

Bates Financial Aid Policies for Semester and Year-Long Off-Campus Study Programs

Financial Aid is available for Bates Comprehensive Fee and Approved Independent Programs according to the same policies that apply to the aid recipient on campus and up to the amount that would have been provided if the student were enrolled on-campus that semester. Once the student has been accepted to a program, the Off-Campus Study Office calculates the cost of attendance. The Financial Aid Office uses this cost to calculate the amount of aid that the student receives for the semester or year abroad. If you qualify for Bates grant aid, the Financial Aid Office will issue a check in mid-July or mid-December. In most cases, the check is sent to your family, and your family is responsible for paying all the costs associated with off-campus study. The following costs are included in the calculation of your Cost of Attendance:

- Tuition and mandatory fees. (Note: *If attending an English language university, the costs are calculated on the cost of direct application and enrollment at the university. The extra costs of applying through Arcadia, Butler, and other programs are not eligible. The extra costs of optional academic or extracurricular activities are not eligible.*)
- Housing and food costs for the orientation and academic program. (Note: *These costs are calculated up to the cost of home stays with food options if a range of housing options is available. The cost of alternate housing is not included if more expensive than home stays. Dormitory costs are based upon accommodation in a double.*)
- Application fees.
- Books and supplies. (Note: *Students receive the full Bates allocation for books and supplies, except for those programs where books are included in program fee.*)
- An allocation for “personal expenses,” equal to the Bates personal expenses allocation. (Note: *This allocation is excluded if the program provides a personal expense allocation.*)
- Roundtrip transportation to the program. Costs are based on advance purchase, student fares. \$25 is provided for local travel expenses. (Note: *The cost of transportation is provided for one program only. If the student studies on two programs, this cost is for the first program. The one exception is when the student studies on a Bates FSA program and studies abroad a second time in the same language setting. On non-Bates programs, the cost of transportation is excluded if it is excluded from the student’s regular financial aid award.*)
- Off-Campus Study Fee. The College charges an “Off-Campus Study Registration Fee” equal to 7% of the Bates Comprehensive Fee for that semester except when students pay the full Bates Comprehensive Fee for their program.
- The Comprehensive Fee for the Bates Fall Semester Abroad programs and Off-Campus Short Term units includes the cost of visas. (Note: *On all other programs, the cost of visas is the student’s responsibility*)
- Work-study. Work-study is generally not available abroad. The expected work-study contribution is switched to loans for students with access to federal and state loans programs. For other students, fifty percent of the expected contribution is awarded as grant, fifty percent is the student’s responsibility.
- Students are encouraged to apply for non-Bates grants. You may use the grants to cover the work-study and loan portions of your financial aid package. You retain the remaining money unless your Bates grant and outside grant exceed the “Cost of Attendance.” (Merit awards as a result of academic performance on the program are divided equally between the student and Bates.)
- Awards are based on the anticipated costs and the currency exchange rate at the time of the calculation of the “Cost of Attendance.” They are not adjusted, upwards or downwards, unless exceptional cost or rate changes occur. Appropriate documentation is required.

The costs of passports, immunizations, health insurance, extra travel, and extra personal expenses while abroad are the student’s responsibility.