

Center for Global Programs and Studies

Message announcing Home School Tuition Model for Affiliate Programs

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Dear WFU Students with Active Study Abroad Applications,

Following the severe impacts to our study abroad/away programs brought on by the pandemic, Wake Forest has been able to successfully resume our global study programming this fall semester on both our WFU and Affiliate programs. As you may know, we offer WFU-sponsored programs in targeted locations with specific academic themes, as well as Affiliate (non-WFU) program opportunities which span the globe with a diversity of academic offerings. We are now eagerly preparing for a continuation of these programs in spring 2022. The return of such a vital component of the undergraduate experience has been invigorating for students, faculty, staff, and everyone who values international education and intercultural exchange.

As we look to the future and drawing from lessons learned as a result of the pandemic, Wake Forest is committed to making study abroad/away an even more integral and viable educational opportunity for all of our undergraduates and to ensuring that students on all abroad programs (both WFU and Affiliate) receive the most comprehensive and optimal services from the home campus. Therefore, the University will be implementing a home school tuition approach in which students on Affiliate abroad/away programs will pay Wake Forest tuition, with housing and meal fees (if applicable) billed directly to the student by the Affiliate program provider or host institution. This approach, followed by a majority of our peer schools, will enable study abroad/away to be equally accessible to all students and will provide the resources to fully support all WFU students (whether on WFU or Affiliate programs) before, during, and after their abroad/away experience.

This home school tuition model will allow the University not only to continue providing institutional financial aid to students when they study abroad/away on Affiliate programs, but also to provide scholarships previously available exclusively to students on Wake Forest-sponsored programs. As is currently the case, all costs associated with study abroad/away will be factored in for purposes of financial aid/scholarships. The existing study abroad/away enrollment fee for Affiliate programs (i.e. 12% of Wake Forest semester tuition) will no longer be charged.

This change will take effect beginning in the fall semester of 2022 and will apply to all future semester and summer Affiliate programs. For additional information, please review these <u>FAQs</u>.

Sincerely,

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