

## FINANCIAL AID PROCESS FLORENCE 2025 – Preliminary Information

If you qualify for financial aid, then you can use it to help pay for your study abroad experience! But in order to receive your financial aid, you must take some extra steps. If you don't take them, you won't receive your financial aid while studying abroad.

Right now it's too soon to take these steps for the Florence Spring 2025 program; more details will be available here later (either late spring 2024 or early fall 2024). But just to give you a heads up on what to expect:

- **UPDATE YOUR FAFSA.** You'll want to make sure your FAFSA is up-to-date. When the time comes, be sure you have filled out your FAFSA for 2024/2025, preferably by early March 2024.
- **CONSORTIUM SCHOOL CODES ON FAFSA IF YOU RECEIVE THE CALIFORNIA PROMISE GRANT.** When you are studying abroad, you'll almost certainly be taking classes not just from SRJC, but from other schools in our consortium. If you receive the California Promise Grant, your SRJC financial aid code will already be on your FAFSA—but it won't show on the other schools you might be taking a class through. Therefore, you'll be given the financial aid codes of the other schools and instructed to go to your FAFSA and put in those codes so you can get into their system and still receive the CA Promise Grant if you wind up taking a class through them.
- **CONTACTING OUR STUDY ABROAD SPECIALIST IN FINANCIAL AID.** For our purposes, it's important to note that by financial aid, we are not referring to scholarships (such as the Doyle, for example), but rather are referring to grants, such as the Pell Grant or Cal Grant. In order to receive any of this financial aid that you qualify for, you'll need to email SRJC's Study Abroad financial aid specialist, Lauren Coburn, and let her know that you are enrolled in the Florence Study Abroad program. Later in the fall semester, Lauren will have some special forms for you to fill out. These forms will verify that you are taking some classes through another school in our Consortium and that you will therefore have a combined total of 12 units. Without these forms, you won't receive financial aid while studying abroad.