1. Start saving **now**!
2. Apply for an International Study Programs scholarship.
   - Apply online by the program application deadline.
   - Awards are generally based on need, though there are some exceptions.
3. Check with UVU Financial Aid on how you can apply grants or loans to study abroad.
   - For example, you can go to school part time (or not at all) in the fall or spring and apply your unused grants or loans to summer semester.
4. Send letters to friends, relatives, friends of the family, acquaintances, old teachers, co-workers, professors...and THEIR contacts!
   - One of our 2013 students raised $2,400 using this method.
   - Head to the UVU Writing Center in the Library (LI 208) if you need help writing this letter!
5. Waive all holiday and birthday gifts; request financial gifts instead.
   - Instead of a $20 gift card, ask for $20 toward your experience!
6. Check with local businesses.
   - Just remember, if they want to donate directly to YOU, they cannot use it as a tax write-off. If they want to write off the donation, they have to donate through the UVU Foundation, and it has to go into the program account and be disbursed among all participants.
7. Have a fundraising event!
   - Talent show, art show, concert, auction using donated items from local businesses, 5K, tournament, dance party, cook off, carwash, luau, etc.
   - Work with other students in your program!
8. Tap into your hometown resources.
   - Check with community groups and alumni associations from your hometown, county, or state. Research local civic groups such as Rotary, Elks, Kiwanis, Lions, or other charity organizations who might sponsor you.
9. Connect with your place of worship.
10. Ask a sorority, fraternity, or campus organization/club to donate.
11. Ask family members or friends to donate frequent flyer miles.
12. Crowdsource!
   - (Be aware, these sites usually take a percentage of what you raise.)
   - Network via social media platforms.
13. Run errands for people who don’t have time or can’t do them on their own.
   - Pick up groceries.
   - Drop off/pick up dry cleaning.
   - Yard work/lawn service.
   - Walk dogs.
   - Clean homes.
   - Wrap gifts for the holidays or birthdays!
14. Work a seasonal job.
   - Many local businesses hire temporary part-time employees over the holiday season.
15. Babysit.
16. Live on the cheap while abroad.
17. If it’s not in the cards this time around, save up and go next time!