

Concordia Sponsored Programs

A student who is participating in a foreign exchange program will do so for one or two semesters. You will be charged a \$100 administrative fee as well as tuition at Concordia University, Irvine. You will pay housing and meal plan to the institution you attend as an exchange student.

FAQ's:

What types of aid can I use for the Foreign Exchange program?

Since you pay tuition to Concordia University, Irvine, you are eligible for all financial aid awarded to you, except work-study.

Will I receive enough Financial Aid to cover the entire cost of housing, meal plan, and personal expenses?

These expenses vary in cost. Often, we cannot offer enough Financial Aid (including loans) to adequately cover the cost. Realistically determine how you will afford expenses not covered by Financial Aid and explore alternative options or loans. Some expenses, such as vacation travel, cannot be included in your estimated educational expenses. You are not eligible for work study during your foreign exchange semester/year.

If I participate in a Foreign Exchange program for a semester, will I still receive Financial Aid for my remaining semesters at CUI?

The Financial Aid office awards students for an entire academic year, however, for the exchange semester, students are only eligible to receive the aid that is assigned to that semester. What this means is that you will still have financial aid for the semesters you attend CUI. This is discussed on an individual basis with your Financial Aid Counselor.

Can I receive more loan money the semester I study abroad?

Alternative Loans and/or Parent PLUS loans are available. However, Financial Aid uses the same budget for students at Concordia University and your foreign exchange costs may be above that budget. This is also discussed on an individual basis with your Financial Aid Counselor.

When is payment due?

Tuition payments are due the same date as all other Concordia University, Irvine students. Housing and meal plan due dates are determined by the foreign exchange institution you are attending. Some payments are due directly to your host institution before your semester begins. You will need to plan very carefully since your Financial Aid may not be available when these payments are due. Financial Aid for foreign exchange students is disbursed at the same time as regularly enrolled CUI students, permitted all Financial Aid documents have been completed and approved.

Please note: If there are any fees or deposits due in advance of our disbursement dates, you will have to pay these fees from your own funds!

How and when will I receive my Financial Aid?

Your Financial Aid will credit to your account the first day of classes at CUI; permitted all Financial Aid documents have been completed and approved. After all CUI charges are paid, any excess aid will be refunded as directed by you on the [Bursar's Office Study Abroad/Exchange Programs Agreement](#) (if

applicable, please complete and submit this form to the Bursar's Office). You may reimburse yourself if you have paid your foreign exchange institution in advance.

Please note: CUI does not mail funds overseas.

What deadlines must I meet?

You should submit your FAFSA by the March 2 priority deadline so that when you complete your Bursar's Office Study Abroad Agreement, your Financial Aid is already determined.

Please note: The processing of your Financial Aid can take 4 to 6 weeks after all the requested documents are submitted.

Who should I contact with Financial Aid questions?

If you have any questions about the study abroad Financial Aid process, please call 949-214-3066 or 949-214-3071 for Anna Rhodes. Any questions regarding your account, please contact the Bursar's Office at 949-214-3075, or email bursar@cui.edu.