

DEPARTMENT of CHEMISTRY

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*and*

*INTERCALATED YEAR ABROAD*

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## Part 1 Introduction and Academic Planning

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

[Go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3D7](http://Go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3D7) (for BSc or industrial placement students)

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([s.perrier@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:s.perrier@warwick.ac.uk)) are the coordinators of international and industrial placements, respectively.

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 Student Mobility Team (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 Immigration Team 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](mailto: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](http://go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3G1) (for MChem students) [go.warwick.ac.uk/CH3G2](http://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](https://warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/placementlearning/accreditation_of_year_out_policy.pdf)

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## Part 2 - The Student Mobility Team

### Study abroad during the Covid-19 pandemic

1. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, your study abroad plans may be subject to change at short notice, depending upon your destination. You are required to follow guidelines from both your host university and the University of Warwick in the event of changes arising from this continuing public health emergency. It is also very important to ensure that your contact and placement details are up to date on your eVision online portal and that an up to date risk assessment has been completed.
2. If you are required to change your plans, travel or programme of study, you must inform both the Student Mobility Team at Warwick and the Study Abroad/Exchanges Coordinator in your academic department as soon as possible. Similarly, if you become ill or are otherwise affected by the pandemic, please notify the Student Mobility Team and your academic department and follow their guidance.

### Introduction

The guidance in this section is provided by the Student Mobility (SM) Team. The role of the Student Mobility Team is to provide the mechanism for your academic department to set up agreements with partner universities, and to support students in applying to these universities. The University has many different partners worldwide; some partners will only have placements available for certain academic departments whilst others will be open to students across the University. Places are only offered through the academic department so you must apply for a study abroad place through your academic department and they will allocate the places available. Once this has been completed, the SM Team will work with you on the formal nomination and application process for your study placement. Please note that the SM Team does not make decisions on academic matters or on which students are selected as this is undertaken by your academic department.

### Information from the Student Mobility Team

1. The SM Team will offer a briefing during the autumn term which will provide information on the options for studying abroad and will introduce you to worldwide exchanges and the Erasmus+/Turing Scheme. Departmental Study Abroad Coordinators will also often arrange academic department specific briefings as well. These briefings provide different information so it is recommended that you attend both.
2. Information on the process, FAQs and details on the documentation required can be found on <https://www.warwick.ac.uk/studentmobility>.
3. Students who have had their study placement confirmed are expected to attend one of the SM Team pre-departure briefings; this is where the non-academic information on studying abroad is explained in detail. The SM Team will upload a copy of the presentation at the end of March each year.
4. [Drop-in sessions](#) are run by the SM Team throughout the year and provide an opportunity for you to talk to one of the team. You can also get in touch via the [Contact Form](#).
5. Please ensure you respond to all emails from the SM Team in a timely manner.

## Application and Nomination Process

1. A selection process will be undertaken by your academic department (they will provide information on how to apply)
2. The academic department will notify the selected students of which partner university they have been allocated to
3. The SM Team will formally nominate the selected students to their allocated university (the SM Team may also request further information from the students in order to nominate, please also note that a nomination is not a guarantee that students will be accepted by the partner)
4. After the formal nomination, the selected students will be asked to complete the partner's application process. The SM Team is available to support students during their application however, please note that students themselves are responsible for completing and submitting their application on time. Therefore, students must follow all application instructions carefully, supply all of the information requested by the partner and make sure to keep to the partner's deadlines (it's important to note differences in time zones when it comes to deadlines). Failure to do so will result in the application being unsuccessful
5. The partner university will then notify students on whether their application has been successful or not

## 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.*

## Tuition Fees, Student Finance and Grants

1. As you are part of a reciprocal exchange programme, you do not pay any academic tuition fee to your host university, but you do continue to pay tuition fees to Warwick (usually 15% of the standard tuition fee - further details can be found on the following webpage: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/finance/fees/>)
2. Warwick's student finance team will inform Student Finance England (if applicable) of your name if you are going overseas and will include the host university's term dates. This will ensure that Student Finance England are aware that you should be charged the reduced study abroad fee rather than the standard level of tuition fee.
3. If the term starts more than one month before the Warwick academic year, Student Finance England will aim to pay your funds (tuition fee and any maintenance loan) 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 students travelling to North America or Australia, there will be a gap between when you start your term, and when your funding starts; you will need to plan for this in advance.
4. 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 contact your sponsor and check on their position.
5. It is possible that you might 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.

## Erasmus+ grants

1. Students studying a placement for 3+ months or undertaking a work placement for 2+ months (must be an in person placement, not virtual) in Europe (excluding Switzerland, Monaco and other small principalities) may be eligible for the Erasmus+ grant. The rates of payment per month vary but it's approximately £300 a month, for (usually) a maximum of 9 months. [Note: Due to the UK withdrawal from the Erasmus+ scheme, grants will only be payable up to May 2023]
2. The Erasmus+ grant is paid in two parts: 70% of the grant is paid upon receipt of your arrival form (around November) and the final 30% of the grant is paid upon your return, on completion of all your forms, however, please note that due to the scheme withdrawal, the grant will only cover the period up to 31st May 2023.
3. The Erasmus+ programme will require you to complete several forms at the appropriate time to receive your grant. Consult the following page for the forms you will need to complete: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/studentopportunity/studentmobility/studyabroad/forms/>
4. Split placements: if you are being allowed to undertake two half year placements, please remember that it is only the European placements that receive a grant. It is important that you indicate on your Arrival Placement Plan the dates you intend to stay on your placement as 70% of the Erasmus+ grant is transferred to you based on this Arrival Placement Plan. You can still receive a grant for both placements if they are both eligible but you will have to complete the forms for each placement.

## Turing Grants

A new funding opportunity is available to students on international exchanges. This is the Turing Scheme, which allows for grants to UK students undertaking an in person study or work abroad placement anywhere in the world (students undertaking a placement in Europe may be eligible for the Erasmus+ grant instead which is payable up to May 2023), please visit the following webpage for the latest details:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/studentopportunity/studentmobility/studyabroad/turing/>

## Visas

1. You may require a visa to study or work in your destination country for your year abroad.
2. It is your responsibility to ensure you obtain the correct immigration permission for your year abroad in good time.
3. Use the list of foreign embassies in the UK to find the website for the UK-based embassy of the country where you will be studying: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-embassies-in-the-uk> . The embassy's website will tell you whether people of your nationality need to apply for a visa to study there.
4. Use the travel checklist from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office for guidance on planning and preparation: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-travel-checklist>
5. Check the travel advice for your destination country (you can also sign up for email updates): <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>
6. You should also seek guidance from your host university, who will be able to issue any documentation you require and guide you through the process of obtaining appropriate visa documentation for your purpose of travel. Your host university will have advice and guidance on applying for visas.

### Student Visa (previously known as Tier 4 Visa) Holders

1. All students are encouraged to take part in study abroad. A student who has entered Warwick on a student visa is eligible for study abroad and will be supported throughout the process.
2. There may be additional requirements for student visa holders, so you should contact the Immigration Team (<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/>) for advice before applying for a year abroad.
3. Briefing sessions will be held as part of the pre-departure programme and you will be advised of any processes (such as meeting the monitoring points for Engagement/Attendance Monitoring) you need to complete.

### Insurance

1. You will be covered free of charge by the University's Business Travel Insurance whilst you are studying abroad however, this only covers emergency medical expenses and is not private health insurance hence it is strongly recommended for students to secure additional travel insurance. Please also note that the University's Business Travel Insurance is not for the loss or damage of mobile phones or computers and travel costs due to Covid-19 are not covered
2. You will be required to complete a risk assessment
3. Please view the details of the policy at: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/finance/insurance>
4. There are countries where it is mandatory to take out additional health insurance (eg: Canada, USA) and your host university may also require you to purchase specific insurance as well
5. Please factor in the cost of additional insurance into your budget as costs can vary considerably and you will need to check on an individual basis
6. If travelling to Europe, it's recommended to apply for a free of charge Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which will allow you to access medically necessary state-provided healthcare, however, it may not cover all health costs and is not a substitute for travel insurance. Please visit the following webpage for further information: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

### Accommodation

1. Information on accommodation will be available on the host university's website and they may also provide you with details during the application process. Depending upon the host university, some might offer accommodation on campus whilst for others, students live off campus
2. The level of support for accommodation can vary considerably and you are advised to work closely with your host university and be wary of scams, do not sign anything until you are sure of what you are paying for
3. Organising accommodation is your responsibility. If there is still uncertainty over whether you will be studying in your host country or remotely, consider carefully when you pay for accommodation and the terms of your accommodation contract
4. Different countries and universities will expect certain standards of behaviour and adherence to protocols; it is essential that you make sure you are clear about the rules and regulations
5. The [Student Mobility Facebook](#) page is a good way of communicating with previous students which might be helpful

## Wellbeing

1. If you have any concerns about applying for a year abroad or require support whilst overseas, please do get in touch with Warwick Wellbeing Support Services: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss> . You will also be able to access support services at your host university during your time there as well.
2. If you have a disability, it's useful to let the host university know in advance, to enable alternative arrangements to be made if required – for example, additional time for examinations. Any notification is confidential – and we suggest contacting Warwick Wellbeing Support Services who will then be able to liaise with the host university on support required