

Response Summary: Economic Impact Survey March 22, 2009

Total Started Survey: 162
 Total Completed Survey: 133 (82.1%)

Page: Basic Information

1. Organization type:			
		<i>answered question</i>	162
		<i>skipped question</i>	0
		Response Percent	Response Count
Program provider		17.9%	29
2-year college		4.3%	7
4-year college or university		48.1%	78
Master's level university		11.7%	19
Doctorial university		8.0%	13
Research university		9.9%	16
2. We accept/send applications from:			
		<i>answered question</i>	158
		<i>skipped question</i>	4
		Response Percent	Response Count
Only students from our own university		42.4%	67
Only students from outside colleges & universities (providers)		12.7%	20
Both students from our own and outside colleges & universities		44.9%	71
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1. We don't see an impact yet, although our degree seeking undergraduate international student numbers are down.
2. No statistically significant differential.
3. We are currently seeing an increase in participation.
4. I would have to say no, all programs have been impacted.
5. Our applications are not coming in as fast as usual. Students are also not completing their applications. Even though in some cases the cost for a summer session abroad is less than the cost of those credits by themselves for an out of state student. I think students aren't even looking at it because they assume it is too expensive.
6. Yes, students are scared, at least their parents are, about how to pay for their study abroad experiences.
7. No - applications are up
8. Short term programs seem to be hit the most
9. Impacting all in general
10. We are seeing more study abroad and intern abroad students due to the economic downturn. They want to be competitive in the job market when they graduate and of course we counsel them that this is an excellent way to gain experience. Students are also volunteering abroad for the same reason. We are seeing a downturn in adventure trips because of the economy.
11. No; both groups are being badly affected.
12. I have not seen a significant difference.
13. This is the first year that we have had a centralized application system, so I'm not sure if there is a difference between the 2 groups.
14. I would say yes, but I don't have any hard evidence. Applications are down.
15. We are actually experiencing slight growth in enrollment from both public and private institutions. There has been a slight dip in numbers from our partner institution, but student numbers from outside institutions is up close to 5%.
16. not sure at this point
17. Hard to say. I think it is both
18. No
19. We also rent beds to outside providers, and their summer programs appear to be doing significantly worse than our own (as far as we can tell).
20. At this point we have not seen an impact. In fact, numbers may have increased because students who have not found a coop job placement for the summer quarter are choosing study abroad.
21. I think the economy is impacting both groups though I cannot say exactly to which level.
22. For fall term 2009 semester study, we do think the economy has had an impact on who is going and for how long.
23. I work for DBS, a private college in Dublin, Ireland. We actively recruit students for semester and summer abroad programs. To date, the only evidence I have that the economy is having an impact is a summer program that was cancelled due to low enrollment. We have presumed the economy had a lot to do with it not "taking off" as in summers past especially given the large number of students at the US institution spreading the word about their experience.
24. It seems as if the economy is hurting our short-term faculty-led (summer) programs the most and we do have several long-standing and popular programs that do not look like they will 'make'.
25. I have not noticed a difference with our semester programs (aid is carried over) but it seems to be impacting our summer programs
26. Unsure.
27. N/A
28. We seldom have no more than 5 students per year from other institutions going on our programs. We provide for our own students.
29. Seems to be impacting our summer programs more than semester programs.
30. We send primarily students from our own university, but allow participation from students at other universities in some of our programs (mostly faculty-led programs).
31. Not that we can tell as of now.
32. We just began recruiting students from other univ, and the price tag of the programs are higher for them. Their univ is not allowing aid to follow them on our program (due to economic situation), thus, most students are reluctant. But, we are finding interest, nonetheless.
33. No
34. enrollments are down
35. Doesn't seem to be.
36. At this point it is impossible to tell. We have not seen anything we could identify as a trend.
37. No, we have not seen any changes yet.
38. N/A
39. Middle class, those not eligible for much if any aid.
40. No
41. We estimate that we will be down about 5% this year, though we will not know for sure for a while. We have not noticed a difference between the groups.
42. No
43. I do think our numbers will be lower than last year for both summer and fall programs. We are offering six short-term, faculty-led programs this summer. Students waited until two days before the deadline to apply for the programs. We went from having zero applicants to 14-15 for some of our programs. We're cancelling a new program in Prague and have extended deadlines for a couple of repeat programs in Mexico and Spain.
44. Neither...We use program providers
45. I don't think so, yet. Our scholarship application numbers are WAY down for our summer programs (normal number of scholarship applications is about 30; this term we had 10). For our fall 09 and academic year 09-10 scholarship round, we had a normal turnout.
46. We have not experienced a decrease in numbers participating at this point (hope it stays that way).
47. Since most of our applicants have to get approval from their schools 6 months to a year in advance, we have seen only a small drop in numbers as yet. However there are strong warning signs that this coming year is going to be when reality hits, both for schools and students.
48. We've seen a decline in our own student's participating in study abroad. In particular, it has been harder to fill the faculty-led programs.
49. yes
50. No. in fact there seems to be increased interest

51. We are right on target for Fall 2009.
52. Not yet.
53. Too soon to tell. Thus far, we have not seen fewer students applying to study away on our own programs, but we have seen a reduction in the number of students studying on programs not run by our institution.
54. Probably more of our own community college students
55. We are starting from an average of 5 students yearly going abroad so i have not tracked variations within that "group". What we are seeing this year is a general increase overall. i think we will hit 20 students, a 4X increase. The main difference is that this year 10 students, as of now, are going on a single service-learning program. The first service-learning program ever operated here.
56. No
57. Spring 2009 numbers were down all around, but Fall 2009 is looking strong so far.
58. The economy has directly impacted our programs. Faculty have had to cancel their programs and students who had initially committed over the holidays (including paying the non-refundable deposit) have had to drop out.
59. External numbers are not very big, so no real noticeable change.
60. A few students cancelled on programs for this semester but we see no trend. There is no impact so far that is clearly traceable to the economic crisis.
61. We have seen minimal impact for both groups.
62. Overall numbers are equal or up compared to last year. Program duration however seems to be shifing to short-term summer/winter term programming in larger numbers.
63. I few students have pulled out this spring due to "economic considerations", and while the number are lower than the past two springs, I think that the lower numbers are just part of the up and down cycle
64. San Diego City College is part of two study abroad consortia for semester-length programs. Our numbers have dropped significantly in our participation in these consortium programs. (We are an inner city college with a significant number of financially disadvantaged students). We also run our own Spanish immersion program to Mexico every summer. The numbers were fine for summer 08; maybe because we also accept faculty, staff, and members of the community. It is too early to tell what numbers will be for summer 09 since people seem to sign up relatively late but I can say that I don't have any applications yet for our four-week program, (only one app for our two-week program which doesn't give credit for a regular Spanish class).
65. Semester numnbers are down but short-term is up! This is a trend, however, that we have been experiencing from before the current economic crisis.
66. No significant difference seen
67. No.
68. We have not seen a significant effect.
69. Our study tour (short-term, faculty led) numbers have decreased, but our semester and year numbers are higher than ever.
70. No differences
71. Not that we've seen yet, though we keep waiting for the shoe to drop so to speak.

Page: Summer Programs

3. Are you experiencing a decline in SUMMER program applications?			
	<i>answered question</i>	135	
	<i>skipped question</i>	27	
		Response Percent	Response Count
No, application numbers are exceeding those of last year.		20.7%	28
No, application numbers are the same as last year.		27.4%	37
Yes, we are experiencing a slight decline in applications.		17.8%	24
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 10% decline in applications.		9.6%	13
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 20% decline in applications.		9.6%	13
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 30% decline in applications.		5.9%	8
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 40% decline in applications.		3.7%	5
Yes, we are experiencing more than a 40% decline in applications.		5.2%	7

3. Are you experiencing a decline in SUMMER program applications?

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1. We anticipate numbers will be the same as last year. We don't have figures yet.
2. Numbers last year were not good, with only two programs traveling after the Spring semester. I have one for sure this summer and two still undecided (as of 3/18).
3. We are baffled by the increase in summer enrollment. Especially for our most expensive program to Rome.
4. Increasing promotion to students and the availability of a scholarship are contributing factors to the increase.
5. We do not track summer applications
6. I attribute this partially to the fact that we have fewer programs than last year.
7. We still have two weeks to until our deadline. Our program at Oxford's enrollments are higher than usual while other programs that are always popular are not seeing the same number of applications. Last year was the first year we started to keep track of numbers by week to do a comparison for this year so we don't have much data to compare but we are down.
8. Most summer trips are full, or near full. Some, however, have been canceled. Some students are opting for these trips rather than doing semester long trips.
9. We are implementing our first faculty-led program this Spring and did not have difficulty recruiting students.
10. Early indications suggest that summer applications could be down about 10%.
11. Compared to this time last year, we are ahead in enrollments for our summer, faculty-led programs by a little over 25%. However, financial aid has not yet been dispersed and we get the bulk of our cancellations at that time (April-May).
12. We do not run summer programs.
13. We don't administrate summer program apps.
14. But it is difficult to tell if this is due to the reduction of programs we are running or the economy or both.
15. There seems to be a normal ebb and flow of enrollments at my school. So it's difficult to determine if the downturn is because of the economic situation or if it's "just time" for a lower enrollment.
16. Summer programs of 7 to 8 weeks are seeing a larger decline than the 4-week summer programs. Our students cannot use any financial aid for summer programs.
17. Comparing data from the same period last year, we are down tremendously but our application deadline hasn't passed and I know that we are still waiting for more applications. We're praying we break even with last year's numbers.
18. Many fall term students have opted for summer term instead, presumably because of the economy.
19. see previous comments re: cancelled program
20. Applications for the majority of our programs do to the departments, so it is hard to say.
21. Students may be seeing our summer programs as more affordable than full semesters.
22. We still don't have final summer numbers yet, and we only track undergrad numbers.
23. We do not do summer programs
24. For our 2 institutionally-run programs.
25. Thinking specifically of faculty-led programs, applicant numbers depend heavily on who is leading a particular program. In general, summer faculty-led program applications are at least holding steady, and in some cases, increasing slightly.
26. However, students are still waiting to hear about their summer aid awards. I expect students to cancel if the award won't cover majority of costs.
27. To clarify...our numbers for the summer are exceeding those of last year in February (not exceeding our final summer numbers yet).
28. We're running a summer program for the first time in over 15 years, so our numbers for summer are up.
29. Our deadline is not until Feb. 23, so it is a bit early to tell, but it seems, from current numbers, that we will see a considerable decline.
30. Hard to tell, as the deadlines are still a month out. But no drastic difference thus far.
31. We notice that students (and parents!) 'want' to go, but are unable to commit to program that are in their minds 'so far off into the future'.
32. Much of the decline is due to programs that run bi-annually, although there are a few that are seeing lower numbers. Applications for many of our summer programs are still coming in.
33. No changes yet.
34. Too early to tell for sure.
35. We estimate that this will be around 5%
36. Can't say as our summer program applications are not due until March 13th and our students tend to wait until the last minute to turn things in.
37. We are also offering about 30% less faculty led programs this summer.
38. We do not deal with summer applications.
39. We have had to cancel one of our two summer faculty led programs due to lack of enrollment.
40. We do not handle summer programs.
41. However, we have two of our own faculty led programs that are full.
42. We are anticipating a slight decline, but it is difficult to know at this point. Also, one of our summer programs offers scholarships, so this program may actually help our numbers.
43. To early to comment
44. Hard to judge - last year staff turnover - no marketing done until Nov/Dec
45. I wouldn't use the term "applications," but instead participation.
46. More are interested than ever before
47. More committed students than in the past have had to drop out.
48. We do not do summer programs

49. Answered in previous question.
50. We are seeing a decline in our regular partner programs, however all but one of our faculty-led programs are a go.
51. We do not process summer program applications- students participate independently.
52. We do not offer summer programs

4. Are there increased numbers of students withdrawing from SUMMER programs due to finances after completing the application?			
<i>answered question</i>			118
<i>skipped question</i>			44
			Response Count
			Response Percent
No, student withdraws are the same or less than last year.			78
Yes, we are experiencing a slight slight increase in withdraws.			23
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 10% increase in withdraws.			7
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 20% increase in withdraws.			8
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 30% increase in withdraws.			1
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 40% increase in withdraws.			0
Yes, we are experiencing more than a 40% increase in withdraws.			1
			46

1. Last year, very few students withdrew after applying. Our problems were that not enough applied in most cases. This year, I'm seeing applications for the programs but students are saying that they can't afford it once they've been approved.
2. n/a
3. Most students site economic reasons, however those who site other reasons for withdrawing are primarily citing medical emergency or issues with getting time off from work. I suspect the students are unwilling to admit they are experiencing economic hardship. At the very least it indicates that they do not see study abroad as a priority when it comes to their finances.
4. We haven't gotten to that yet.
5. Too soon for us to tell
6. It is early for students to withdraw from their summer programs. We will see them in about a month.
7. Our cancellation rate is 2.7% versus a higher number for last year, but this is attributed to revised payment policies
8. We are communicating more frequently with students to make sure that they are on track to meet any financial obligations. We are also finding more students using fundraising to help them.
9. Students are not applying therefore they cant be withdrawing..
10. Financial aid has not yet been dispersed and we get the bulk of our cancellations at that time (April-May). However, this happens each year and to date, our cancellations have not changed much.
11. NA
12. This is a guesstimate ... date from previous years is pretty not precise
13. Seeing withdraws in particular on our more expensive programs.
14. Haven't seen a decline yet since our deadline hasn't hit.
15. Applications for the majority of our programs do to the departments, so it is hard to say.
16. Withdrawals haven't really started yet--I'll know better in a few weeks.
17. Not yet able to determine. To date, we haven't lost any applicants.
18. We do not do summer programs
19. Our deadlines have not passed yet, so we have not experienced withdraws yet.

20. Too early to know
21. Last year we saw a spike in summer program withdrawals (a good 5% more than the typical withdrawal rate for academic year, semester, term-long, and short-term programs). It's still really too early to be able to compare summer '09 withdrawal rates with summer '08 withdrawal rates. I'd like to revisit this question in the coming months, and we will definitely do so.
22. We will know that by late March.
23. Not as of yet!
24. More applicants, more withdrawals. We just have more off both categories.
25. We have not yet had any students withdraw from upcoming summer programs.
26. Unable to comment - applicants have not yet been accepted to programs
27. No withdrawals yet for summer 2009
28. Students/parents are thinking long and hard about committing. This no doubt explains the only slight decrease of withdrawals.
29. our summer deadline is still several months away, so it is difficult to predict summer withdrawals. overall application numbers are low for this time of year.
30. Too early.
31. Though we cannot be sure that this decline is because of financial reasons since we do not ask.
32. Deadline for Summer is not till May 1st, so no info at this time.
33. N?A
34. We do not deal with summer applications.
35. Not yet - we are working on our summer programs at this time.
36. N/A
37. Too soon to tell.
38. Unknown - I guessed, as it seems an answer is required here.
39. too early to comment
40. Again hard to say because of reasons above. However one of our programs was full 2 months ago with 18 students and has now dropped to 12. Another small program that only takes 4-5 students just lost two students who had made deposits in the fall.
41. Students pulling out are the same as in previous years. However, we are significantly down from last year in terms of total participation.
42. Only a few students have withdrawn as a result of 'recent chages in economic status.' However, when I checked with our Financial Aid Office, none of those students had filed an extenuating circumstance appeal to their aid package--which they are encouraged and/or required to do if a FAFSA circumstance changes--so I'm not sure how seriously some of the claims can be taken.
43. We do not do summer programs
44. Too early to say
45. We do not process summer program applications- students participate independently.
46. no summer programs

5. Are you experiencing a decline in FALL SEMESTER program applications?			
		<i>answered question</i>	125
		<i>skipped question</i>	37
		Response Percent	Response Count
No, application numbers are exceeding those of last year.		33.6%	42
No, application numbers are the same as last year.		31.2%	39
Yes, we are experiencing a slight decline in applications.		12.8%	16
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 10% decline in applications.		8.0%	10
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 20% decline in applications.		8.8%	11
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 30% decline in applications.		3.2%	4

5. Are you experiencing a decline in FALL SEMESTER program applications?			
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 40% decline in applications.		1.6%	2
Yes, we are experiencing more than a 40% decline in applications.		0.8%	1
			35

1. My applications aren't due until March 20, so I don't really know. Anecdotally, in talking with students, I am expecting about a 20% decline.
2. We do not sponsor our own fall programs, however we have at least a few students participate on independent programs during the fall. The number has only risen by one student. We have a higher number of Spring semester participants this year than in previous years, rising by two students.
3. Most of our semester programs are direct exchanges where the change in exchange rates are helping our students. The other semester programs are about the same as usual.
4. VERY BAD numbers for the fall.
5. Students have been shopping around and found in some cases that program abroad for the semester are less expensive than staying home.
6. Early indications suggest about 10% decline in students requesting paperwork for the fall semester.
7. There is great interest in fall programs but students are not submitting their applications
8. Our fall 2009 applications increased 25%.
9. We are experiencing a slight increase over fall 2008 numbers.
10. Some shift toward cheaper programs.
11. This is due entirely to parent uncertainty with respect to finances, according to what the students are reporting.
12. Interest in Study Abroad for a semester and for a Full Year is booming. Students want something on their resume that stands out. The strong dollar and the weak pound and euro make Europe more affordable than it has been in the past five years. Also interest in South America has increased dramatically in the past year. Since financial aid goes with our students, we may have to put a cap on the number of semester and year long students. Any ideas on how to equitably do that would be greatly appreciated. I would be interested in a discussion of what others are doing in this regard.
13. This may be a result of our speakers bureau, which we should have seen the results of beginning this semester.
14. I don't have all our applications in yet but one partner school is sending more than twice what it's ever sent.
15. Our applications are triple the number of participants last fall/year.
16. Indeed, application numbers are looking fairly strong for fall 2009.
17. Our fall deadline has not passed yet
18. Again, it is early to comment, but it is clear the numbers will be down.
19. We do not offer fall semester programs - not yet anyway!
20. It is too soon to tell as our deadline is March 6th and students often wait until the last minute to apply.
21. We are still accepting applications for fall, a term in which we run a limited number of programs. The application numbers for 2 of the 4 programs we run are significantly down; it is too early to judge the numbers for the other 2.
22. Too early.
23. Students must declare their intent to study abroad in the fall by Feb 5th.
24. I have no idea... my mad skills as a study abroad advisor, maybe???
25. Too soon to tell.
26. Too early to tell at this point
27. We normally have 6-10 students for the fall. At the moment 25 students have started our online application. I will be VERY happy if we have 20 students for the fall.
28. Numbers are only slightly up.
29. More students going on exchanges. New exchange agreements have been made that take in consideration student's majors. I believe that this is the reason for the growth.
30. We have had a surge in student applications
31. Applications are still coming in, as not all our deadlines have passed.
32. I have no applications for our two fall semester programs. There doesn't seem to be an appropriate answer above for my situation so I just checked an answer somewhat randomly.
33. We are hit and miss with this since Fall is not our big time of year for study abroad. We send about 2/3 more students abroad in the Spring semester versus the fall so fall usually is not a good gauge for us.
34. A trend for years now....
35. We normally only have 9-10 students going abroad in the fall and so far we have had around 24 students start applications for the fall - a huge increase!

6. Are there increased numbers of students withdrawing from FALL semester programs due to finances after completing the application?	
	answered question 105

6. Are there increased numbers of students withdrawing from FALL semester programs due to finances after completing the application?			
<i>skipped question</i>			57
		Response Percent	Response Count
No, student withdraws are the same or less than last year.		80.0%	84
Yes, we are experiencing a slight slight increase in withdraws.		12.4%	13
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 10% increase in withdraws.		4.8%	5
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 20% increase in withdraws.		1.9%	2
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 30% increase in withdraws.		1.0%	1
Yes, we are experiencing approximately a 40% increase in withdraws.		0.0%	0
Yes, we are experiencing more than a 40% increase in withdraws.		0.0%	0
			41

1. Again, I don't know, but I don't expect more withdrawals, simply less applications
2. No one withdrew from their fall programs in 2008. Only one student did not follow through with plans to study abroad in spring.
3. We aren't at that stage yet.
4. Too soon to tell
5. It is too early for withdrawals, but expect to see some in about two months.
6. Too early to really say at this point.
7. Too soon to tell.
8. to be determined.
9. Not yet
10. We had several withdrawals from our spring semester program (those currently abroad) for financial reasons, which was quite unusual. We may not see withdrawals for fall until we are closer to departure dates.
11. Deadline hasn't passed. We'll see what happens in June.
12. Once students sit down and calculate the grand total, some are unable to continue with their plans.
13. Students do not typically tell us they are withdrawing until we invite them to the pre-departure orientation.
14. too early to tell
15. None yet, but we are still awaiting admissions decisions.
16. Don't know yet.
17. We are in the application review process right now. We do not know yet whether all who have been accepted will follow through and go. We won't know that until March 30
18. Again, our deadlines have not passed, so we are not experiencing withdrawals yet.
19. Too early to know
20. It's too early to tell. We are just now getting through application deadlines for fall 2009 programs.
21. Still waiting to see if they do cancel
22. At this point, but it's too early to tell since withdrawals from programs may come later in the semester.
23. Not as of yet!
24. We are currently making acceptance decisions and will not have students enrolled until mid March.
25. Unable to comment - students have not yet been accepted.
26. It is too soon to tell; our deadline was February 1 for fall 2009
27. It is too soon to tell. We will know in March and April about program withdrawals once students actually complete the application process.
28. again, our Fall deadline is several months away.
29. Too early to know.

- 30. Students applying now to programs, so we don't know how many will go till the get accepted.
- 31. Too early to tell-April is our final withdraw date.
- 32. Too soon to tell.
- 33. too early to tell at this point
- 34. N/A
- 35. Our deadline has not yet passed so I cannot specifically comment on this. A few students have told us that they are no longer thinking of studying abroad but it would be less than 2%.
- 36. Too soon to tell.
- 37. Too soon to know for Fall 2009, but we experienced a withdrawal overall (for non-college run programs) for Spring 2009.
- 38. to early to comment
- 39. No withdrawals
- 40. We're still in the interviewing stage, but so far haven't had withdrawals due to finances.
- 41. Again, I have no applicants yet so can't really respond.

7. Are you experiencing an increase in questions pertaining to financial aid for study abroad?			
		<i>answered question</i>	131
		<i>skipped question</i>	31
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		68.7%	90
No		31.3%	41
			47

- 1. We always have a high number of inquiries about financial aid, scholarships, veteran's funding, etc.
- 2. With growth in interest, questions about aid are increasing.
- 3. We have no financial aid for study abroad; students who receive financial aid to my college will be able to use it to study abroad.
- 4. Our financial aid office reports more inquiries about financial aid in general but not specific to study abroad. Several students who studied abroad last fall and the previous year have commented that their parents told them that if the economy had been the same when they were making decisions about study abroad then the parents would have not been as supportive.
- 5. Our financial aid office has reported that they are seeing more students asking about it. Since we see this as a major hurdle to getting our students to think about studying abroad we have been talking more about how to finance such an experience. We don't know what is getting students into the fin aid office.
- 6. Students have always asked about scholarships - but now their intention to apply seems to be influenced by availability of funds. I am also seeing more students apply for programs where scholarships are available, instead of where they originally intended to go.
- 7. Almost ALL our studnts are no in need of some aid.
- 8. More students are asking about lower cost programs and available financial aid. I deliberately added more information on how to identify lower cost programs and listed more sources of financial aid when talking with prospective students and their parents this year.
- 9. Students are much more interested in scholarships and outside sources of fundings than before.
- 10. Students are more conscious about the cost of studying abroad and how their financial aid package will affect it.
- 11. About on par with the past
- 12. We have noticed a few more qusetions than normal.
- 13. We always have a lot of questions about financial aid, scholarships, etc. I don't see an increase or decrease.
- 14. There have definitely been some changes at particular universities. Most especially in the area of maintaining institutional aid for study abroad.
- 15. a lot of parents calling up and asking questions
- 16. Huge increase
- 17. Our students have always needed financial aid to study abroad.
- 18. We charge home tuition, and all of our financial policies are well documented online and in letters sent to study abroad applicants and their parents.
- 19. Virtually every student asks about financial aid for study abroad.
- 20. Yes, but we have also jrecently updated our scholarship site on the web. and are addressing this issue more with studnets, so I cannot say it is because of the economic downturn.
- 21. For short-term, summer programs - yes. We do not offer additional aid for summer.
- 22. Students are asking more about scholarships, or weighing the value for the dollar (e.g. semester programs provide more bang for the buck.)
- 23. To a modest degree

24. From both parents and students. Parents want to get the numbers straight - students are looking for scholarships.
25. We are constantly talking about funding for study abroad. This is typical of a public institution, I feel.
26. We have always received many questions regarding financial aid for study abroad.
27. Students do seem a bit more concerned about it.
28. Students apply for financial aid through their home institutions, i.e. through our member institutions.
29. We have an increased number of questions about financial aid. However, the likely students for this year's programs
30. More interest in scholarships and in other funding sources both on and off-campus.
31. We have always received a steady number of questions on this topic. Financial aid and funding for study abroad has always been a key piece of every student advising session.
32. Same as always.
33. more students applying for scholarships through us and other providers. more students not participating on our programs inquiring about our scholarships (which are only for our students)
34. We provide full aid for qualified students and an allowance for airfare.
35. It is about the same as always.
36. Virtually every student is asking about financial assistance and commenting on the cost concerns.
37. I don't know the answer to this since I am an on-site program provider
38. More questions about outside scholarships and scholarships for summer. We are holding an information session on financial aid/scholarships and study away for our students.
39. yes
40. More questions are a result of more students. We actually have less (if memory serves) explaining a situation where if they DO NOT get aid, they WILL NOT be able to go.
41. Somewhat, most are asking if insitutation aid goes with them - it does not
42. The majority of our students need some form of financial aid in order to study abroad anyway.
43. this is in large part due to a new scholarship available to all students in the amount of \$300,000 per year, a fee students have assessed themselves last year to offset costs.
44. DEFINITELY YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
45. More students need to know about outside sources of aid and are looking to find as much funding as possible (sometimes after they have applied instead of before).
46. More students are stating I cannot go unless I receive a scholarship.
47. Our institution decided to eliminate institutional aid from study abroad. This is affecting some student's ability to finance their program.

8. Are you experiencing an increase in financial aid applications for study abroad?			
		answered question	109
		skipped question	53
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		46.8%	51
No		53.2%	58
			51

1. Our applications for the general university study abroad scholarship is about the same or fewer than last year.
2. We don't process the financial aid in our office. We simply provide the information to the Financial Aid office and they work with the students.
3. Past awards were available only to those who were preparing to depart. A new award was available this year for future programs for the next year. The potential award received a larger number of responses than previous awards.
4. Same
5. I am not aware of any increases although I am doing more to publicize grants and scholarships that apply to students applying for study abroad. I am trying to get students to understand that they can have a significant experience abroad without the high expense other students have indicated in the past. Our students do a bit too much of travel to other countries (in Europe primarily) than I would like to see as it is. I think students could have a more immersive experience and save some money if they cut back on the extras like this.
6. It is difficult to gauge.
7. Our office scholarship application numbers seem to be about the same as usual.
8. We just started a scholarship program this year, so this increase is natural - it's our first time.
9. Again, most all our students cannot go w/o aid.

10. We award some travel money for undergraduates but the deadline isn't until Monday so I don't have complete data yet.
11. Internal study abroad scholarship applications have increased significantly.
12. Not sure yet
13. Students are either eligible for campus financial aid or not - they are more interested in scholarships for study abroad which is different from FA.
14. N/A
15. Does not apply. All of our aid applies to off-campus study already. Students do not specifically apply for aid for study abroad through our office.
16. This really doesn't apply to us as a provider.
17. I am not sure
18. Financial aid is automatically applied to study abroad.
19. We're a program provider. We can't accept financ. aid.
20. See above.
21. Too early to tell- our additional aid deadline has not passed yet.
22. we are not Title IV and do not process aid
23. we let all aid travel with the student so there are few questions for those that apply
24. I do not deal with financial aid applications.
25. Don't know- this is through another office.
26. Financial aid applications are handled separate from the International Studies office. The Financial Aid office will get inquiries about increased aid for study abroad probably in April.
27. N/A
28. We don't run actual numbers on this. The number of students who study abroad and use financial aid is very high, again, because we are a public university and we spend a lot of time advising about financ. aid and scholarships.
29. Too early to tell.
30. Applications for financial aid are handled in that department. We do not have access to those students' records. However, through conversation with that department's head we see no increases or decreases.
31. Not done by us. No way to know.
32. N/A
33. About the same as always.
34. Approximately 80% of our students receive financial aid and almost all students who study abroad apply some form of financial aid to the cost of their program.
35. More students are requesting/obtaining more or larger loans
36. Financial aid is institutional - yes the university has experienced a higher level of aid funding requests - virtually all our students wanting to study abroad are maxed out with their Fall/Spring allocation for on campus study and have no reserve for summer abroad
37. I don't know the answer to this since I am an on-site program provider
38. Almost all of our students apply for financial aid anyway.
39. Our own scholarships have always traveled.
40. All financial aid transfers and has transferred for students who study away on programs approved by the College. No change (although, it is possible that students will apply for more loan money.)
41. too early to comment
42. We do not monitor this, so I cannot comment.
43. Again, only due to more students.
44. In house scholarship for study abroad has seen an increase in application
45. see above
46. Students are seeking out loans if they are ineligible for regular grants.
47. Please see above.
48. Don't know yet.
49. DEFINITELY YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
50. I have given out more scholarships this year than the last two years combined.
51. Just in interest. Too soon to say on applications as the deadline has not yet passed.

9. Describe any actions your organization has taken to stem possible decreases in student applications or increased withdraws due to the global economic downturn. Describe what your organization is doing to assist students with financial need (ex. extended deadlines, lowered prices, provide more aid, etc.):	
<i>answered question</i>	88
<i>skipped question</i>	74
	Response Count

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1. So far, we have not done anything to mitigate the economic downturn in the US. We do find it interesting that there is no increase in participation in the National Student Exchange, a domestic exchange program that also enables students to study outside of their home state and experience the diversity of cultures in the US. One would think more students would choose this option in uncertain economic times.
2. We have been as flexible as possible with our deadlines. For some students on our faculty-led programs, we have implemented payment contracts which allowed them to extend the payment deadline. I'd love to lower the prices but that's not feasible with our faculty-led programs (they must fully support the program or it doesn't happen). Aid decisions are made by our Financial Aid office.
3. We have taken no particular efforts to address any of the above.
4. Promotion of programs has increased. Options for education abroad have become more visible to students. We do not expect a decrease in participation. For those students applying for programs, details about applicable scholarships/grants and other assistance are provided to the student at application and all are encouraged to apply for any awards for which they may be eligible.
5. We have taken none at this time.
6. We are not taking any action at this time. Study abroad is so engrained in the academic culture here that it will always be encouraged by faculty etc. I appreciate the program providers who have indicated efforts to keep prices the same or even less than before so that my financial officers do not panic about all the institutional aid leaving campus. Again, I am trying to make students more aware of outside scholarships like the Gilman (and that they have a pretty good chance of attaining one if eligible.) Our financial aid office is being as supportive as they have always been in the past but we don't have more aid to provide.
7. We have extended both our application and our payment deadlines, and have made as many scholarships available as possible. We do not believe, however, that any of these measures has had a positive effect on student retention this year.
8. More publicity on affordability of study abroad and benefits to having it on a resume.
9. We began providing scholarships this year.
10. Two-thirds of our students going abroad do so during the Spring or Summer semester through a variety of programs, mostly ones not sponsored by our university. I have been greatly surprised at the increased numbers of students applying for programs and think it is because of the favorable exchange rates and lower cost airfares. This year's numbers are about 20% higher than last year's. I am spending more time identifying and promoting lower cost programs in order to increase these numbers even more.
11. We have more students applying than ever and more applying for limited study abroad scholarships
12. We are extending deadlines and trying to provide more information on scholarship opportunities and really pushing students to apply for multiple scholarships
13. We are doing more in terms of marketing, getting the word out about studying abroad. We have softened our deadlines and are working with students to help them understand the costs of studying abroad, possible scholarships and how their financial aid packages are distributed. We will continue to work with parents around the costs and what they can expect around payments. We are offering times for our students to meet with our office and the financial aid office to answer any questions they may have around financial aid and study abroad program costs.
14. Revised payment terms to reduce overall cancellation rates and further qualify students who are applying. We are offering discounts for targeted key programs and extending enrollment deadlines. Extending scholarship deadlines and promoting new scholarship opportunities for key programs. Contacting overseas partners and asking for promotional discounts and/or scholarships.
15. We are extending deadlines. We are writing more letters of support for students to get funding from within their institutions. We are suggesting that students do more fundraising and we are finding that many are very successful at this especially though the use of online tools.
16. Our faculty have used some their funds to create scholarships for their programs (two \$500 travel awards). We also have a few travel awards (\$500-\$1000) available for students through an office fund.
17. We received 25% more applications for fall '09 than last year and anticipate that our spring applications will be higher. We project that a larger number of students will withdraw from fall '09 participation -- probably later in the semester or over the summer.
18. We are keeping our prices low and offering scholarships for students attending our partner institutions. In addition, we are working on doing a better job of communicating what is included in the program fee and helping students compare that with what they are spending on campus for a semester.
19. We have advertised more, done more personal follow up, spent time with students to see if there was any way we could make this happen financially for them if they were struggling. We are also thinking about offering a few more scholarships--but these funds are limited. We have also worked with our financial aid office to see if there is any possible way to get some of the left over aid applied to summer for these students. Fall 09 and Spring 10 look about the same for us. It is really this summer we are struggling with. We work mostly with providers but we do have 7 summer programs we run on our own and we will have to cancel 1 of them and the others are going with enrollments that are about 20% less.
20. Extended deadlines for summer and fall 2009 programs; discounts of up to \$500 on summer 2009 programs and up to \$1500 on fall 2009 semester programs.
21. Our costs are already so close that it is hard to reduce them anymore. We are reanalyzing the margin we put in (usually only 2%), reducing exchange rates, and cutting corners wherever possible. We are also letting programs go with fewer students.
22. We are trying to be more proactive with students regarding their financial aid and budgeting, i.e. trying to decrease magical thinking. Extending deadlines and trying to penalize students who decide to withdraw if something economically catastrophic (i.e. parent loses a job) happens.
23. Increase capital campaign to offer more scholarships
24. We always offered aid, but we're highlighting Gilman and offering increased aid over the summer. We've also stepped up our marketing efforts for summer programs.
25. Besides encouraging students to apply for existing scholarships and pointing out that the dollar is stronger than it's been for a while, there's not much we can do. We don't have any budgetary room to increase aid or lower prices. We mostly use 3rd-party providers, and fortunately some of them have frozen their prices at 2008-09 levels.
26. We have made no changes in response to the economic downturn.
27. This past year we increased financial aid for our faculty-led short-term programs; we will not be able to do so next year (in fact, the budget will be significantly cut). Prices will be held at this year's level.
28. With smaller application numbers, we are able to provide more aid to those who did apply. We'll see if that helps us retain more students....
29. For our faculty-led programs, we have allowed students to delay making deposits. We have also reduced some of those deposits from \$500 to \$250. We have also worked with Financial Aid in getting more aid for our "financial need" students. They have been VERY supportive of this and have offered more grant money, when possible.
30. Extended deadlines, keeping costs stagnant, asking for a cost reduction at host institution, eliminating excursions.
31. We have sought out additional options that are lower cost, i.e. more direct enrolls where appropriate rather than the providers. The challenge is to adequately prepare students for a direct enroll experience, but we are attempting to do a thorough job. Otherwise our numbers would have dropped even further.
32. We have reviewed costs of our programs and may offer reduced costs on some programs with lower real costs. We have identified new, lower-cost partners and plan to

open up new, lower cost study abroad options soon.

33. Attempting to increase scholarship funding.
34. We are looking to put forth a set of "less expensive" programs because even though we have a generous financial aid policy personal expenses seem to affect enrollment.
35. Actually we need help in the other direction. We need to develop alternatives on how to limit the number of students that participate in study abroad. I seem to have a mental block on how to accomplish this. I would love to know what other institutions that send aid abroad with students are doing in light of dropping endowments due to the economic downturn.
36. We are waiving our application fee and offering last year's program fee.
37. n/a
38. Identifying the most affordable programs we have and comparing them to costs for study on campus. We've created a marketing piece around this. Also helping students to identify more scholarship funding.
39. Not much is being done to assist students. Actions relate more to making sure that the institution does not suffer from possibly lower enrollments. For our semester programs led by our own faculty members and our 30 J-term programs which are all led by our faculty, the administration is requiring higher minimum enrollment in order to justify the allocation of an FTE. If the programs can't reach these minimums they will be cancelled. Our overall budget is under review. There is a chance that we may experience a cut of up to 5%. The college overall is going to increase financial aid so that we retain students but I have heard of no talk about special measures related to study abroad.
40. Lowering costs, increased scholarships, running programs with less numbers
41. Extended deadlines Payment plan for application fee Increase in scholarships available
42. We have a small number of institutionally-run summer programs and the president has used discretionary funds to provide need-based scholarships for these programs. The faculty directors are working with the administration and financial aid office to create a ration for aid/need.
43. We are increasing our efforts to identify scholarships and financial aid for study abroad, but this is always an ongoing process at our public university. Our VP for International Affairs is making this a top priority, that is, seeking donors for study abroad scholarships. We are ramping up our recruiting efforts, and as noted before, are not seeing a decline in applications. I am still waiting to see the actual participation rates drop as a result of the financial crisis. As of yet, this has not happened. Thanks for organizing this survey!
44. Our institution has put more effort into student recruitment with faculty doing more class visits to promote their programs and thinking new strategies for recruitment. In essence, recruitment efforts for our study abroad staff and faculty have become more time consuming and we have extended deadlines and in some cases re-negotiated with providers working on our faculty-led programs.
45. A larger aid package was developed for summer study abroad but not to stem the decrease in applications but instead to provide summer students aid when they normally don't get any aid.
46. We haven't made any special accommodations yet. We have a financial aid for study abroad handout that we give our students and we work closely with the office of Financial Aid.
47. We have extended our deadline and are marketing our travel grant process more heavily.
48. No decrease, really. We are trying to provide as much university aid or grant money to make our faculty led programs work for students. Students going on other provider programs work with us to brainstorm fundraising ideas.
49. We have decreased our enrollment deposit from 1000 to 500 in order to lower the barriers to enrollment, and to decrease the "penalty" to students who might eventually have to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances.
50. Prices have been frozen despite the fact that costs have risen. Additional marketing has been planned.
51. We are referring students/parents to other sources of funding aside from financial aid. We are developing programs that are cheaper in price. An example is instead of Paris, go to Montreal to study French. We are encouraging students/parents to 'spread out' the costs over a period of months rather than at all once. For instance, don't wait until the last month to purchase luggage, a camera, course materials, etc. We are encouraging students to 'drop hints' to friends/relatives about items they may need/want for their program. For instance, drop hints about a new luggage in November for Christmas gifts.
52. We may extend the deadline depending on application results, we may also include mechanisms by which our students will have student support and retention opportunities throughout the process. For example, have our students contact recent applicants to support the students more closely and get them excited for fall study abroad participation.
53. We have instituted a few new scholarships and grants and reworked existing grants to allow for bigger, more meaningful awards. Interestingly, some of our awards have been undersubscribed, despite extensive marketing and easy application processes.
54. We are checking in with students more. But, we can't provide more aid, we are a university, not a provider.
55. we did not increase prices as much as usual, we are willing to work with universities on price reductions for large numbers of students, more scholarship aid, etc.
56. Nothing so far, other than to keep costs low which is something we do anyway.
57. All we can do is continue to market the programs and make sure they know that if money is a problem, to apply for scholarships! We don't have a lot, but there are enough that we should be able to finance students who need it.
58. Our numbers on financial has not changed. The percentage is the same. The percentage of the economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities and students of color has not changed. What has changed is a decline in the students NOT on aid and the "typical" students who would normally go abroad.
59. We have extended deadlines. We are also looking at ways to cut our costs as much as possible.
60. We have extended deadlines and lowered prices where we could, but have not seen much of an effect. We just had to cancel all three spring quarter-abroad programs and two of our three faculty-led short-term trips scheduled for the March break due to insufficient enrollments. This was done in spite of extensions to deadlines, the offer of additional scholarship funds, and in one case, in spite of revisions to a short-term faculty-led program to bring the cost down by over \$1,000. The economy is hurting us in two ways. First, the generally poor economic outlook has caused many families to say, "We're only going to spend money on what we have to and study abroad is not a 'have to.'" Perhaps more importantly for my programs, however, is the fact that students just can't get the student loans like they used to be able to get. Not only can't they get new loans for study abroad, but they also can't increase the loans they may currently have to cover my study abroad programs. My students rely heavily on being able to get these loans in order to participate in study abroad so this is really hurting us.
61. At this point, we are watching things closely and have extended deadlines for our summer faculty-led programs.
62. Our students take their federal and college aid with them, so there appears to be no difference.
63. Nothing.
64. We have frozen our prices for the coming year.
65. We've extended the deadlines for summer faculty-led programs. And, we are really pushing our scholarships and financial aid opportunities.
66. We are offering more scholarships and discounts and also spending a lot more on marketing.
67. None - we have a 20.6% reduction in the state institutional funding, endowments have declined dramatically to the point that commitments for scholarships for on campus programs may be exceeding the endowment returns and in some cases the endowments may in fact have lost principal. Budget cuts are predicted to grow in severity over the next 12-24 months. INTEREST in study abroad continues to be very high - freshman surveyed last term indicates an 80% interest in SA (pool 225 students surveyed) The dynamics of funding for study abroad participation are not clearly understood at this time.
68. Lowered prices, more marketing

69. We have added additional scholarship funds for students.
70. We are not doing anything extraordinary at this point. We do have a small, need-based, scholarship for study in the Spanish speaking world. That has certainly benefited our summer students. Other than that, we have seen a shift from Spain to Latin America and from the United Kingdom to Australia that probably reflects slightly lower costs. We begin the advising process for Study Abroad at least a full year in advance. I have seen one or two students who simply did not return for the Spring semester - which had the effect of withdrawing from going abroad. Since our merit aid travels, the cost of going abroad for a semester is often close to the cost of studying here for a semester. So it's not as difficult a choice. Finally, the group of Central Texas Advisors that we meet with once a month is reporting very similar figures at this point. It may look drastically different in May, however.
71. Extended deadlines Greater flexibility with regard to semester and program choices Info session on financial aid / scholarships
72. We're doing everything we can to keep program costs down, working with the airlines on rates for flights, etc.
73. Extended deadlines, request more money from student life for scholarships, increased recruiting, heavy advertising other schools.
74. We already run a pretty tight ship. There's not much we can do.
75. Our study abroad scholarship is drawn from an endowment so we are offering less funding but have we have increased the visibility of the scholarship. We are offering more staff/faculty short-term programs as well as exchange opportunities.
76. We did not expect a downturn since study abroad is fairly new here anyway. We had nowhere to go but up.
77. None at the moment.
78. We are promoting study abroad more heavily, but the proposal had been in place before the economic downturn.
79. We run faculty led programs for 50-60 schools in the US and have found that enrollment in those programs remains strong and in most cases growing. The shorter term, lower cost options are growing, while semester long programs are flat. We have been more aggressive with our scholarship offerings.
80. At present, we have had to reduce staffing in our office due to budget cuts (a staff member was not replaced when she left). As such, our availability of hours to see students has been heavily impacted and this may have some negative effects on numbers later on this year. Similarly, the number of incoming exchange students is up over last year!
81. We are looking to offer more faculty led May Terms for May 2010 to try and spark more interest. Because our scholarships and financial aid is portable, many find it less expensive to study for a semester than it would be to study in the summer or on May Term when financial aid is harder to come by. Our semester and year long numbers are climbing and our short term program numbers declining.
82. One consortium is reducing the number of weeks abroad from 12 to 10 or even 8 but in my opinion, even those programs are still too expensive. I have run a semester-length program separate from our two consortia for fall 2008 and chose a location where there is great value for the dollar. As a result, we had a very well attended program including 5 Gilman scholars which put us on the list of institutions with the largest number of Gilman scholars and the only community college on the list!!! Offering the same model is my option of choice.
83. None
84. all institutional aid may be used abroad..always has been that way. We try and encourage students to study where the dollar goes a little bit further; we try to identify study sites that after all normal expenses cost about the same as being on the home campus
85. I make a point of highlighting the scholarships in all student presentations. We are also looking at more inexpensive locations for our short-term programs and taking out a lot of the guided tours and doing more of the self-guided tours and using more public transportation. I am also looking into alternative aid sources as well.
86. My fellow advisors and I make sure to have the money talk earlier than we might have had in the past. Making sure students who qualify for the Gilman apply and helping students understand how financial aid for study abroad works is very important. I don't think we're seeing a decline in numbers because we are a public research university. We think more and more students are coming to our university because it costs less than attending a private. Some of our students tell us they have struck deals with their parents. Their parents will pay for them to study abroad since they will be saving on the overall expense of college by attending a public research university.
87. Our College has decided not to charge our own tuition; instead students will pay the actual program fee. For some locations, students are paying less than what they pay to attend our College. The downside is that the College is no longer allowing institutional aid to transfer.
88. Keeping information out there, especially about the true cost and what travel awards we do have available.