

Off-Campus Student and the Office of Student Aid

Thinking about studying away? You can take your financial aid with you! Your family contribution* stays the same when you study away for a semester or for the year.

*Student Contribution + Parent Contribution = FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

How will your Bowdoin Scholarship** change?

In most cases, your family's contribution will remain the same as if you were at Bowdoin. However, you may see a decrease in your



FAQ

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Additional Bowdoin Scholarship replaces your on-campus work expectation during the semester(s) you decide to study away. The only exception is if replacing your work expectation with additional grant aid would exceed the amount you receive when you're on campus.

How are scholarships from my program or other sources in the same way as other outside scholarships? We recommend that you review our outside scholarship tip sheet, or contact the SAO if you have questions about your particular situation. You should notify the SAO of any scholarships you receive for your study away program, and we will incorporate your scholarship(s) into your financial aid at the time of notification.

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Please see the calendar to the right for approximate aid disbursement dates. Check in with your program to find out how you should let them know about your financial aid. Most programs have an aid deferral form that you and/or the SAO completes to notify the program of your forthcoming financial aid. This allows you to subtract your aid from the amount due and pay the remaining balance to your program by their published deadline. Your aid first covers Bowdoin's \$3,000 off-campus study fee and any Davenport Advance or other unpaid charges on your Bowdoin bill, so be sure to subtract those from your aid to determine the amount that will be available for your program.

PLEASE NOTE: Bowdoin's installment plan cannot be used for study away. Some programs may offer their own monthly installment option. Contact your program for more information.

How is financial aid transferred to a study away program?

The Bursar's Office handles this process. The dates below are approximate.



FALL STUDY AWAY	June	SAO notification of your financial aid
	July	Bursar's Office emails a link to complete the "Off-Campus Study Disbursement Survey"
	September 1	Your deadline to complete the survey
SPRING STUDY AWAY	October 1	Your aid is disbursed to the entity that you indicated on the survey
	November	SAO notification of your financial aid
	December	Bursar's Office emails a link to complete the "Off-Campus Study Disbursement Survey"
	February 1	Your deadline to complete the survey
	March 1	Your aid is disbursed to the entity that you indicated on the survey

Organization and Planning Checklist

- View and understand your financial aid for your time away
- Apply for outside scholarships through your program or other entities
- Complete "Off-Campus Study Disbursement Survey"
- Waive Bowdoin's health plan or apply for the aid credit
- Complete loan request process, if applicable
- Send SAO your program's financial aid deferral form
- Request Davenport Advance, if applicable
- Determine how your family plans to pay their share
- Meet with your aid counselor before finalizing your plans



Enjoy your study away experience!

Questions? Call us at (207) 725-3144, email us at sao@bowdoin.edu, or stop by Ashby House at 254 Maine Street.