



## ***FINANCIAL AID AND SMU STUDY ABROAD***

This financial aid checklist will assist in your preparations to study abroad.

- File the 2014-2015 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), by May 1, 2014, if you have not done so already.
- Get approval to participate in SMU Abroad from the appropriate department
- Complete a Direct Deposit Form at your access.smu account so you may receive your refund electronically.

Student Center>MySFespace>Profile>Direct Deposit Form

- Complete the **Financial Aid SMU Abroad Information Sheet** (page 3 of this form) to request additional expenses be added to the cost of attendance for your program. Submit this form to your Financial Aid Advisor.

All pre-departure expenses must be paid by the student. No financial aid programs are available for program deposits, early purchase of airline tickets, passport application fees, etc.

### **Reminder**

#### **Invoice Statements**

- The invoice statement for the SMU Abroad program must be paid, or arrangements made for it to be paid, prior to your departure.

#### **Financial Holds**

- Financial holds with the Division of Enrollment Services include: library fines, parking tickets, Health Center charges, emergency loans, etc. must be paid before your departure.

### **Update Address**

- One of the most common oversights by students participating in one of the SMU Abroad programs is the failure to update their mailing address on Access.SMU

### **Loan Applications**

- If you will be using a student loan to fund your SMU Abroad program, you must complete the loan process before departure. That includes completing your Federal Direct Loan application AND signing/mailing the promissory note (**only for students who are borrowing a Direct Loan for the first time at SMU.**)

### **Pre-loan Counseling**

- All students who are **first time borrowers of loans at SMU** must complete loan entrance counseling online. Your completion of this process is a mandatory federal regulation.

### **Check Disbursements**

- Regulations prohibit the disbursement of financial aid loan funds more than 10 days prior to the official beginning of SMU school term. The SMU Division of Enrollment Services will apply your federal financial aid to SMU tuition, fees, room and board charges.

### **Refund checks**

- The Division of Enrollment Services-Student Financials will refund to you any financial aid that is greater than the balance due on your student account. Refunds can be sent electronically to your bank account (if you have set up direct deposit) or mailed as a paper check to your U.S. billing address. If you prefer that a paper check be mailed to a different address, contact the Division of Enrollment Services at 214-768-3417 and ask to speak to a Student Financial Specialist.

**Financial Aid**  
**SMU Abroad Information Sheet**

Please complete this information sheet for your SMU Abroad program and submit to your Enrollment Services--Financial Aid Advisor.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SMU ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Local phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. mailing address and phone number while abroad:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of the SMU program in which you will enroll: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of program: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Check the semester(s) you will be attending abroad:

Fall \_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_

Number of SMU semester credit hours you will receive through this program: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated round trip airfare: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (attach quote)

Estimated room and board not covered under program charges: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate)

Estimated personal/miscellaneous expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate)

Alternative travel expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Rail ticket/bus)

**Financial Aid to cover additional costs of your Program will be funded only by additional Student Loans, PLUS Loans or Private Educational Loans.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date