

## Studying Abroad

Studying abroad will open you up to a whole range of new experiences, allowing you to see the world while furthering your career prospects. The prospect of studying in another country is exciting but it requires a lot of forward planning. Some of the benefits include:

- experiencing a different culture
- learning a new language
- improving your personal development
- enhancing your employability

You should begin researching your study abroad experience at least 12-18 months before you plan on starting, doing so will give you plenty of time to sort out applications, funding and visas.

### Top Tips:

- Decide where you want to study - consider cost implications, travel time, visas, cultural opportunities and the spoken language.
- Choose your course - consider how long it will take to complete the qualification, you also need to check that the qualification you receive will be recognised in the UK.
- Research funding - Overseas tuition fees vary widely. Some countries set very high fees for international students while other countries are more affordable. Certain destinations don't charge any tuition fees. Discuss funding options with your chosen university. There are many scholarships and bursaries available to help with the cost.
- Apply early - will give you more time to plan your travel and accommodation options. Check individual universities websites for application processes/deadlines. Speak to your chosen department; many universities will help you through the application procedure.
- Visa - you will need the appropriate visa to allow you to study abroad. Following Brexit, students will now need a visa to study in the EU as well as the rest of the world.
- Accommodation - International universities can help students find accommodation. Following online research, make sure opportunities are as they seem before signing a contract. Consider visiting your chosen destination to research options in person.
- Health Insurance - essential and often a visa application requirement, so be prepared to pay extra for comprehensive cover. There are numerous student insurance options available. Some countries require vaccinations before you enter. Others have very specific healthcare obligations that must be met.

You may want to consider also applying to UK universities. This would keep your options open whilst you research and secure a place to study abroad. Many universities offer opportunities to spend a year abroad and some offer exchange programmes with overseas universities.

### Further Reading

[US-UK Fulbright Commission](#)  
[Study in Europe](#)  
[Studies in Australia](#)  
[Government Turing Scheme](#)

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[EuroStat - European Union Labour Market](#)

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