



## Financial Assistance for Students Interested in Attending a Semester Abroad through UW– Stevens Point

### Where to Apply

#### ***Students planning to receive their degree from UW- Stevens Point:***

If your “home campus” is UW- Stevens Point (meaning that you will continue your education at UWSP and receive your degree there), you should contact the Financial Aid Office at UWSP for the necessary information regarding how to go about receiving an additional loan for the special expenses associated with your study abroad.

**It is possible for students to receive additional loans under the Stafford, Parent PLUS or Alternative Student Loan Programs to help finance their education while they study abroad. Please see our website for details.**

#### ***Students who will not receive a degree from UWSP:***

If you are a visiting student or “guest matriculant” at UW-Stevens Point and will be returning to another home campus to receive your degree, you must contact the Financial Aid Office at your home campus to arrange for aid through a Consortium Agreement with UWSP. With this arrangement, your home campus provides the aid for your study abroad at UWSP. Not all campuses are willing to undertake such an arrangement, but you will not know this unless you inquire at the Financial Aid Office at your home campus. If they are unwilling to aid you by this means, you will not receive financial aid for your study abroad through UWSP unless you transfer in.

#### ***Changing Your Home Campus to UW – Stevens Point:***

Some students from other campuses find it desirable to enroll regularly at UW- Stevens Point as transfer students finishing their education and receiving their degree from UW- Stevens Point. In this manner they may be considered for financial assistance as a UW- Stevens Point student both for the semester abroad and thereafter. If you wish to do this, you should apply for admission as a regular transfer student without delay.

#### **A Final Note:**

It takes time to process an aid application. The overall processing of your application forms and the awarding and vouchering of your checks can take anywhere from 4-6 week, depending upon the time of year, the type of aid involved, the completeness of the forms, and the need to verify information. This is due largely to the fact that the efforts of a lot of people in different places have to be coordinated before a final check can be issued (you, the various school officials, the lender, the state aid agency, the federal Office of Education and the need processor). It is important that you plan well ahead and apply early for the aid you need.