Global Opportunities & Exchanges

Global Opportunities 101
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Who are Global Opportunities?

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What are the options?

Available through Global Opportunities & Exchanges and your department

- Erasmus+ (study exchange or work placement in Europe)
- Study Abroad (exchange outside Europe)
- Summer school (not in term-time)

You will have to organise yourself

- International volunteering/work placement abroad
How do I apply?

**Study Abroad**
Online application in Study Abroad
Blackboard (MOLE) organisation
Opens 11am 6th November 2019
**Deadline 5pm 1st December 2019**

**Erasmus+**
Ask your departmental adviser what the deadline and procedure is

**Summer Schools**
Global Opportunities advertise deadlines to apply for funding at [www.sheffield.ac.uk/summerschools/index](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/summerschools/index)
Applications depend on each individual summer school
Deadlines are usually in spring semester
When do I apply for accommodation, visas and flights?

• Applying for accommodation may be part of your application to your host university. Not all universities have halls of residence. It is your responsibility to arrange.

• Visa applications are usually 2-3 months before departure (if required)

• Flights ideally shouldn’t be booked before you have your visa
How much does it cost?

- Living costs vary by institution, so there is no simple answer – information is online at www.sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps

- Additional costs to consider:
  - Flights (potential for coach/train for Europe)
  - Visas (application costs, travel to Embassy)
  - Health insurance (mandatory for some countries)
  - Tourism

Wherever you go, you will spend more than a year in Sheffield, where it’s estimated to cost £1,015 per month.
Tuition fees

• Your tuition fees to Sheffield are reduced if you spend a semester or year abroad

• You do not pay tuition fees to the host university as it is an exchange. You may have other fees to pay (health insurance, lab fees, administration fees)

• You are likely to have fees for a summer school, as they are outside term-time.
Student loans

- UK students still have access to the Student Finance tuition fee and maintenance loans

- Students whose maintenance loan application includes evidence of household income for assessment are eligible for a **travel grant** – can claim back certain costs with receipts (e.g. flights, health insurance, visa application fees)
Scholarships

- Bursary students on study (not on placement/year in industry/year in practice) still receive their Sheffield bursary and those on Study Abroad are invited to apply for scholarships worth £2,000

- External scholarships (e.g. BUTEX)

- Global Opportunities has scholarships and bursaries for summer experiences, including £750 - £1,000 for partner summer schools and £500 for independently organised travel.

- Many summer schools at our partner universities offer scholarships or discounts. Details are advertised by Global Opportunities & Exchanges each year, usually from December onwards (website, social media, emails).
Affordability

- It may be possible to work part-during your time abroad, depending on visa restrictions

- Try to save up as much as possible beforehand

- Plan your finances, work out a budget and when you will have big spends

- Consider shorter options – does your department allow for a single semester of exchange? Would a summer school be easier to afford?
Insurance

The University of Sheffield has a free travel insurance policy: https://finance.shef.ac.uk/insurance/

Pre-existing medical conditions are automatically covered providing travel is not contrary to medical advice.

**It does not cover mobile phones!**

Inform insurance@sheffield.ac.uk if you are making any trips abroad so they can confirm if you are still covered.

**RSA Travel Assistance app** – can give you country specific travel alerts
If things don’t go so well

- You can still access support from Sheffield (e.g. Big White Wall, DDSS, financial hardship)
- www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/students-going-abroad
- Tell your host university and use local assistance
- Talk to friends / family / tutors
- Don’t expect everything to be brilliant all of the time! You are likely to experience culture shock.
Where can I find out more?

Global Opportunities & Exchanges
globalopps@sheffield.ac.uk
sheffield.ac.uk/globaloppps/ - Where can I go? guide
Blackboard (MOLE) organisation (Study Abroad)
0114 222 6269 (Study Abroad) / 222 1253 (Erasmus+)

Global Ambassadors
sheffield.ac.uk/globaloppps/seap/profiles/index

Department
Personal tutor / lecturers
Exchange contacts (see sheffield.ac.uk/globaloppps/)
Social media

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https://uosstudyingabroad.wordpress.com/