

Undergraduate students with a declared first major in the College of Engineering* are eligible for [High Impact Experiences \(HIE\) funding](#) to cover estimated airfare for study abroad programs. While all eligible students will be considered, funding is not guaranteed, and priority will be given to students who have not previously utilized a travel award. Awardees may receive full or partial funding toward their airfare depending on the number of eligible students, the available budget, and the level of financial need. Questions regarding COE HIE Travel Award funding can be directed to [Brian Koehler](#).

Since the award amount is based on estimated airfare, students must provide the Study Abroad Office with accurate and up to date information regarding the chosen program and destination. In addition to this application, the Study Abroad Office will email all eligible students a brief Google form to confirm the program choice and destination closer to the scholarship decision date to ensure the accuracy of award amounts. Students who fail to complete the Google form sent by studyabroadships@ncsu.edu by the deadline communicated in the email will not receive travel awards.

If the program destination changes after an offer of an award has been made, the student must notify both bdkoehle@ncsu.edu and studyabroadships@ncsu.edu in writing. Federal regulations prevent students from being funded above the total cost of attendance, so if the airfare for the new program is less expensive the award amount may need to be revised. COE is unable to increase award amounts due to late program changes, as all budgeted funds will have already been allocated to other students.

Travel awards are processed by the College of Engineering and will be added to your MyPack account. If there is a balance on your account, the funds will reduce that balance, otherwise the funds will be disbursed to you as a direct deposit or a check to your address on file. Funds do not disburse until the beginning of the academic term of the study abroad experience. Recipients therefore will need to plan to pay for airfare up front and receive the travel award as a reimbursement.

*Graduate students, students with declared first majors in Paper Science & Engineering (PSE), Textile Engineering (TE), or Biological Engineering (BE), and students who paid tuition to UNCAshville or UNC-Chapel Hill for joint engineering programs are not eligible for COE HIE travel awards. Instead, these students should contact their departments directly to inquire about financial support.

I understand that in order to receive a COE HIE travel award:

- I must be an eligible undergraduate student with a declared first major in the College of Engineering
- I must complete a separate Google form emailed by the Study Abroad Office to confirm my program destination
- I must notify COE and the Study Abroad Office of any changes to my program destination after I accept the award
- Since funds will not disburse until the beginning of the academic term of my study abroad experience, I will need to pay for my airfare in advance and receive the travel award amount as a reimbursement