What types of financial aid are available for a Consortium program?

Federal Direct Student Loans, Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans, Pell Grants, and Cal Grants are available for an academic year Consortium program. If you are not eligible for any of these types of awards, we may recommend private loans to you. UC Berkeley scholarships, grants, and gift aid are not available for Consortium programs.

How can I determine what kind of loan funding might be available to me for my Consortium program?

Please see the maximum annual limits for Federal Direct Loans in the chart to the right to determine the level of loan funding that may be available to you according to your year in college.

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Can I attend UC Berkeley and a different college, or two different colleges and universities, and still receive financial aid?

No. This is called "concurrent enrollment," and you will not qualify for financial aid to attend both programs. While you can certainly attend both programs, you can only apply for and receive aid for one program, and that program must meet the basic eligibility requirements below.

How do I apply for financial aid to attend an academic year Consortium program?

For instructions on the application process, please see the web page at: financialaid.berkeley.edu/study-abroad
What are the basic eligibility requirements for Consortium financial aid?

1. You need to **enroll as a full-time student** to qualify for financial aid. Full-time is 12 or more units.

2. Your **Campus Accounts Receivable System (CARS) account needs to have a $0 balance**. If any balance remains in your CARS account, your aid will be withheld until it has been cleared.

3. You **cannot be on the degree list for the term(s) in which you are participating in the Consortium program**. Your aid will be withheld until your name is removed from the degree list. Contact your college to be removed from the degree list.

4. You need to have an **active Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) account**. Sign up at [eftstudent.berkeley.edu](http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu).

What do I need to know about academic year Consortium financial aid?

- You need to **pay any registration fees or deposits** owed to the host campus before that host campus’s deadline. These expenses are not covered by financial aid.

- We advise you to **purchase a plane ticket, and any passport and visas well in advance of your departure date**. Financial aid will disburse to you only 10 days before the start date of your program, and any refund to you via EFT happens approximately 3 or 4 days later, which is not enough time to get a good deal on airfare, or to arrange for a passport and visa. Planning in advance for your trip is very important.

- You need to **pay the host-college, university, or program** after you receive your financial aid. UC Berkeley does not make payments on your behalf; we pay you, and then you need to pay the host campus you’re attending.

- You need to **request that a transcript of your coursework** be sent to UC Berkeley within 30 days after the completion of your program. All coursework needs to be posted to your UC Berkeley transcript within 6 months after the completion of your program, or you will be billed for your financial aid.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office website [financialaid.berkeley.edu](http://financialaid.berkeley.edu)

Email travelaid@berkeley.edu

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