

Financial Roadmap: Fall & Academic Year Programs

✦ **Pay application fee: January – March (due date varies)**

\$50 application fee is charged to CUBill&Pay upon submission of “CU Boulder Education Abroad Application Fee (Agreement to Pay)” in your MyCUAbroad checklist.

✦ **Apply for scholarships: March/April (most scholarship deadlines)**

Many scholarship deadlines coincide with program application deadlines. Some scholarships have much earlier deadlines. The Buffs Abroad Scholarship has rolling decisions for most programs.

✦ **Submit contract in MyCUAbroad portal: Mid- to late March**

If accepted, contracts are due by mid/late March - contact your CU Education Abroad Program Manager if you need an extension. Once signed, deposit is charged to CUBill&Pay.

✦ **Pay deposit to CU: December - April (due date varies)**

\$550 program deposit is due by the next CUBill&Pay due date after you sign your contract. Standard late charges apply for late payment.

✦ **Pay deposit to program: March - May (due date varies)**

Due date varies based on acceptance date, but typically March-May. Not all students will owe an additional deposit; check directly with your program.

✦ **Purchase airline ticket: Varies**

Airfare should be purchased once instructed by the program or Program Manager – NOT before.*

✦ **Pay possible housing costs: Varies**

For programs that begin in June/July where the housing is not included in the program fee, you may pay for housing as well as meals and other personal expenses before your financial aid disburses.*

✦ **Balance appears on CUBill&Pay: July**

✦ **Financial aid and scholarships applied: August**

For programs that start before the fall CU Boulder semester, aid for eligible students disburses at the same time as aid disbursed to students taking Boulder campus classes. For programs that start later than the fall CU Boulder semester, aid is applied 10 days before the start of the program.**

✦ **Balance due through CUBill&Pay: September**

The program fee balance is due September 5th through CUBill&Pay. Standard late charges apply for late payment.

* *Pre-Departure Costs: Estimates for pre-departure costs such as an airline ticket, possibly visa charges and/or a housing deposit are reflected in the section “Estimated costs not included in Program Fee” of your [education abroad budget](#). Typically, these costs are eligible for financial aid but the timing of costs and aid disbursement can be problematic. Plan for these expenses as best as possible. If you have questions about covering these costs, meet with a counselor in the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) who can look at your circumstances and review your options. (Enter the OFA lobby area; explain you have in-depth education abroad questions and ask to sit with a counselor.)*

** *If the program fee is due before aid disburses (often the case for programs that have a later start date), students can refrain from paying the program fee (or portion of the program fee) until aid disburses. Late fees will be waived in these cases. Contact Ileana Olson if you fall into this category and end up with late charges.*

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