

## Financial Help for Study Abroad Expenses Prior to Financial Aid Disbursement

### Policy/Procedure

For students receiving financial assistance, it may be difficult to cover expenses (e.g. airfare, visa fees, travel vaccinations) with personal funds prior to financial aid being dispersed. In this case, students may apply for a "Bridge Loan," which is a loan from Dickinson College explicitly for this purpose for a credit-bearing Dickinson study abroad program. Inquiries and applications should be made to the Student Accounts Office a couple of weeks in advance of when you need the funds.

Bridge loans are not available to students with past due balances on their student account. Verification of pending financial aid to cover the amount of the Bridge Loan is part of the acceptance process for these loans. The Bridge Loan will appear as a charge on a student's account and will be paid off with financial aid once aid is dispersed. The cost of a bridge loan is 1.5% per month until your financial aid arrives to cover your balance.

For more information, or to apply for a Bridge Loan, students should inquire with:

*The Office of Student Accounts*  
*South College West*  
*Dickinson College*  
*(717) 245-1953*  
[stuacct@dickinson.edu](mailto:stuacct@dickinson.edu)

### Related Information

[https://www.dickinson.edu/homepage/1624/scholarships\\_for\\_global\\_study](https://www.dickinson.edu/homepage/1624/scholarships_for_global_study)

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