International Opportunities

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Why go abroad?

• Academic reasons
  • Learn a language
  • Get a new perspective
  • Discover new ways of learning
  • Fall in love with your subject
  • Try something new
Why go abroad?

• Professional reasons
  • Grow your network
  • Gain intercultural competence
  • Learn from best practice
Why go abroad?

- Personal reasons
  - Broaden your horizons
  - Make new friends
  - Get to know a new culture
  - Redefine yourself
  - Grow in confidence
What are my options?

• Study OR Train OR Volunteer OR Research
• One week to 12 months
• Within programme OR additional year OR post-university
• Compulsory or non-compulsory
• Undergrad OR Postgrad OR PhD
• Europe OR further afield
• With OR without funding support
A note on funding support

Turing funding

• Global destinations
• Minimum duration one month; maximum duration 12 months (funding year runs September to August)
• However, funding for 2023/24 is likely to be limited, with the following groups being prioritised:
  • Compulsory mobility (Languages/5-year LLB)
  • Widening access students
  • Unpaid in-sessional traineeships
A note on funding support

Study Exchange (all destinations)
• No tuition fees payable to host

Study Exchange (Switzerland)
• SEMP Grant available for incoming students (payable by host institution)

Santander Summer School Bursary
• Early application deadline for summer 2023 (27 November)
What are my options?

• Study-based opportunities
  • Study Exchange
  • Summer School
  • Research Visit

• Work-based opportunities
  • Traineeship
  • Volunteering
What are my options?

Example 1
Student on LLB Law with European Legal Studies (5 year programme)
Spends Year 3 abroad on study exchange at Maastricht University in the Netherlands

Example 2
Student on MA English and History (4 year programme)
Spends second semester of Year 2 abroad on study exchange at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland
What are my options?

Example 3
Student on MA German and Spanish (5 year programme)
Spends Year 3 abroad, first semester on study exchange at La Salle University in Mexico, second semester on traineeship teaching English in Austria

Example 4
Student on BSc Ecology (4 year programme)
Spends a week during the summer between Years 2 and 3 abroad on summer school at Radboud University in the Netherlands
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Example 5
Student on MSci Biochemistry with Industrial Placement (5 year programme)
Spends Year 4 abroad on traineeship in a research lab at Ulsan National Institute of Science Technology in South Korea

Example 6
Student on MA Language and Linguistics with Mandarin (4 year programme)
Spends a year after graduation teaching English in China
What do our students say?

Name: Gabriel

Studying: Psychology

International Experience:
Study Exchange in Norway

“I went on my exchange to experience Norway’s spectacular landscape and mountains. However, I came back with a deep appreciation for Norway’s culture, language and teaching opportunities in their universities. I am also grateful to have met so many like-minded friends from vastly different countries and cultures, doing different degrees, yet sharing the same adventures!”
What do our students say?

Name: Ellen

Studying: Art History and French

International Experience: Traineeship in France

“The best bit about it is that you will come back feeling that you have achieved something you never thought you could, and you will look back at it as being one of the best things you did.”
What are the next steps?

• November/December
  Research your options
  Santander Summer School Bursary (deadline 27 Nov)

• January
  Study exchange application (deadline 27 Jan)

• February
  Summer school applications (deadlines vary)
What are the next steps?

• March
  Next steps meeting (8 March)
  Funding application for study exchange and in-sessional traineeships (deadline 31 March)

• April
  Pre-departure meeting (26 April)
What are the next steps?

• University of Aberdeen Go Abroad website
  https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/outgoing-students-3060.php
What are the next steps?

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