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Student Insight: Aidan
The McNeil Scholarship

Sponsored by the McNeil Family and the St Andrew’s Society of Philadelphia in the interest of sharing Scottish culture in the US

Covers much of the cost of living associated with spending the academic year on exchange at Drexel University in Philadelphia, USA

Tuition is already waived as part of Aberdeen’s agreement with Drexel University.
Who is Eligible?

Students who were born, and/or normally reside in, Scotland

Born and Raised in Scotland? Yes
Born in Scotland, Raised in Australia? Yes
Born in Hong Kong, Raised in Scotland? Yes
Born and Raised in Finland, but came to Scotland for University? No
Eligibility Continued

Must be prepared to go on exchange for the academic year

This means you should be in your second year of study when you go abroad, unless you are a law student, or single honours history student.

Law students: you can go abroad for the entirety of your third year, but you should speak to Mike Radford in the Law School about doing this.
Eligibility Continued

History: Single honours can also go abroad for the full academic year in 3\textsuperscript{rd} year
Eligibility Continued

Drexel University must teach your discipline and be able to support your curriculum requirements while you are abroad
(e.g. BSc Biomedical Sciences students are ineligible as Drexel does not offer anatomy courses)

Review Drexel’s course catalogue and compare it to the requirements of your degree calendar
Eligibility Continued

Standard requirements of the international exchange programme also apply. These are:

An overall C average

120 credits by June 2019, without resits
How to Apply

Two Applications:

1. Apply to the international exchange programme
   a. Drexel University should be your first choice University
   b. You will need to complete the application and a study exchange plan

2. Apply to the McNeil Scholarship
   a. Complete the application
   b. Upload a short video (2 minutes max) indicating why you would be an excellent ambassador for both Scotland and the University of Aberdeen
How to Apply

Both applications are online, and the opening and closing dates are the same:

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/study-abroad-and-exchanges.php

Both Applications Open on 21 January, and Close on 1 February at 1700 GMT.
How to Apply: McNeil Application

Personal Details & Video of No More than two minutes

Why you would make an excellent ambassador for the University of Aberdeen & Scotland at Drexel.
How You Will Be Evaluated for the McNeil Scholarship

Academic Excellence
First half-session grades rated on a scale of 1-5 (Mostly As =5, As & Bs =4, etc.)

Ability to Serve as Ambassador for the University of Aberdeen and Scotland
Video rated on scale of 1-5
Post-Application

All applicants will be notified of the outcome in February

If you are unsuccessful, you still can still go on exchange to other universities

If you are successful, you are committing to attending Drexel for a year, so think carefully about whether it is the right opportunity for you

1 March: St Andrew’s Society will be notified of the scholarship recipients

Scholarship recipients will then have to apply to Drexel’s exchange programme

May/June: Once grades are confirmed, successful applicants will be granted an unconditional offer
Conditions of Scholarship

Attend Drexel for the academic year 2019/20, attending classes and submitting all assessments

Attend St Andrew’s Society’s quarterly meetings and its formal St Andrew’s Day dinner

Represent the University of Aberdeen at Drexel’s Go Abroad Fair

Serve as an ambassador for the University of Aberdeen and Scotland at all times.

Share Scottish culture with the individuals you meet on exchange
All About Drexel: Aidan Toole
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What’s Next

Determine if the McNeil Scholarship is the right opportunity for you

Determine if you are eligible

Apply to the international exchange programme – statement of motivation required

Apply to the McNeil Scholarship – video required

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Good Luck!
Any questions? Email studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk