

Welcome to The Liftoff

Global Opportunities newsletter!



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Great to meet so many of you at the mixer and to find out about your plans for study exchange! Now is an ideal time to think about your accommodation options – why not have a check the next time you're getting your caffeine fix in between studying?

This month, our Go Global Ambassadors are sharing their thoughts on their accommodation experiences and the unexpected benefits of study exchange.

Meet Cedar, a Go Global Ambassador, who spent a semester at the University of Alberta studying history. Here's how Cedar arranged accommodation in Edmonton!

“I decided to try and get a place in one of their large student accommodations. I was fortunate the university guarantees incoming exchange students accommodation as private options are limited in the city.



Booking accommodation was straightforward using an online portal. To me picking a place to stay which was well connected with facilities including transport, shops, restaurants and all the essentials was important for my studies in Alberta. There are two types of accommodation here, a 2 person and 4 person flat, each with one kitchen and bathroom, and your roommates are randomly allocated, but you can put in a roommate request.



My top tip would be if you're booking University accommodation for your exchange make the most of the induction events – they're great for meeting people and finding out about the university and city.”



On both Thursday 16 May and Tuesday 21 May, we will host Pre-Departure sessions and would encourage you to come along to find out the key information you require before the summer break.

Please RSVP to one of the sessions via the link [here](#)! Hope to see you there!

David, our ambassador studying Law with Spanish at Salamanca University, discovered unexpected things during his study exchange:

“1. Easy Adaptation - Establishing a routine helps adapt to cultural changes. Embrace the local culture and follow the lead of others.

2. Independence - Enjoy the freedom of traveling alone, communicating in another language, and being away from family.





3. Close friendships - Make friends from different countries to study and travel with.

4. Travel opportunities - Explore Europe solo or in a group. Morocco was a personal highlight.

5. Food and drink - Embrace local cuisine and enjoy affordable dining out experiences.”

Your Next Steps

- Reminder – fill in your funding application and risk assessment if you haven't already
- Explore accommodation options and check if you have any visa requirements

**Look out for the next edition of
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coming mid-May.

Don't forget, if you have any queries just pop us an email at goglobal@qub.ac.uk or book an appointment with one of our team [here](#)