**Financial Aid INFO for Study Abroad Students Venice/Florence 2018**

FAQ’s

**1) Do I need to be on OSAP in order to get financial aid for the trip?**

Yes, You need to be on OSAP (or other provincial student aid plan) in order to qualify for financial aid from OCADU – so if you are not, complete your OSAP application as a first step. The DEADLINE is APRIL 16th. You will find out if you have OSAP about 5 days before the duration starts (check online for Summer Registration – usually in early March).

**2) What if I’m already on OSAP?**

Then you are already eligible for summer funding. There will be an automatic extension of OSAP into summer once you register.

**Important:** You need to make sure that you have checked off the YES box on the application question that asks if you would *like to be considered for bursaries*.

**3) What about part-time and full-time OSAP?**

If you register for the 1.0 credit Future of Inhabited Form course ONLY, then you will be eligible for part-time OSAP, which will ONLY cover tuition costs.

If you add one more course later in the summer, so that you are taking 1.5 credits over the summer term, you will be eligible for full-time OSAP, which provides more funds for living expenses, etc. as usual.

**Important:** If you are part-time, you have to be here at OCADU on May 15th to personally pick up and sign your Loan document, and take it to a post office. Once this is done, it takes about a week to get your funding (into your bank account). If you are full-time, this is done online.

**4) What is the deadline to apply for Bursaries? How do I apply?**

Go to AWARDSPRING online, in your Student links. The deadline to apply for Bursaries is May 25. So you will not be able to rely on bursaries as a certainty, since the course starts in Venice on May 28th.

If you qualify for OSAP the chances are good of receiving a bursary (usually not less than $500) – they are based on your specific financial details. You will find out sometime in June whether you receive them.

**5) What if I am an international student?**

There are some very limited funds in Summer Bursaries, you apply through AWARDSPRING online. Also see next point on additional funding.

**6) Additional funding possibility**

There are also some grants from a special pool of funds Professor Stuart Reid has raised for study abroad travel. International students will be eligible for these grants, along with everyone else. At time of application/portfolio submission, please state in your letter of intent that you wish to apply for financial assistance (only if you have real need – this is an honour system so please do not ask if you do not really need the help). The grants will be distributed carefully, based on portfolio ranking and stated need.

**7) Additional questions?**

Email or visit the Financial Aid office, or call:

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