



Morehouse College Office of International Education
Direct Payment Policy for Academic Term Study Abroad
Effective, Summer 2023

In June 2023 the Offices of Business and Finance and International Education agreed that Morehouse College will provide direct payment for tuition, fees, as well as room and board (whenever possible). Thus, the total amount paid directly by the college to partners will reflect costs for *tuition and fees* or *tuition, fees, room and board*. The determination of which costs will be paid will depend upon the program and individual circumstances of the student studying abroad.

Direct Payment of Tuition, Fees, Room, & Board

Morehouse College students studying abroad for an academic term will be charged the standard tuition and fees, and where applicable, room and board, paid for by all full-time, residential students at the College.

Direct Payment of **Tuition, Fees, Room and Board**

In the case where the College is providing direct payment for tuition, fees, room, board, including deposits, the Office of International Education recommends that the total amount allocated by Morehouse College is the total amount of Morehouse tuition, fees, room, and board minus \$500. The exact amount available will vary depending upon the total amount of costs for the academic year.

Students will be required to select from housing options identified by the program partner in order for room and board to be billed to the College. In exceptional cases, should a student opt out of the housing and/or meal options available through the provider, the student will be required to sign a waiver releasing the College from its responsibility to ensure fair and reasonable accommodation.

Direct Payment of **Tuition and Fees**

In the case where the College is providing direct payment for tuition and fees, including deposits, the Office of International Education recommends that the total amount allocated by Morehouse College to support the study abroad experience is the total amount of Morehouse College tuition and fees minus \$500. The exact amount available will vary depending upon the total amount of tuition and fees for each academic year.

External Scholarships to Support Study Abroad

Some students receive external scholarships to support their academic term study abroad. These are funded scholarships provided by individuals or organizations seeking to reduce costs for students participating in academic term study abroad. The external scholarship may be applied by the funder to

the students' Morehouse College account or applied directly to the student's account at the host institution/partner, thereby reducing the costs and subsequent direct payment made by Morehouse to the partner institution.

Scholarships granted to students by external organizations (e.g., the partnering study abroad organization, Benjamin Gilman, and/or other sources with vested interest in students' academic and financial wellbeing) will be used to reduce the study abroad program fee billed to the student by Morehouse College. The reduction in fees billed to the student will be commensurate with the amount of the scholarship awarded.

Withdrawal Policies and Penalties

Some host universities and/or study abroad programs have very strict withdrawal policies and penalties. These policies vary by university and/or study abroad program. However, in general, students should expect to pay a large penalty for dropping out of a study abroad program after a specified date. Students and families are responsible for paying all penalties and fines imposed by the program. The College will not absorb any such fees on any student's behalf. The College will not refund any tuition that is not refunded to the College by the study abroad program. To avoid fines, penalties, and loss of tuition funding that result from late withdrawals, students and families are advised to communicate, as early as possible, directly with the study abroad program about the financial implications of withdrawing from the program. The Office of International Education can assist students in learning specific program guidelines and in communicating with study abroad partners.