse yourself in other cultures & languages
- Make friends and connections from around the world to expand your global network
- Develop cross-cultural skills to enhance your resume or graduate school application
- Improve your employability



# Debunking Study Abroad & Away Myths

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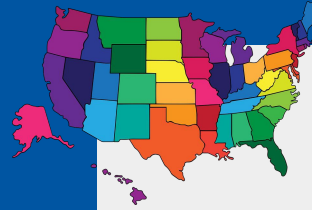
I need to speak another language.



It will delay my graduation.



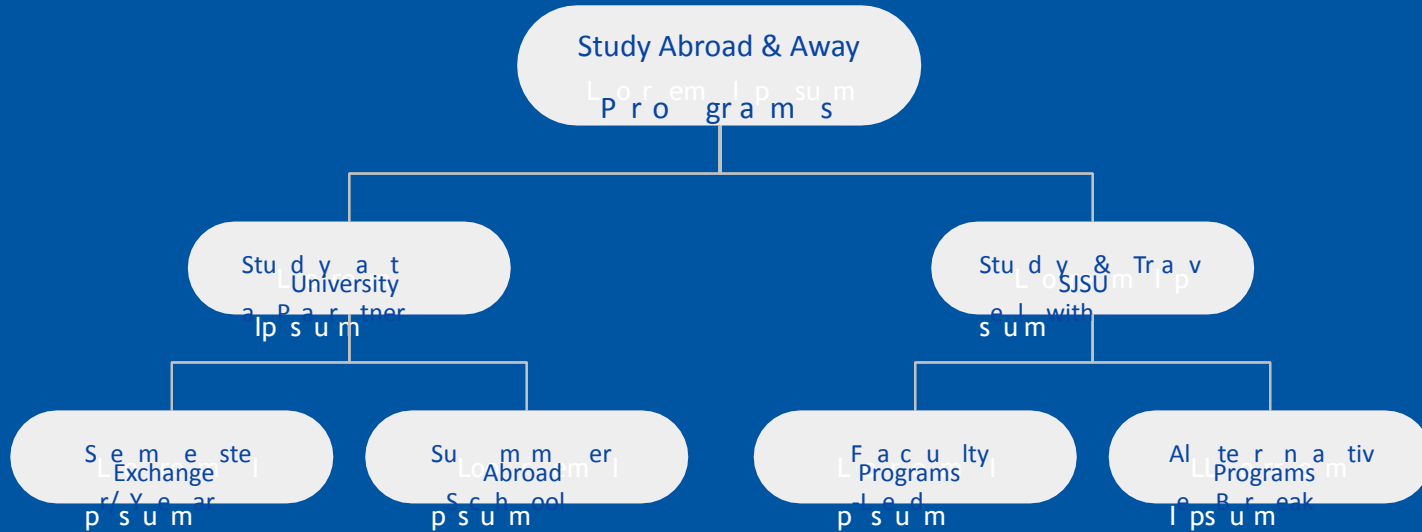
It's too expensive.



I need to leave the U.S. to have a  
global learning experience.

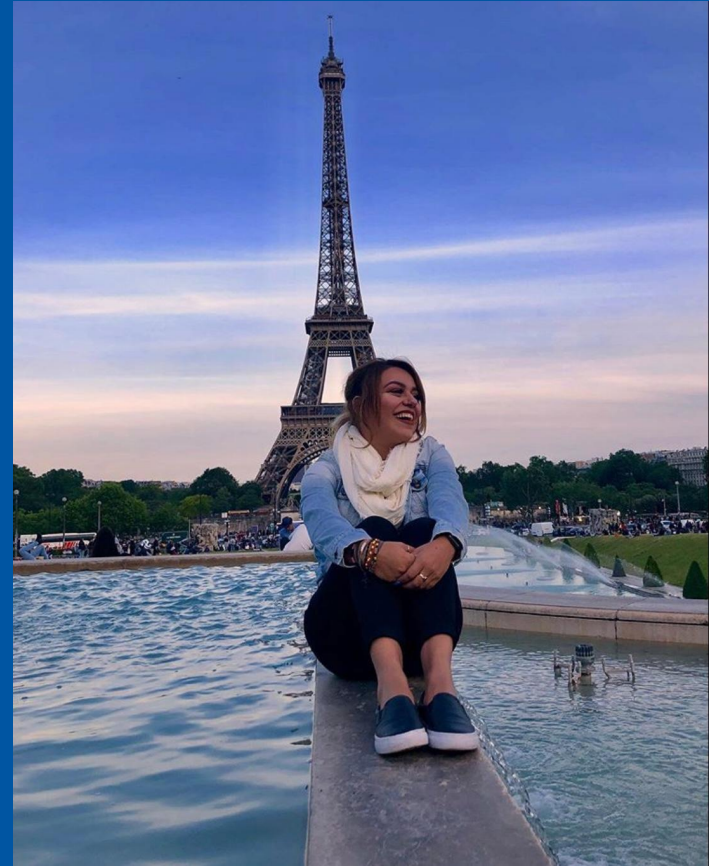
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# Where can I study abroad?

- 300+ approved programs around the world
- Travel with group of SJSU students or be independent
- All terms (summer, winter, fall, spring or year)
- You can take any courses abroad
- What do you want to experience?



# Faculty-Led Programs (FLP)

- Led by SJSU faculty
- Travel with SJSU students
- 1-4 weeks during spring break, summer or winter session
- Earn SJSU credits
- Fulfill a graduation requirement



# Study at a Partner University

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- Enroll at partner universities abroad
- Over 350 programs around the world
- Earn SJSU credit and fulfill graduation requirements
- Summer, semester and year-long options
- Take courses in English or other languages
- Learn about different academic systems
- Types: SJSU Exchange, CSU IP, ISEP

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# Alternative Break Programs (ABP)

- Explore another culture during spring break or summer
- International/domestic locations
- Travel with classmates and program leaders
- Not for academic credit



# When should I apply?

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View all application deadlines at [bit.ly/study-abroad-deadlines](https://bit.ly/study-abroad-deadlines)

If you want to study abroad on a...	Your application deadline is ...
Summer 2023 Faculty-Led Program	February 2, 2023
Fall 2023 Semester/Academic Year Exchange	February 15, 2023
Spring 2024 Semester / Calendar Year Exchange	September 15, 2023

Programs in **65+** locations around the world in:

- Europe
- Caribbean/Central America
- Asia
- Oceania
- Latin America

# Who can study abroad?

## Eligible

- Class standing: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students
- GPA:
  - 2.0 cumulative (FLP/SSA)
  - 2.5 cumulative (Semester +)
- Lower/upper division: complete lower division requirements and WST (or Directed Self Placement) to take upper division classes abroad

## Ineligible

- Academic Probation
- Disciplinary Probation

You may not go abroad if you are currently on academic or disciplinary probation (but you can apply); would need to complete by the time of the program



# Can I afford to study abroad?

- Costs to think about (depending on the program): SJSU tuition, housing, activities, transportation, insurance, passport and/or visa fees, personal expenses
- Must be enrolled full-time to use financial aid
- Talk with the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office ([sjsu.edu/faso/](https://sjsu.edu/faso/))
- Check out scholarships on our website ([bit.ly/study-abroad-scholarships](https://bit.ly/study-abroad-scholarships))
- Review specific cost information on the SAA website and the Spartans Abroad Portal

Financing Your Study Abroad  
session 9/20 at 12pm:  
[bit.ly/studyabroadfinance22](https://bit.ly/studyabroadfinance22)



# Budgeting Tips

- 1) List out anticipated costs based on program cost info (ex: tuition, program fee, personal expenses, airfare)
  - a) Compare the cost of living between San Jose and your program destination to estimate meals, transportation costs, etc. → check out numbeo.com ([numbeo.com/cost-of-living/](https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/))
  - b) Think about bills or responsibilities you will still have (ex: cell phone, car payment, etc.)
  - c) Research average airfare
  - d) Look at currency exchange rate (ex: [xe.com/currencyconverter/](https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/))
  - e) Check credit card foreign transaction fees
- 2) Identify available funds (financial aid, scholarships, savings, work, etc.)
- 3) Calculate amount needed (anticipated costs - available funds = amount needed)



# Financial Aid

- Must be enrolled to use financial aid
  - 12 units (full-time) for a semester
  - 6 units for summer (can be a combo with SJSU Special Session)
- Talk with the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office ([sjsu.edu/faso/](https://sjsu.edu/faso/))
- Summer aid can be limited (inquire during spring semester)
- Complete your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application early (priority deadline for maximum funding is March 2)
- Keep an eye on your To-Do list in your SJSU portal
- For semester/academic year programs - aid applied to any outstanding charges at beginning of each semester
- For more info: [sjsu.edu/faso/applying/study-abroad.php](https://sjsu.edu/faso/applying/study-abroad.php)



# SJSU Scholarships

Scholarship	Eligibility	Deadline	Amount
CHHS Dean's International Scholarships (3 scholarships)	CHHS student, acceptance in an SJSU-sponsored study abroad program, 2.5 cumulative GPA (for 1 scholarship)	March	Varies
Louie Barozzi Scholarship	3.25 cumulative GPA, participating in SJSU-sponsored program for minimum 5 weeks	April	\$1000
Lucas College of Business Scholarships	College of Business Major or Minor, accepted into an SJSU study abroad program	Students will be invited to apply after acceptance	\$750/semester \$1500/academic year
John Gilbert Scholarship	Political Science Major, full-time student, 3.0 GPA	Rolling	\$1000-\$7000
CoSS Dean's Study Abroad Scholarship	College of Social Sciences UG/GR major, 3.5 major GPA/3.0 cumulative GPA, upper division standing, must be matriculated at SJSU during the following fall term	March	Varies

# External Scholarships

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Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship	U.S. citizen, UG, receiving Pell Grant  Details: <a href="https://bit.ly/gilmanoverview">bit.ly/gilmanoverview</a>  Join the session on September 22 at 5pm to learn more!: <a href="https://bit.ly/gilmanoct22">https://bit.ly/gilmanoct22</a>	March 7, 2023 (Summer/Fall/AY 2023 and Spring 2024 programs)  Oct. 6, 2022 (Spring/Summer/Fall 2023 and AY 2023-24 programs)	Up to \$5000
Gilman-McCain Scholarship	U.S. citizen, UG, receiving Title IV federal financial aid, dependent of active duty military member(s)  Details: <a href="https://bit.ly/gilmanmccain">bit.ly/gilmanmccain</a>  Join the session on September 22 at 5pm to learn more!: <a href="https://bit.ly/gilmanoct22">https://bit.ly/gilmanoct22</a>	March 7, 2023 (Summer/Fall/AY 2023 and Spring 2024 programs)  Oct. 6, 2022 (Spring/Summer/Fall 2023 and AY 2023-24 programs)	\$5000
Boren Scholarship (UG) & Fellowship (Grad)	Focuses on locations/languages/ fields of study critical to U.S. national security; federal service requirement after graduation  Details: <a href="https://borenawards.org/apply-now">borenawards.org/apply-now</a>	Fellowship: January 11, 2023  Scholarship: January 18, 2023	Up to \$20k (fellowship)  Up to \$24k (scholarship)

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Fund for Education Abroad	U.S citizen/PR/DACA recipient, UG, min. 28 day program, preference for rigorously immersive programs, studying a language, non-traditional destinations, & students traditionally underrepresented in study abroad	January 2023 (summer/fall/AY programs) - apps open November 16, 2022  September 15, 2022 (spring 2023 programs)	Up to \$10,000
Fulbright U.S. Student Program	Graduate, for study/research or teaching, requirements vary	September	Fully funded
DAAD	UG and grad, study/research in Germany, requirements vary	Varies	Varies

# Finding Funding - Scholarships

- Use scholarship search engines
  - Institute of International Education Generation Study Abroad
  - StudyAbroad.com
  - We Make Scholars
  - College Board Fund Finder
  - Fastweb.com
- Other places to look:
  - SAA website
  - Your major department/college or Professional orgs in your major
  - Spartan Scholarship Application: [bit.ly/SJSUScholarships](https://bit.ly/SJSU Scholarships) (opens end of January)
  - Service groups (ex: Rotary International, Lions, Kiwanis)
  - Religious or community organizations (churches, banks, libraries, etc.)

More info here!: [bit.ly/findingSAAfunds](https://bit.ly/findingSAAfunds)

# Finding Funding - Fundraising

There are many ways you can fundraise to save up for your study abroad/away experience!

- Use a crowdfunding platform (GoFundMe, Kickstarter, IndieGoGo, FundMyTravel)
- Ask for study abroad funds rather than other birthday or holiday presents
- Partner with a campus organization you're involved in or that's related to your program destination to put on a fundraising event
- Get creative - send postcards or create a custom calendar with your photos for a fee
- Host a bake sale or offer to cater an event for friends/family
- Ask your networks to donate for every milestone you hit in a competition (ex: 10k, food contest, board game competition)
- Talk to local cultural groups/businesses that might help sponsor your program, in exchange for volunteering or supporting their products/service



# What should I start doing next?

- Think about your study abroad and away goals
- Book a meeting with a Study Abroad & Away Advisor ([bit.ly/saa-advising](https://bit.ly/saa-advising))
- Check out our programs ([goabroad.sjsu.edu](https://goabroad.sjsu.edu))
- Meet with your Major Advisor
- Apply for/renew your passport
- Take note of application deadlines
- Follow us on social media!: Instagram: @studyabroadsjsu | Facebook: @sjsustudyabroad
- Check out more events during Study Abroad Week! ([bit.ly/study-abroad-week](https://bit.ly/study-abroad-week))

The screenshot shows a navigation menu with five tabs: Program Overview, Location, Academics, Financial Info, and Resources. Below the tabs are two buttons: 'Apply Now' and 'Need Advising?'. A 'Helpful Links' section lists: Financial Aid Office, SJSU Course Catalog, MySJSU Account, Study Abroad & Away website, and Meet the Study Abroad & Away Staff. A blue bar at the bottom contains the text 'Dates / Deadlines:', which is circled in yellow.

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# How to reach me

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Website: [sjsu.edu/studyabroad](https://sjsu.edu/studyabroad)

Programs: [goabroad.sjsu.edu](https://goabroad.sjsu.edu)

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT: [vid.youcanbook.me](https://vid.youcanbook.me)

DROP IN ADVISING: **EOP Lounge**

**Tuesdays, 2 - 3 pm** (No appointment needed)

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Spring 2023  
**Weekly Drop-in Study Abroad Advising @ EOP**  
TUESDAYS  
2:00 - 3:00 PM  
EOP Lounge, CH 1st floor  
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# How to talk with your family?

