Purpose
OS-HELP is a loan that assists eligible students, who are based in Australia, to undertake some of their study overseas. Students may receive funds for a six-month period for one or two overseas study periods, to assist with a range of expenses such as airfares and accommodation.

Eligibility
To be eligible for OS-HELP assistance, a student must:
- be an Australian citizen, an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder **or** a New Zealand citizen who has been a long-term resident of Australia since childhood and meet certain eligibility criteria (see the [Study Assist](#) website for details); and
- be undertaking a course of study as a Commonwealth supported student leading to a higher education award at Flinders University; and
- have successfully completed at least 36 units of study undertaken in Australia towards the course of study for which the assistance is being sought; and
- be undertaking full-time study overseas; and
- have their overseas study count as credit towards their course of study; and
- be required to undertake at least 4.5 units of study in order complete their course of study on return from their overseas study.

OS-HELP assistance will not be granted to a student who:
- has received OS-HELP on more than one other occasion; or
- has been granted an OS-HELP loan for an overlapping six month study period.

Application
Applications must be submitted online through the Student System. The application form is called "OS-HELP", or you can search for it by the keyword "Exchange".

Selection
Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be ranked on the basis of academic merit which will be determined by the GPA for the most recent 36 units of study; and the extent to which the applicant's Flinders University studies will benefit from the proposed program of overseas study. Preference will be given to students undertaking an exchange program approved by the Flinders University International Office. Selection will be made by a Selection Committee comprising the Director, Student Administration and Systems or nominee and members of the International Scholarships Committee. Applicants for OS-HELP will be notified in writing of the outcome of the selection process within two months of the application closing date. Successful applicants will receive a letter of offer detailing the conditions of receiving an OS-HELP Loan.

Amount of OS-HELP Assistance
The amount of OS-HELP assistance paid to each selected student will be the amount the student has applied for, but shall not exceed;
- $7,921 (if you will not be studying in Asia); or
- $9,504 if you will be studying in Asia; and
- An additional $1,263 if you will be undertaking an Asian language study, specifically in preparation for study in Asia.

Note that the loan for language studies must be for non-award study, which does not form part of your course/credit of your overseas study or university degree.

Tenure and payment

OS-HELP assistance is granted for a single six month study period. A six month study period is taken to commence on the first day that a student commences their study with an overseas higher education institution. A student undertaking a second six month study period that is a continuation of a first six month study period may apply for the two loans concurrently. However, the student may only be tentatively selected to receive OS-HELP for the second six month study period. Before payment can be made, selected students must meet the eligibility criteria, complete and sign an OS-HELP debt confirmation form and provide a valid Tax File Number (TFN). Selected students must advise Student Finance Services of any changes to their circumstances that would make them ineligible for OS-HELP assistance.

Withdrawal of OS-HELP Assistance

Offers of OS-HELP assistance will be withdrawn:

*   if a selected student fails to provide a valid TFN or a Certificate of Application for a TFN; or
*   if a selected student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified above and the student has yet to be paid their OS-HELP assistance; or
*   if a selected student has provided false and misleading information as part of their OS-HELP application and the student has yet to be paid their OS-HELP assistance.

Advertising

The availability of the scholarship will be described on the University website.