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Global Opportunities – Study Exchange Information Session



Careers, Employability & Skills

12 November 2025

Overview of session

- Introduction to the Global Opportunities Team
- Overview of European Exchanges
- Australia, Canada, New Zealand and US exchange opportunities
- Funding
- Other considerations
- Questions

The Global Opportunities Team

“We promote and support students with international study and work programmes”

Team of 7 – One Elmwood Student Centre

Google: ***Queen's Global Opportunities Team***

Semester 1 & 2 Events

Virtual Drop-in sessions, Tues & Thurs - 12-1pm, **Book via MyFuture**

European Study Exchanges

✓ Undergrad
✗ Graduates

✓ Postgrad

- 1 semester or 1 academic year
- Open to any year group (some disciplines can be restricted)
- Open to any nationality
- University Mobility funding **potentially** provides financial support for all FT students*
- Range of exchanges with European Institutions (availability depends on subject)
- Speak with the International Exchange Advisor for your School

Applications open in early 2026 | Closing date – March 2026

More information at <http://go.qub.ac.uk/EuroStudyExchange>



European Study Exchange Partners

Faculty of Arts,
Humanities and
Social Sciences

Faculty of
Engineering
and Physical
Sciences

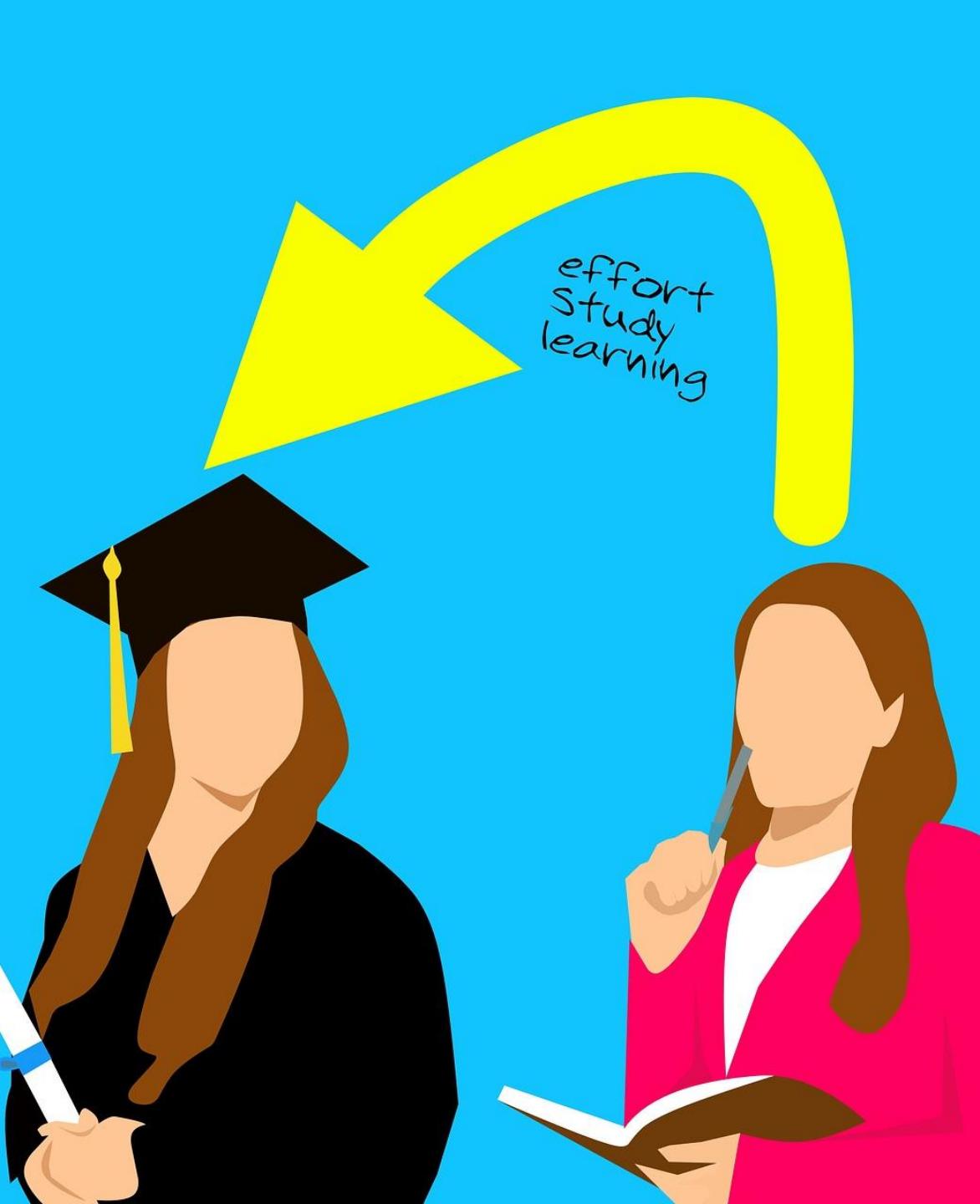
Faculty of
Medicine,
Health and
Life
Sciences



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International Exchange Advisors

| Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | | Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences | | Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences | |
|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Anthropological Studies History Philosophy Politics and International Studies | Prof David Phinnemore | Aerospace Engineering Mechanical Engineering | Prof Juliana Early | Biological Sciences | Dr Irene Grant |
| Criminology Sociology Social Work | Dr Ulrike Vieten | Archaeology Palaeoecology | Prof Maarten Blaauw | Medicine | TBC |
| English | Dr Steffi Lehner | Architecture | Dr Niek Turner | Nursing | TBC |
| Drama Film Music | Dr Zeynep Bulut | Chemical Engineering Chemistry | Dr Haresh Manyar | Pharmacy | Dr Irina Tikhonova |
| French Studies | Dr Maria Tavares | Civil Engineering | Dr Mohammed Sonebi | | |
| Law | Dr Alice Diver | Informatics/Computer Science | Dr Deepak Padmanabhan | | |
| Law with a Language | Dr Michael Vincent | Electrical Engineering | Dr Hien-Quoc Ngo | | |
| Liberal Arts | Dr Sophie Cooper | Geography | Dr Oliver Dunnett | | |
| Queen's Business School | Dr David Jordan | Mathematics | Dr Dermot Green | | |
| Portuguese Studies Spanish Studies | Dr Maria Tavares | Physics | Dr Thomas Field | | |
| | | Planning | Dr Heather Ritchie | | |
| | | Psychology | Dr Andrew Monaghan | | |



Recognition of Placement

- Placement must be recognised as integral element of degree programme
- Credits for the semester/year abroad would be transferred back*
- Duration of degree is not lengthened due to participation on programme*
- Record of placement will appear on Queen's transcript
- Resulting mark/report may contribute towards your degree classification from Queen's*

- *depending on pathway

European Study Exchanges Timeline



A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains with rugged peaks and patches of snow. In the foreground, there is a calm lake with a small, colorful boat on it. The background shows a dense forest of tall evergreen trees.

Australian, Canadian, New Zealand and US Exchanges

Please note...

- The year or semester that you spend abroad may **replace** the year or semester you would have spent at Queen's. The marks you achieve at your exchange university may be converted to Queen's grades and will contribute towards your degree classification*
- Open to any full time Queen's University **undergraduate** student.
- You can go in 2nd or 3rd/final year but must have the permission of your academic school
- There may be restrictions on certain subject areas
- Medical, Nursing, Biomedical Science, Pharmacy or Law students cannot generally apply. If unsure please check with your School.

*dependant on course

USA Study Exchanges

- Open to AHSS students only
- Spend 1 semester or 1 academic year studying at one of the below institutions the US:

✓ Undergrad
✗ Graduates

✗ Postgrad

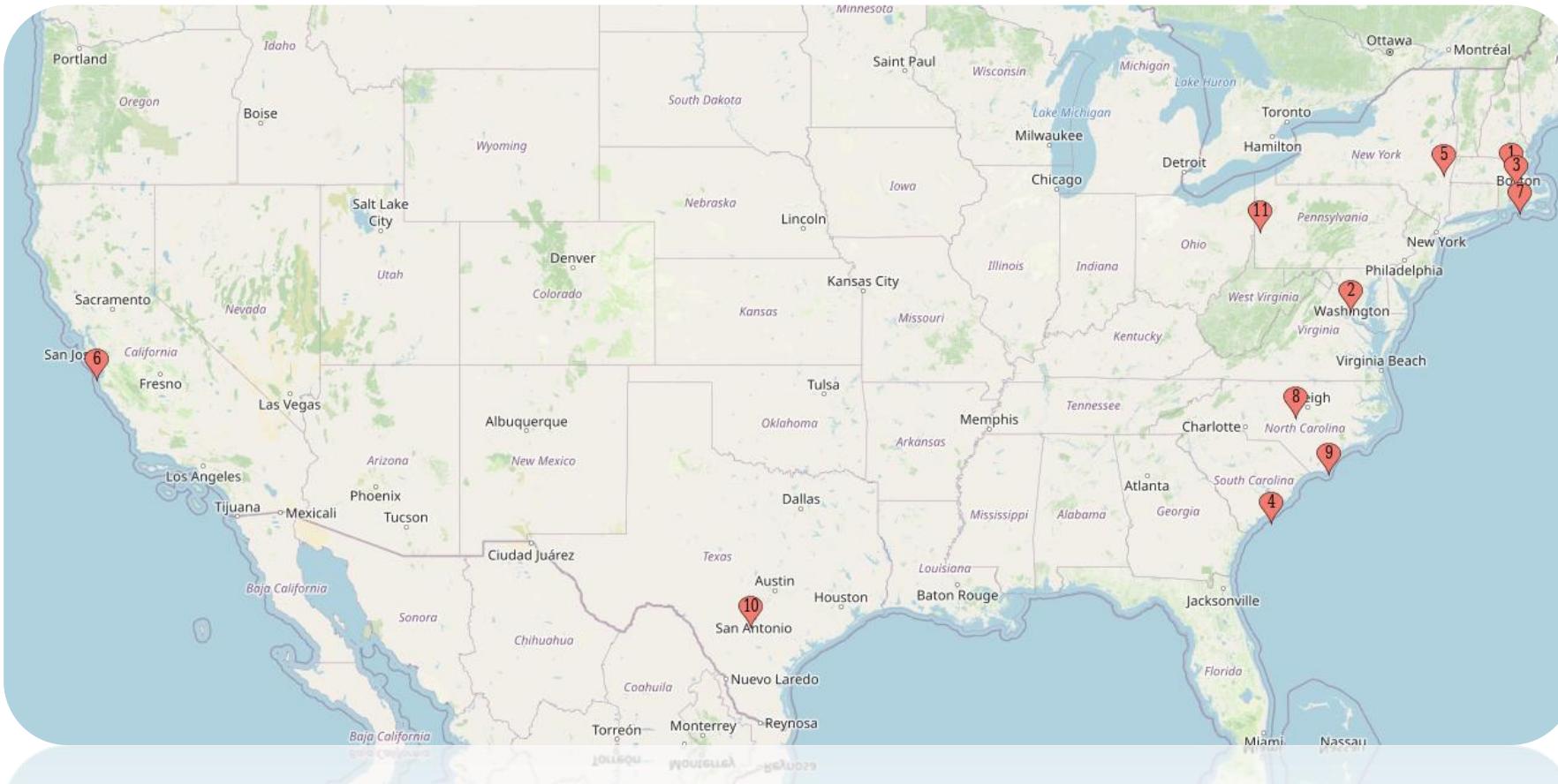
- American University
- Boston College
- College of Charleston
- Minnesota State University
- University of California Santa Cruz
- University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth or Lowell campus
- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill or Wilmington campus
- Westminster College

- Funding potentially provides financial support for all FT students*
- NI/GB/EU students spending the full year can potentially receive a tuition fee waiver

Applications open and close 10 Dec 2025



Our exchange partners in the USA



UTSA
The University of Texas
at San Antonio™



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SANTA CRUZ



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

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WESTMINSTER COLLEGE



COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON



BOSTON
COLLEGE



AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC



UNCW
MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY
MANKATO



UNIVERSITY of
NORTH CAROLINA
WILMINGTON

Australian, Canadian and NZ Exchanges

✓ Undergrad
✗ Graduates

✗ Postgrad

- Spend 1 semester or 1 academic year studying at:

- The University of Newcastle, Australia
- Australian National University, Australia
- Queen's University Kingston, Canada
- University of Alberta, Canada
- University of New Brunswick, Canada
- Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand



- Open to FT undergraduate students (Some subject restrictions)
- International Mobility Grant funding potentially available
- International students pay the normal full tuition fee to QUB for the year

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Our exchange partners in Australia

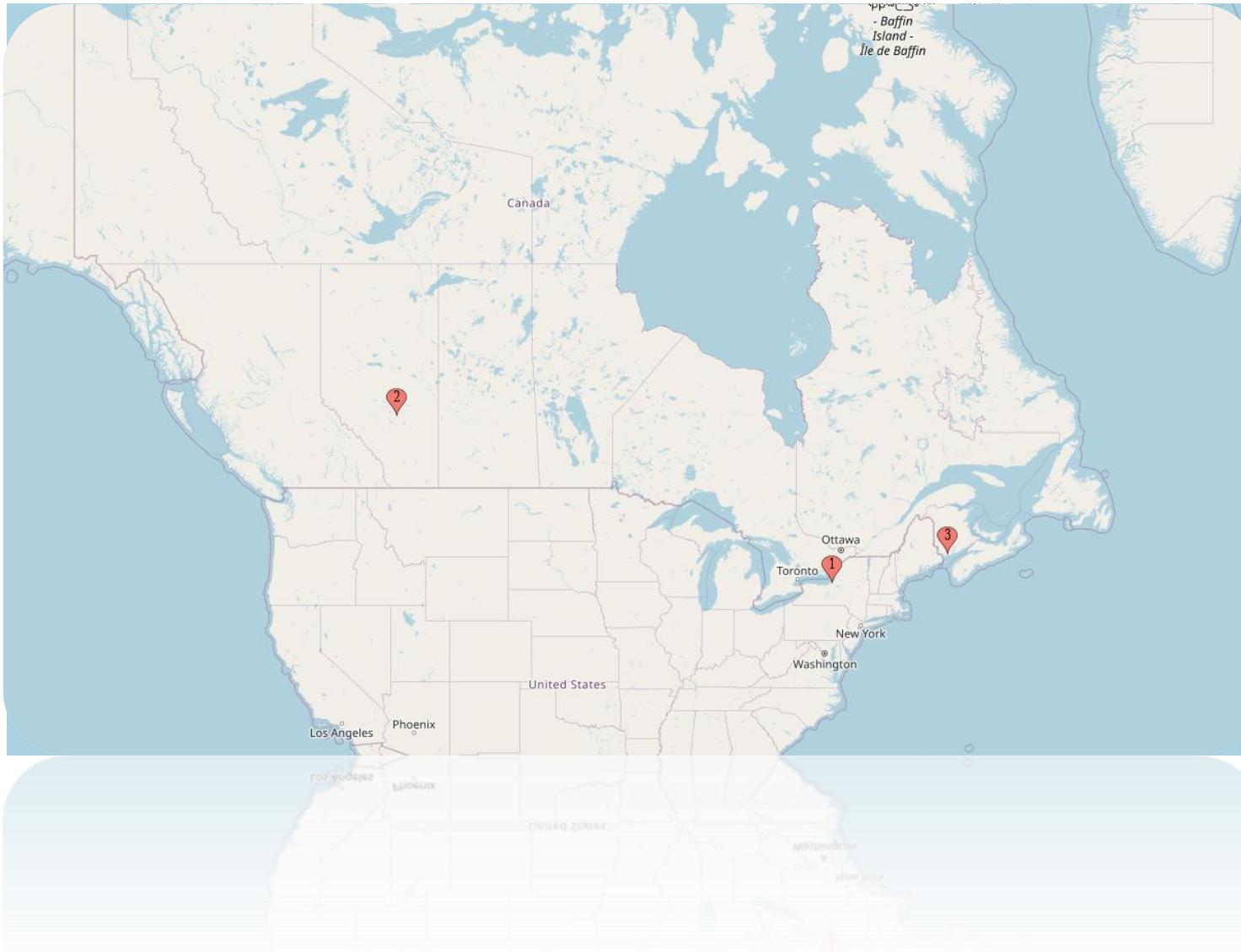


Australian
National
University

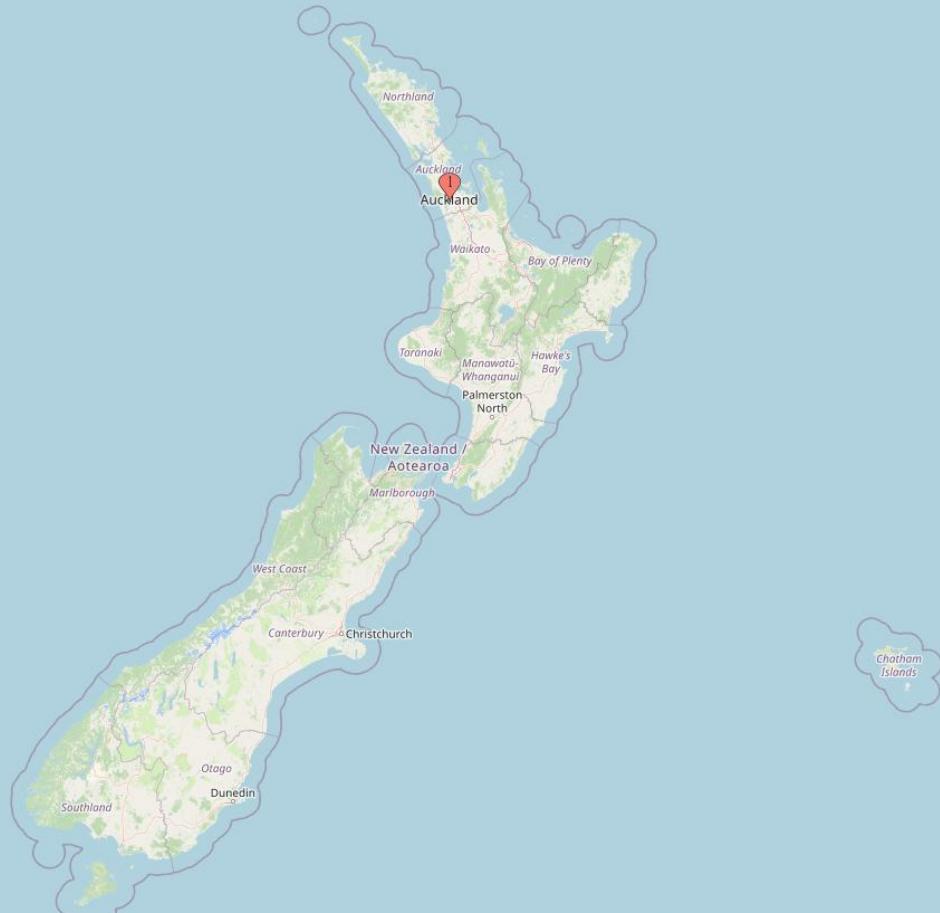


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Our exchange partners in Canada



Our exchange partners in New Zealand (Biological Science only)



Faculty and School Restrictions

| Country | University | Faculty/School restriction |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Australia | Australian National University | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | University of Newcastle | Open to most subjects |
| Canada | Queen's University Kingston | Open to most subjects |
| | University of Alberta | Open to most subjects |
| | University of New Brunswick | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only / Archaeology |
| New Zealand | Victoria University of Wellington | School of Biological Sciences only |
| * Application process at School level | American University | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | Boston College | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | College of Charleston | School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics only |
| | George Washington University | <i>School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics only*</i> |
| | Minnesota State University | English / School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics / School of Psychology |
| | University of California Santa Cruz | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | University of Massachusetts – Lowell | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | University of North Carolina – Wilmington | Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only |
| | University of Texas at San Antonio | School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics only |
| | Westminster College | School of Arts, English and Languages only |

Study exchanges in Australia, Canada and the US timeline



Semester dates (approximate)

- Australian/NZ Universities:
Semester 1: mid July – late November 2025
(*this will be described as Semester 2 in Australia/NZ*)
Semester 2: late Feb 2025 – late June 2026
(*this will be described as Semester 1 in Australia/NZ*)
- Canadian Universities:
Semester 1: early Sep – late Dec 2025
Semester 2: early Jan – late April 2026
- US Universities:
Semester 1: early Sep – late Dec 2025
Semester 2: early Jan – late April 2026

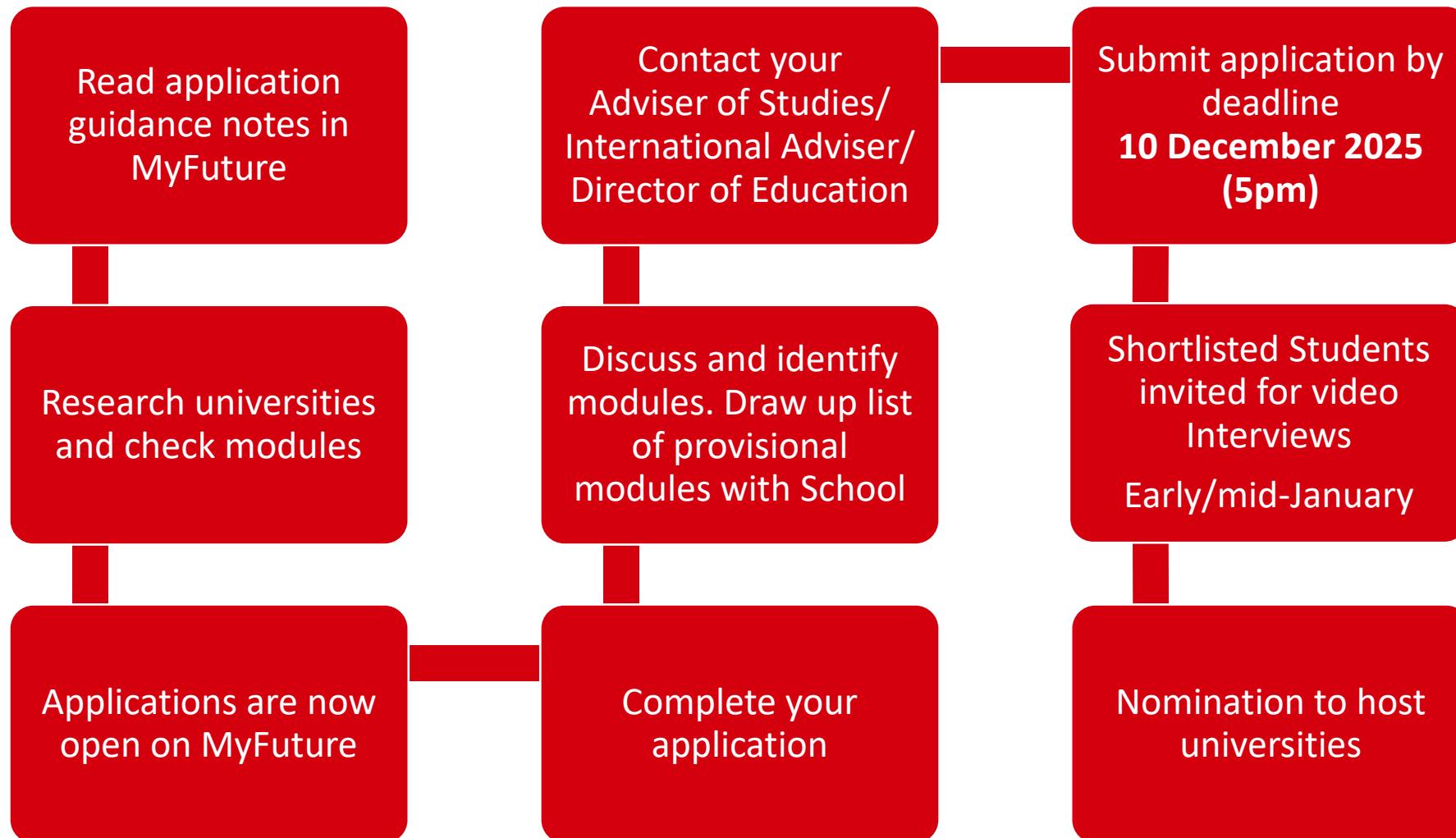
NB. Term dates will have impact on graduation for students going to Australia for full final year.

Application form

1. Personal details
2. Proposed destinations / module selection
3. Personal Statement
4. Previous Work/Study Experience abroad

"Discuss your interest in your degree subject(s), how that interest developed and the way in which your exchange year at your first choice university will complement your studies at Queen's University Belfast. Please comment on your proposed career and how the placement could be of benefit"

Australia, Canada, NZ and USA study exchanges application process



Components of the application to be in before deadline

- One completed application form, indicating, in rank order, your preferred universities. *You may indicate only one choice if you wish;*
- A provisional list of courses at the exchange institution **which you have ranked in first place**. This should be drawn up in consultation with your Adviser of Studies, the International Adviser or the Director of Education in your School (or another appropriate person).

CHECKLIST

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DEADLINE 5pm on 10 December 2025

Funding

What does it cost?

Tuition Fees

- Students who spend the **full year** on a study placement will pay no tuition fees*
- Students who spend **part of the year** on a study placement will have to pay the full year's tuition fee to Queen's.
- Students do not pay tuition fees to the host university.

*Applies to students who normally pay NI/GB/EU fees (not students who pay international fees)





What does it cost? Other costs

- Accommodation and general living costs.
 - Queen's **does not** organise accommodation for outgoing students.
- You will still be able to receive your student loan in addition to a potential International Mobility grant, and you may be eligible for a supplementary loan.
- Apply to Education Authority or Student Finance NI for a "Course Abroad Form".



The International Mobility Grant

- 2026-27 grant rates will depend on the allocation of funding received to the university. Outcome of funding application will be known later in the year.
- If eligible students may receive a WP uplift and travel expenses
- Under funding scheme rules, we can fund placements that are taking place between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027. Any placement beginning before this date will receive funding from 1 September 2026
- International Mobility Grant should not be seen as sole/primary source of income during placement

Students must be physically based in the host country to receive funding

Study Exchange Funding

International Mobility Grant funding potentially provides financial support for all full-time students

- Funding sources include UK Government (Turing Scheme), Irish Government and Queen's
- Funding paid to you by Global Opportunities in two instalments
- 2025-26 rates (*per month*)
 Approx **£420 or £360*** depending on country. (Grouped by cost of living)

| Group 1 (high cost of living) (£14 per day) | Group 2 (medium / low cost of living) (£12 per day) |
|---|---|
| Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, USA | All other countries |

* students going on a study placement to Switzerland will get their international mobility grant from the Swiss government via their host university

- Be prepared to cover some costs up front – helps cover some costs
- Requires the return of funding documents
- Additional funding available for students from a Widening Participation background.

*based on a 30-day month and placement between 57 – 365 days

Can I apply for a student loan or maintenance grant from the SLC for this time? Yes

To be confirmed for 26/27

International Mobility Grant Funding examples

Example 1 (year-long placement)

- Student going to Germany on a 250-day placement (*Group 2 country/Low cost of living*)
= £12 per day x 250 days = **£3,000**
- Student going to Germany on a 250-day placement from a disadvantaged background
= £16 per day x 250 days = £4,000 + travel costs of up to £250 + visa costs = **£4,250**

Example 2 (semester long placement)

- Student going to the USA on a 100-day placement (*Group 1 country/High cost of living*)
= £14 per day x 100 days = **£1,450**
- Student going to the USA on a 100-day placement from a disadvantaged background
= £18 per day x 100 days = £1,800 + travel costs of up to £745 + visa costs = **£2,545**

The Clinton Scholarships (Strand 1) - USA Study Exchanges

5 x Clinton Scholarships available - Up to £12,000 per semester

- Awards will go to students who have successfully secured a semester or year abroad place at a US partner university.
- The awards will cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs.
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - be a full-time degree registered undergraduate Queen's student (Including integrated Masters degrees e.g. MSci or MEng)
 - be a year 1, 2 or a penultimate year student (Current final year students are not eligible to apply)
 - be a resident of Northern Ireland and qualify for fees at "Home Student" status
 - In addition, applicants must meet at least one of the following:
 - be a participant on the QUB Pathways Programme.
 - be a participant on the QUB Senior Academy Programme.
 - have an annual household income of £25,000 or less.
 - If you have been or are currently in care, or from a looked after background, for period of three months or more at any age.

Costs

Tuition fees at host institution are waived, however you may have to pay fees to Queen's.

| | Europe | Australia/NZ | Canada | USA |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Flights | £200 | £1000 | £650 | £700 |
| Accommodation | £5,000 - £7,000 | £6,000 - £12,000 | £3,500 - £10,000 | £5,500 - £15,500 |
| Insurance | £250 | £450 | £1000 | £1000 |
| Visa costs | £250 | £380 | £140 | £200 |
| Living Costs | £3000 | £4500 | £4500 | £5000 |
| Health Cover | £200 | £350 | £300 | £2000 |
| Books/Supplies | - | £700 | £800 | £1000 |
| Other fees (travel, admin fees) | £200 | £500 | £300 | £400 |

Please note that these are approximate costs based on a student travelling from Dublin and staying in on campus accommodation for 10 months

Further Considerations



Preparation

- Chat to your International Exchange Advisor
- Be proactive about accommodation
- Check your host university website and country information
- Consider visa/immigration issues well in advance
- Speak to former students who have been to your host university in previous years

Do not make any financial commitments (flights, visas, accommodation etc) until your placement has been approved by the University

Risk Assessment

- University requirement for an international work or study placement
- You must not travel before receiving formal approval from the University to do so
- Asks questions about:
 - Travel guidance for your host country
 - Visa requirements for your host country
 - Academic contingency plan
 - Details of nearest relevant embassy/consulate
- Once submitted approval will be sought from School

Visas (Research this early)

- All queries about visa and immigration requirements for UK citizens should be directed to the relevant Embassy/Consulate here in the UK and your prospective host institution
- **UK nationals** will be eligible to stay in the EU for **no more than 90 days** in any 180-day period without a visa. If you intend to stay in the EU for more than 90 days, you will require a visa to stay in your host country
- Check FCDO travel advice
- Please be aware that, for some countries, your visa application must be made in person at an application centre in Scotland or England. You may be required to attend an interview or biometric testing as part of the application process
- May be a requirement to submit supporting documents which are translated into the language of your host country
- Students should be aware that leaving their host country, even temporarily, might affect their immigration status (and ability to return to their host country)
- You should also check that your passport remains valid for travel within the EU
- Non-EU/UK passport holders – you may also require a visa and therefore you should refer to your relevant embassy/consulate here in the UK
- Holders of an Irish or other EU passport may continue to move and reside freely within the European Union

Insurance

Make sure you are fully insured for your period abroad – travel, health and possessions

Queen's Emergency Medical and Travel Cover

- Medical Cover will apply to University authorised travel
- No cover will be provided for cancellations/curtailments that result from future COVID-19 restrictions
- Be aware of £50 excess
- Does not cover some personal activities such as extreme sports
- Exclusion on personal mobile phone claims

Once Risk Assessment has been approved you will receive link to form

To be covered under the Queen's Emergency Medical and Travel Cover, you must complete the Queen's online Travel Notification Form. It is very important that you do so.

Questions?

Further information

Expression of Interest

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Virtual Drop-in Sessions, Tues & Thurs,

12-1pm, Book on MyFuture

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