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and

INTERCALATED YEAR ABROAD

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Part 1 Introduction and Academic Planning

Key Contacts

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Overview of the Study Abroad options

In terms of studying abroad, Chemistry students at Warwick have basically two options:

1. **International Placements**
2. **Intercalated year abroad**

International Placements may be taken in industry or at an overseas university/research institute between April and September (minimum duration: 13/14 weeks) in Year 3. Should you choose this option there will be the usual lectures, tutorials and workshops at Warwick during the first two terms, and you will sit your exams in March. The placement replaces the laboratory classes that the students at Warwick take during the summer term.

This scheme is available to both BSc and MChem students.

Funding support is available via the Department (the amount of funding depends on the destination) and can be complemented via the Erasmus scheme (for European placements).

During the placement, you must complete a 5000-word report which is submitted in early June.. The supervisor at the host university or industry will write a report assessing you on your attendance, enthusiasm and commitment.

These two components make up the final grade for the placement, worth around 25% of the year, which counts towards the final degree result. For MChem students, the words “with International Placement” are added to the degree title.

The current portfolio of overseas academic institutions that you can choose in order to undertake your international placement includes several European Universities as well as Monash University and NTU Singapore.

Further information can be found on Moodle at:

Go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3C3 (for MChem students)

Go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3D7 (for BSc or industrial placement students)

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It is also possible to carry out a 12 month placement via an **Intercalated Year**. The placement should involve working for a company, institution, or organisation related to chemistry, allowing students to gain valuable professional experience, **without formally counting towards the final degree result**. The words ‘with Intercalated Year’ are added to the degree title. Placement opportunities are available as advertised by UK/worldwide industry. Industrial placements in Europe qualify for ERASMUS support. These options are assessed and therefore **will contribute as a formal part of your degree**.

Throughout the academic year, your placement coordinators (Dr. Sosso and Prof. Perrier) are your contact points and they will help you with the application process, getting you prepared for your internship, will keep in touch with you throughout your period in industry or at the exchange academic institution, and will coordinate assessment of your work (if applicable). In addition, we

have a specialist careers consultant for Warwick Chemistry, Charlie Cunningham, who will help you to build your career portfolio and CV.

Aims of the International Placement and Intercalated Year Abroad

1. To demonstrate the ability to study or work abroad for a year at a host institution approved by your department;
2. To experience and gain a deeper understanding of the social and cultural diversity of the country where you will undertake your international placement or intercalated year abroad;
3. To travel abroad and engage with continual personal and professional development;
4. To develop your spoken, written, and communication skills in the language of the country where you undertake your international placement or intercalated year abroad, if appropriate;
5. To further your academic knowledge as directed by your department.

Undertaking an international placement is an excellent way for a trainee chemist to further their practical skills and gain valuable information enabling them to make informed career choices. Students undertaking the International Placement module can opt to apply for a placement in industry or in a university. They are expected to carry out a significant piece of research work or project which is written up as a report. Although the exact nature of the work is not important - as long as it falls within the remit of Chemical Sciences. The report should demonstrate an ability to write up the work in a style which clearly communicates the aims and outcomes of the project. Where possible the data should be presented in a format which would allow another chemist to validate the work carried out. The module thus contributes in a large part to the development of planning and communication skills through experiential learning and as such can be considered extremely important in the development of a practising scientist's skill set.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this year you will have:

1. Broadened your knowledge and understanding of your subject specialism(s);
2. Developed the qualities and transferable skills necessary for working or studying in another country and in a different academic system;
3. Developed enhanced oral and written language skills through the demands of study in a different country;
4. Developed transferable skills in terms of culture and intercultural competencies.
5. Specific learning outcomes and aims for your module are set out below:
 - a. Complete individual COSHH assessments for a diverse range of experiments.
 - b. Plan a written report on a substantial project.
 - c. Carry out a piece of closely supervised work of a chemical nature.
 - d. Think about role in placement setting.
 - e. Analyse development as a Professional Chemist as a result of placement.

Academic Requirements

Overview

1. You will pursue the aims of the international placement or intercalated year abroad as set out in this handbook.
2. You will check your Warwick email regularly.
3. You will keep in regular contact with the departmental international placements coordinator and Personal Tutor.
4. You will observe the academic calendar of your host institution, and remain at that institution for the duration of your agreed exchange period.
5. You will abide by all of the rules, regulations and practices of the host institution. This includes submission deadlines, attendance requirements, codes of conduct, use of plagiarism software etc, as well as non-academic regulations.
6. Your attendance at classes is a requirement of your exchange.
7. You must comply with Warwick's Attendance and Engagement Monitoring Plan, set by your department.
8. You must respect the laws and customs of your host country and comply with all requirements of your visa.
9. Tier 4 students will also need to keep in close contact with the International Student Office (see the later section).
10. You must register as a student at Warwick when requested even though you are abroad.
11. On your return, you will be required to provide a transcript from your host institution to your department. You are responsible for meeting all requirements necessary for the host institution to release the transcript, including payment of any outstanding fees.
12. If you have completed a work placement, you will also need a reference, if you require a template reference then go to the study abroad website, outbound and you will see a link to the transcript for work.
13. You are able to update your contact details centrally on *Student Records Online*.
14. You will receive instructions regarding the online submission of module preferences for your returning year during the spring or early summer Term via your Warwick email address. You must follow the instructions carefully and if in doubt, contact your department.
15. You may be visited by a member of Warwick academic or administrative staff during your international placement or intercalated year abroad. You will be informed in advance of the visit. You are required to be available for discussion with the member of staff concerned wherever possible.
16. You may be asked to participate in meetings set up for students preparing for a study abroad, or you may be asked to help at a presentation or another type of Warwick event; as part of your study abroad you are expected to take part in these events – which can be fun and your experiences are most valuable.
17. You are advised to fulfil the academic requirements for the international placement or intercalated year abroad as set out in this handbook.

Departmental Specific Academic Requirements

In order to apply for an International Placement, you must:

1. Have achieved an overall grade of 2.1 (60%) or higher in Year 2.
2. Have attended at least one of the dedicated sessions typically taking place in Term 1 and Term 2 of Year 2.
3. Be familiar with the research you intend to carry out at the overseas institution, particularly in terms of lab/computational skills.
4. Apply within the deadline (usually end of Term 3 of Year 2). Said deadline will be duly signposted in due time, starting Term 2 of Year 2.
5. Secure a host supervisor: this step takes place once your application has been accepted. Specific guidance will be provided by Dr. Sosso in due time (typically at the beginning of Term 1 in Year 3).

Preparation

Taking a year away from Warwick is a big decision, and you will need to research your destination. Discussions with your family and friends are important, and if you are a sponsored student, it is vital that you talk to your sponsor before making any final decisions.

Changing your mind before the start of the Warwick term, can impact on your returning year module choices. You may have limited module choice, or may not be able to enrol for the modules you require.

If in the rare case, you do not pass your second year, and therefore cannot go on your intercalated year abroad, you should talk to your academic co-ordinator at the first opportunity to discuss your options.

As an example, in recent years, the number of students going to Australia has increased. The academic year (semester 2) starts in July. You may not have your examination results before your flights are arranged; in this case you must be confident that you have passed your pre-year academic year (normally your first or second year) before travelling abroad. The final decision on whether border-line candidates can continue with their preparation for Australia, or any other country, is with your department.

If you have not passed your first or second year, progression to your partner institution will need to be reconsidered. You must not continue with your plans to go to a partner without express permission of your department; and of course the partner who has the final decision. The expectation is that students attending study abroad will be of a 2:1 academic standing.

Split placements: if you are considering going to two placements, please remember it is only the European placements that receive a grant. As an example, if you intend to study in Europe it is important that you indicate on your **Arrival Placement Plan** the dates you intend to stay in Europe. 70% of the Erasmus+ grant is transferred to you based on this Arrival Placement Plan. So, if you stated you would be in Europe for a full-year, and then only spent the first term in Europe, you would need to pay back some of the Erasmus+ grant. This does not mean you cannot change your mind during a placement; just as long as you know the implications for any Erasmus+ grant. If you are in any doubt, the Study Abroad team can always help you.

Be proactive – this is your project to manage, and while we are here to support you, you need to independently research opportunities and universities to source the most rewarding experience tailored to your future goals and what you want to achieve during your year!

Intercalated Year at an Overseas Academic Institution

1. You are required to take modules at a level approved by your department.
2. The terminology for credit may vary by institution and you are responsible for ensuring that you are taking the required number of credits.
3. Module choices are subject to confirmation by your academic International Placements coordinator and on the Study Placement Plans required by the ISO.
4. Individual marks from the partner will not be shown on your HEAR. But, you will have your transcript from the partner university to demonstrate your academic performance which is important for future employment.
5. Our partner universities will also have minimum course loads, and this may also be linked to visa requirements. It is important that you do not ignore these requirements as you may invalidate your visa (this is more relevant on the worldwide exchanges).

If you choose to spend a year abroad at an overseas academic institution (typically but not exclusively within the framework of the Erasmus+ program), you will be required to undertake a selection of modules that:

- Are of an appropriate level (as determined by your department) so as to strengthen your knowledge and enhance your set of skills as a Chemistry student.
- Total a number of CATs equivalent to that required for your current year of study.

Progression

1. An additional or intercalated year will be recorded as a Pass / Fail year abroad on your Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR). Students who fail the Intercalated Year are transferred back onto the standard MChem/BSc stream.
2. The ethos of the year abroad is to enable you to develop your skills and to have time to experience a different culture. You may be studying in a different academic system, or even a different language. Your department will be able to give specific guidance, and you must always follow specific subject related guidance. However, if you do not meet the 40% Warwick threshold for passing your modules, your department will be able to offer you a remedy to avoid failing your year abroad.
3. In some circumstances there may be a reason why you need to return to the UK and are not able to complete your year of study.
4. Please note that there will be implications for withdrawing from a year abroad. You are advised to contact Student Finance England (or other relevant body), any sponsors you may be receiving finance from and to notify your department, before you make a decision.
5. Withdrawal part way through your study abroad year will also impact on your Erasmus+ grant and you should contact the ISO before making any final decisions.

6. Tier 4 students who do not complete the year abroad will need to consult with the ISO and to take advice before making a final decision.
7. Your department must be consulted before you make a final decision and discuss the implications of withdrawing from your additional or year of study.

Withdrawing from either an International Placement or an Intercalated Year *whilst* undertaking one or the other is an exceptional scenario that can only be accepted in light of serious circumstances - to be discussed in detail with your Personal Tutor first, and to be ultimately approved by Dr. Sosso.

While you are away

Academic Progression

International Placements:

During your International Placement you are supposed to keep in touch with your Personal Tutor on a monthly basis - please notify Dr. Sosso if you struggle to achieve that.

You will also need to submit an online (via Moodle) progress report (typically mid-May, the exact deadlines can be found on Moodle) You will then arrange a follow up phone call, email or video chat with your Personal Tutor during the following week.

The aims of this monitoring system are:

- Provide opportunities for students to carry out critical self-assessment and reflection.
- Allow students to get feedback from industrial supervisors on their performance.
- Enable the Department of Chemistry to monitor and support students in their placements
- Provide documentary evidence for central University of Warwick on attendance (required for registration status, covers two formal university monitoring points)

Failure to upload the form within 5 working days of the anticipated submission date will be reported to the central university as a missed monitoring point.

Please contact the Undergraduate Office (chem-undergraduate@warwick.ac.uk) if you anticipate any problems with completing the submission. Please inform the Undergraduate Office of your placement completion date.

You should submit your final project report in early June (the exact deadline can be found on Moodle): you will notice that at that time you will almost certainly still be working abroad. As such, the assessment is going to focus chiefly on your presentation skills as opposed to what you have achieved so far - as we are aware of the fact that your research might not be progressing in a non-linear fashion in terms of time.

Intercalated Year:

Your Personal Tutor will continue to be your first point of contact during your year abroad - in conjunction with Dr. Sosso You will be required to submit regular progress reports throughout the year and arrange follow-up phone call, email or video chat with your Personal Tutor. **Failure to upload the form within 5 working days of the anticipated submission date will be reported to the central university as a missed monitoring point.**

Exact deadlines are provided on Moodle:

go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3G1 (for MChem students)go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3G2 (for BSc students)

Mitigation

Please do contact Dr. Sosso and Personal Tutor if you are concerned about any of the above, and if you are experiencing difficulties which you believe will make timely completion of the Year Abroad tasks difficult. We are here to help, and it is far better to talk to us in advance of any deadline than to bury your head in the sand or worry alone.

Remedy for Failure

Policy Statement for the Accreditation of Placement Year in Industry and Year Abroad and remedy for failure. Approved by Senate: July 2018

https://warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/placementlearning/accreditation_of_year_out_policy.pdf

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Part 2 International Student Office (ISO) Planning

1. The role of the ISO is to provide the mechanism for your department to set up agreements, and to support students throughout the nomination, application and placement. The ISO does not make decisions on academic matters.
2. The University has over 250 partners, some will be specific to your department and some exchanges will be offered across the University. In 2018 there will be over 800 individual student placements taking place. The ISO will offer a series of briefings throughout the autumn term on options for studying abroad and will introduce you to worldwide exchanges and the Erasmus+ programme. Places are only offered through your department and you must be nominated by your department in order to progress your application to the partner university.
3. Our aim is not to bombard you with emails; if we email you we really do need a reply.
4. The ISO generic information reminding you about deadlines for grant payments, forms to be returned will be posted onto the study abroad website;
www.warwick.ac.uk/go/studyabroad.
5. The process starts with you being nominated by your department, usually by the end of the autumn term, the ISO will work to match your choices with the places available in any given year. Your department will receive a list confirming the place you have been offered usually by the end of January each year. The ISO will always try and meet your needs but occasionally on a worldwide exchange you may be offered another option. This is not negative – just a case of matching resources and all of our partners are selected carefully.
6. A nomination is just that – it is not a guarantee you will be accepted by the partner.
7. The ISO nominate you to the partner university and then you will be asked to complete the partner's application materials. There is no one-way-fits all – each university has a different way of working. The best advice is to follow the instructions carefully. You must supply all of the information requested and make sure you keep to the partner's deadlines.
8. If a partner asks for a language qualification; you must supply the information. Not supplying essential details can delay your application.
9. British Council Language assistants will apply directly to the British Council.
10. You are expected to attend one of the ISO pre-departure briefings; this is where the information on insurance, funding etc is explained in detail.
11. Important points to note: funding evidence will be required to receive a visa to study in destinations such as Hong Kong, the USA and Canada.
12. The ISO will upload a copy of the presentation at the end of March each year.
13. Drop-in sessions are run by the ISO throughout the year and provide an opportunity for you to talk to one of the coordinators. You may also find the materials in the ISO reception useful for researching a potential partner. The ISO website also provides a good source of information on each partner and links to partner information materials.
www.warwick.ac/go/studyabroad/outbound
14. If your degree enables a split placement (work/study), or study at two destinations, this is possible but remember to check the dates of each partner's term times as they may not be compatible. For worldwide exchanges you will also need to ensure sufficient time to plan for visas.
15. The expectation from our partners, and as set out in all of our agreements, is that you will have good academic standing, or more specifically be working to a 2:1 level, and will have the necessary language qualifications if required.

Diversity and Inclusion

All of our partnership agreements include a diversity and inclusion statement.

The parties, recognising the value of sustaining and advancing a safe and welcoming learning environment, strive to treat both employees and students with respect and dignity, treat them fairly with regards to all assessments, choices and procedures, and to give them encouragement to reach their full potential. Therefore the parties strive to treat all its members, and visitors, fairly and aim to eliminate unjustifiable discrimination on the grounds of gender, race and nationality, ethnic or national origin, political beliefs, religious beliefs or practices, disability, marital status, family circumstances, sexual orientation, spent criminal convictions, age or any other inappropriate ground.

You may also find Warwick's Diversity and Inclusion website pages helpful – or the ISO have a printed copy of the Diversity and Inclusion: [Safe Overseas Travel Guidance](#) and will be able to provide a copy.

Student Finance

1. As you are part of a reciprocal exchange programme, you do not pay the academic fee to the host partner. The fee you will pay to Warwick is set [here](#).
2. You will see that worldwide work places are charged at a higher fee. You may wish to consider studying for the first placement and then working for the second part of the year, in this way the lower fee will apply.
3. Students on a substitute year (integrated), will be charged at separate fees depending on whether you are a home or overseas student. You are advised to check the above link to the academic office before making any decisions.
4. You are eligible for funding even though you are out of Warwick for a year.
5. Warwick's student finance team will inform the funding companies (if applicable) of your name if you are going overseas and will include the partner's term dates.
6. If the partner's term starts more than one month before the Warwick academic year, the funding companies will aim to pay your funds at an earlier date, but do not rely on this, as the payments may not be made until the start of Warwick's term. For a student travelling to North American or Australia there will be a gap between when you start your term, and when your bursary starts that you will need to plan for in advance.
7. Sponsorship: it has been our experience that not all sponsors will agree to a year abroad. Before you start the process you are advised to make contact with your sponsor and check on the position.
8. Student Funding Team – [Funding Study Abroad](#).
9. For UK students the following link is useful for external advice [Gov.UK](#).
10. It is possible that you will receive a grant from Student Finance England to cover some of your [travel expenses](#) if you normally live in England. You do not have to pay back a travel grant, but the amount will vary and you will need to check on your eligibility. There are also links to other funding bodies outside of England; rules do vary so check the right website.

Erasmus+ grants

1. When thinking about an Erasmus+ or worldwide placement, one of the advantages of studying in Europe is the Erasmus+ grant. The rates of payment per month do vary but as a guide can be between €280-€330 a month, for (usually) a maximum of 9 months. An extra

payment is made to support you if you need financial help. The funds are identified by Warwick's student finance office and you do not need to make a separate application.

2. 70% of your Erasmus+ grant is paid on receipt of your arrival form (around November). You will receive the final 30% of your grant on your return, and completion of all of your forms. This is due to the grant only being received from the British Council at the end of your placements.
3. The Erasmus+ programme will require a number of forms to complete in order to receive your grant. The study abroad website will have all the forms you need to complete.
4. An Online Language Survey: assessing your outgoing and returning level of language will be required as an essential part of the Erasmus+ process.
5. In addition, a final report will need to be completed and is sent to you directly from the European Mobility Tool; this is how Warwick is assessed for future funding and is a vital part of the process.

Tier 4 Visa Holders

All students are encouraged to take part in study abroad. A student who has entered Warwick on a Tier 4 is eligible for study abroad and will be supported throughout the process. However, as there will be some additional requirements for you if you are on a Tier 4, we would advise contacting the ISO office for advice. Briefing sessions will be held as part of the pre-departure programme and you will be advised of any processes you need to complete. As the guidance is regularly updated, it is always best to keep in contact with the ISO.

Travel

1. Consult the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website. This is a useful source of information (see below).
2. Leave plenty of time to apply for a visa (holidays can wait, ensure your study visa has been obtained).
3. [Do I need a visa?](#) You may require a visa to study or work in your destination country for your study abroad placement. It is your responsibility to ensure you obtain the correct immigration permission for your placement in good time to begin your placement.

Wellbeing

1. Your wellbeing is important and you're still a Warwick student when you are away from Coventry. Should you require support, your Warwick academic study abroad coordinator is still here to help you. In addition, the ISO are here to help and to ensure you do not feel isolated. The ISO contact details are all on the study abroad website. If you need someone to talk to, or have concerns we would rather you contacted us.
2. [Counselling Service](#): Studying Abroad resources: including a Podcast on studying overseas.
3. [Culture Shock](#) - Our [Counselling Service](#) offers useful resources on managing culture shock.
4. [European Health Insurance card](#): also worth carrying with you – don't fall for the scam websites. The card is free of charge and will entitle you to reciprocal health care.
5. If you have a disability it is useful to let the partner university know in advance to enable special arrangements to be made if required - for example, planning accommodation, or additional time for examinations. Any notification is confidential – and we would suggest contacting the Wellbeing service at Warwick who will then be able to liaise with the partner university on [support](#) required.

Business Travel Insurance

1. You will be covered by the University's Business Travel Insurance while you are studying at the partner. This applies whether you are in Europe or on a worldwide exchange. This insurance is not private health insurance – it is for emergency situations, accidents, loss etc. **Please also note that it is not for the loss or damage of mobile phones or computers.** The details of the policy are all online <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/finance/insurance>. The fee for this policy is paid for by the International Student Office. An insurance card will be available in the ISO (usually by the spring term each year) if you would like to take a hard copy of the contact details.

Additional Insurance Costs

1. There are countries where it is mandatory to take out additional health insurance. Australia, USA, Canada, Turkey will definitely require additional private health insurance. If you are required to purchase additional private health insurance this will be a cost you must factor into your budget. The costs can vary considerably between US institutions in particular and you will need to check on an individual basis for the annual charge.

Accommodation

1. Information on accommodation will be available on the partner's website. Worldwide exchanges tend to house students on campus; and European exchanges frequently will house students off campus.
2. The level of support for accommodation in Europe can vary considerably and you are advised to work closely with your host university /work placement
3. Be wary of scams: students can be targeted in European cities particularly. Do not sign anything until you are sure of what you are paying for.
4. Worldwide exchanges will have deadlines for Campus University; and for European exchanges make sure you leave sufficient time to organise your accommodation.
5. The ISO Facebook is a good way of communicating with previous students, and there will also be opportunities to network with returning students and find out good locations.
6. Different countries and universities will expect behaviour and protocols; it is essential that you make sure you are clear about the rules and regulations in a hall of residence. Not all universities will be as flexible as Warwick when rules are not followed and it is in your interest to make sure you keep within the regulations/rules.

Students' Union Advice Centre

1. You may also find the Students' Union Advice Centre helpful. It can provide practical advice or signpost you to sources of help, for example personal issues, housing, course-related problems, funding and finance, immigration or complaints. For a full details, here is the [link](#).

Emergency Contacts

The ISO has an emergency contacts [page](#) which provides a quick link to a number of resources, including the Warwick Out of Hours Emergency 24 Hour Contact line: +44 (0)24 7652 2083.

A link to the British Embassy and High Commission or Consulate is also provided. If you are not a British citizen you will be able to contact your local Embassy in case of emergency.

Link to Warwick's Travel Safely Abroad Leaflet

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/supportservices/travelsafelyleaflet.pdf>

Code of Conduct

All students will be expected to complete a Code of Conduct and this will be retained by the ISO. A copy of the Code of Conduct can be found [here](#).

Intercultural Training

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/students/interculturaltraining>

The intercultural training programme is designed to help enrich your intercultural experience. Delivered through three stages the programme includes access to interactive workshops and online media helping you to develop your intercultural competency, before, during and after your study abroad.

External Resources

Useful FCO links include:

The [Foreign and Commonwealth Office \(FCO\)](#) provides travel advice by country. It covers safety and security, local laws and customs, entry requirements, health and natural disasters along with a host of other useful information

- View the FCO's travel advice by country. This includes up-to-date information on topics such as local news, safety and security, entry requirements and local laws and customs.
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>
- See the FCO's guidance on support for British nationals living abroad on the government website. The government guide highlights some of the main ways you can help yourself stay safe abroad and what help the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) can provide if you do get into difficulty. It includes the FCO Consular Customer Charter.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-british-nationals-abroad-a-guide>
- Know Before You Go - staying safe and healthy abroad. This includes a link to the FCO's Travel Checklist.
<https://www.gov.uk/travelaware>
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-checklist>
- How to find your local British Embassy, High Commission or Consulate while abroad
<https://www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations>

If you are not a British National, you will still find much of the advice and guidance above useful. Remember to check your local embassy for information on the support and guidance they can provide you with for travelling and living overseas.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-embassies-in-the-uk>

Global Graduates

<https://globalgraduates.com/>

Global Graduates is a network to support students who study, work or volunteer abroad during their degree (and help them start amazing careers!). It is the UK's biggest network of students who study or work abroad during their degree. The articles are written by and for university students across the world to provide up-to-date information, help and advice about living, studying and working abroad, to help make the whole process less scary. Get tips from other students going to your destination, share experiences, discoveries and recommendations and find out everything about where to go and what to do while you're there, making sure you really make the most of your year away.

Go International

www.go.international.ac.uk/

UK higher education is committed to increasing the proportion of UK students with international experience. This website aims to support UK HE by providing the latest policy, research, statistics, case studies and opportunities for study and work abroad. It also contains information on the benefits of international experience, as well as guidance on sources of funding.

Includes a Pre-Departure Guide: <http://go.international.ac.uk/going-abroad/pre-departure-guide-students>

Erasmus+ UK

<https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/advice-for-participants>

The British Council (the UK National Agency for Erasmus+) has put together some useful information for participants who have successfully applied to take part in Erasmus+ and need a helping hand to sort out some of the logistics.

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create>

Study Work Create provides opportunities for UK students, recent graduates, and young professionals to study, work, volunteer, research or develop your creativity abroad. It houses a range of information on practicalities of studying or working abroad.

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

<https://esn.org/>

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a non-profit international student organisation. Our mission is to represent international students, thus provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of Students Helping Students.