

Policy on Semester Program Pricing and Financial Aid

(Effective Fall 2019)

Application Fee

To complete an application to a study away program, students must pay a \$50 non-refundable application fee. Students participating in multiple programs within the same academic year are required to pay separate application fees for each program.

Program Costs – Gateway and Featured

The cost to participate in Gateway and Featured semester study away programs typically includes:

PLU comprehensive fee for tuition, housing, most meals, study away insurance, and visa (if required) and up to \$750 toward airfare.

Additional expenses may include, but are not limited to, passport, partial round-trip international air travel, baggage fees, independent travel, meals not included in the program, cell phone and usage fees, personal spending money and recommended or required immunizations.

Please see the Wang Center for Global Education website for a complete listing of Gateway and Featured semester programs.

Program Costs – PLU-Approved

The cost to participate in PLU-Approved third party programs, offered by providers such as CIEE, IES Abroad, SIT, and others, varies by program. The cost to participate in these study away programs typically includes, but is not limited to:

- The program fee, as published by the provider
- A PLU administrative fee* of \$1,500 for semester, \$3,000 for academic year or \$200 for summer programs

Additional expenses may include, but are not limited to, passport and visas (including travel to consulate), round-trip international air travel, baggage fees, independent travel, housing deposits and/or surcharges, program excursions, lab or science course fees, optional add-ons and other program-specific surcharges, meals not included in the

program/supplemental meal plans, cell phone and usage fees, personal spending money, recommended or required immunizations, health plan deductibles, optional study tours, and local transportation to/from classes and optional trip cancellation insurance.

*The administrative fee covers direct services by PLU and the Wang Center in support of the study abroad experience. This includes membership dues, promotion, orientation and reentry expenses, carbon consciousness fees and program development.

Application Fee, Confirmation Payments and Cancellation

PLU Gateway and Featured, PLU short-term and PLU Approved study away programs require a non-refundable application fee, and the majority of these require a non-refundable confirmation payment. A student will forfeit all of these payments if withdrawal occurs. Additional fees may apply following cancellation; see program-specific cancellation policy for more details.

Financial aid will remain uninterrupted for students participating in all PLU Gateway or Featured programs. This includes State and Federal financial aid (with the exception of work-study), University grants and scholarships, and government loans. Other outside scholarships, grants and loans may not apply. Students must receive financial clearance from the University in order to participate in a study away program. PLU gift aid may be applied to an unlimited number of Gateway or Featured programs.

For students participating in Approved programs that are less expensive than PLU, PLU gift aid will be reduced accordingly. For students participating in Approved programs that are more expensive than PLU, PLU gift aid will remain unchanged.

PLU financial aid may be used for participation in only one Approved program experience (for either a semester or an academic year). Any exception to this policy must receive approval from the Global Education Committee.

Tuition exchange & tuition remission benefits do not apply to study away, except for PLU Gateway programs. Tuition exchange students accepted for these PLU-directed opportunities must pay for housing, meals, and all additional expenses associated with participation, including a supplemental fee for internships. Tuition exchange benefits do not apply to any other study away programs offered through third party providers, consortia, etc., as indicated in the Tuition Exchange offer letter. (Also see Tuition Benefits Policy, found at www.plu.edu/human-resources/documents)