Financial Roadmap: Summer Programs

Pay application fee: January - March (due date varies)
$50 application fee is charged to CUBill&Pay upon submission of “CU-Boulder Study Abroad Application Fee (Agreement to Pay)” in your MyCUAbroad checklist.

Apply for scholarships: March/April (most scholarship deadlines)
Many scholarship deadlines coincide with program application deadlines. Some scholarships have much earlier deadlines. The Buffs Abroad Scholarship has rolling decisions for most programs.

Submit contract in MyCUAbroad portal: Mid- to late March
Contract due dates vary widely. Many have due dates as strict as 1 week after acceptance, or are due by mid/late March at the latest. Contact your CU Study Abroad Program Manager if you need an extension. Once signed, deposit is charged to CUBill&Pay.

Pay deposit to CU: December - April (due date varies)
$550 program deposit is due by the next CUBill&Pay due date after you sign your contract. Standard late charges apply for late payment.

Pay deposit to program: March - May (due date varies)
Due date varies based on acceptance date, but typically March-May. Not all students will owe an additional deposit; check directly with your program.

Purchase airline ticket: Varies
Airfare should be purchased once instructed by the program or Program Manager – NOT before.

Balance appears on CUBill&Pay: May

Financial aid and scholarships applied: May
For programs that beginning before the start of summer classes on the Boulder campus, aid will be disbursed at the same time as aid disbursed to students taking classes on Boulder campus. For programs that start later than the start of summer classes, aid is applied 10 days before the start of the program.*

Balance due through CUBill&Pay: June
The program fee balance is due June 5th through CUBill&Pay. Standard late charges apply for late payment.

*If the program fee is due before aid is disbursed (often the case for programs that have a later start date), students can refrain from paying the program fee (or portion of the program fee) until aid is disbursed. Late fees will be waived in these cases. Please contact Ileane Olson if you fall into this category and end up with late charges.

** Pre-Departure Costs: You will have costs such as an airline ticket, possibly visa charges, and in some cases, a housing deposit. Estimates for these costs are reflected in the second section “Estimated costs not included in Program Fee” of your study abroad budget (Finances > Individual Program Costs). Typically, these costs are eligible for financial aid but the timing of costs and aid disbursement can be problematic. Plan for these expenses as best as possible. If you have questions about covering these costs, meet with a counselor in the Office of Financial Aid who can look at your circumstances and review your options. (Enter into the Office of Financial Aid lobby area; explain you have in-depth study abroad questions and ask to sit with a counselor.)