



**2017-2018 Global Education – Important Information**

**Before you go:**

- **File the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) (VT school code -003754) – this application applies to Fall 2017/Spring 2018 programs as well as 2017 winter session and the 2018 summer terms.
- **The Global Education Office will provide the cost of your program to our office.** USFA will update your cost of attendance to match the cost of the program. This adjustment in your cost will likely not result in a change in your current financial aid. It may increase eligibility for Parent PLUS or alternative/private loans.
- **Global Education must receive all program documentation by the dates below.** Failure to meet these deadlines will cause a delay in processing and financial aid award determination.

SEMESTER ABROAD	GLOBAL EDUCATION MUST RECEIVE ALL DOCUMENTS BY:
Fall Semester	June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Winter Session	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Spring Semester	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Summer Term (s)	March 1 <sup>st</sup>

- If you have program costs that are **due before financial aid can be disbursed**, **you** will be responsible for making arrangements to pay the up-front costs.
- There is **no guarantee** that financial aid will cover your costs for the program.
- Bilateral Exchange, ISEP, and non-VT programs require a separate **Consortium/Contractual Agreement** since they involve enrollment through another university or program. The VT Global Education Office handles these consortium agreements and any additional forms they require.
- **Not all financial aid may be used with consortium programs.** A financial aid advisor can determine if your particular type of aid can be used for your Global Education expenses.
- All requirements should be completed well in advance of the program departure date.

**Once you have arrived:**

- Per federal regulations, **financial aid cannot disburse** prior to the start of the Virginia Tech semester in which you are traveling.
- If you are attending Bilateral Exchange, ISEP, and non-VT programs requiring a Consortium or Contractual Agreement, an administrator from the host university must confirm your enrollment with the VT Global Education Office on the Verification of Enrollment Form which must be returned to the GEO. **Your financial aid will not disburse until you have reached your destination and officially begun classes and we have received this from.**
- **Set up direct deposit prior to departure.** This is the safest and most efficient way to receive your refund.

**When you return:**

- Transcripts from the host institution must be received and processed promptly. You will receive a **one semester grace period** in which you will be allowed to receive financial aid while your transcript is being sent from the host institution and evaluated by VT. No aid will be disbursed the second semester following your Global Education program until all transcripts are received and evaluated.