Global opportunities
2020/21

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Programme

• University-wide, Inter-campus and Summer Schools an overview
• Regional opportunities
  • Latin America
  • Australia – Edward Taylor and Edward Millinger
  • Europe - Courtney
  • USA and Canada - Kieran
  • Asia – Aarti and Reema
The programmes

• Experience a different country, teaching style and academic environment
• Study at some of the best universities in the world
• Take modules not available at Nottingham
• For summer schools study a subject outside your normal degree area
• Uni-wide - minimum 60% to be considered
• Inter-campus – non-competitive but min academic requirements
• Summer schools – minimum 40% to be considered
Timeline – University-wide

Timeline

• Talk to your academic adviser before **Friday 13 December**
• Decide on your three choices
• Decide on alternative destinations if applicable
• Read FAQ page for questions about the University-wide exchange application
• Prepare your personal statement
• Complete your application to the Study Abroad Team by **Friday 10 January 2020, 3pm**
• Outcome of application: **Friday 21 February 2020**
• Apply to your allocated partner university: March – April
• Receive offer from partner university: April – June
• Practical arrangements: April - August
Timeline – Intercampus

Timeline

• Talk to your academic adviser before Friday 13 December
• Complete your application to your School by Friday 7 February 2020
• Your academic adviser will confirm if your application is successful
• Complete your application to Ningbo or Malaysia by end April
• For Malaysia submit your visa forms to the Study Abroad Team by end of April
• Practical arrangements: April - August
Timeline – Summer Schools

Timeline

• Visit the Summer School webpage in early February to view 2020 destinations
• Wednesday 5 February: Summer Schools Fair and application opens
• Wednesday 12 February: Summer Schools presentation
• Decide on your three summer school destinations
• Prepare your personal statement
• Apply by Friday 21 February 2020
• Application outcome: Early-mid March
• Destination application period: March – June
• Offers: April – July
• Practical arrangements: March - July
Choosing your universities

- School opportunities factsheets
- Country pages
- Matching your modules
- Costs
- Style of teaching
- Type of campus and location
- Accommodation:
  - University-arranged/private
  - Guaranteed/not guaranteed
  - How far away do you want to travel?
Choosing your Summer School

- Summer Schools webpage
- Costs
- Subject areas on offer
- Duration and location
- Accommodation:
  - University-arranged/private
  - Guaranteed/not guaranteed
Selection process – University-wide

Selection process

Three criteria:
• Academic performance – minimum 60%
• Personal statement
• Academic reference

Limited places at partners – range from 1 to 10 places
Selection process

Two criteria:
• Academic performance – minimum 40%
• Personal statement

Students who are in their final year and/or have previously studied abroad or are due to study abroad will be de-prioritised.

Limited places at partners – range from 2 to 25 places
Costs
• Cost of living
• Exchange rates
• Accommodation, travel, visa, insurance
• Summer school excursions/trips

Tuition fees and loans
• Reduced tuition fees
• Overseas rate of loan/grant

Scholarships and bursaries
• Global Travel bursary £750 – means-tested
• Student Finance Travel grant – university-wide
• Country or partner-specific scholarship
• Summer school scholarships – amounts and eligibility to be confirmed
• Global Leader Experience Abroad – Majority funded
Personal funding

- **Your own income**
  - Student loan
  - Bursaries e.g. University Core Bursary
  - Part-time employment
  - Personal savings
  - Financial support from parents/guardians/relatives

- **Budget and make a plan**
  - Think about your current expenditure
  - Making a weekly or monthly budget plan
  - If you can, start saving towards your study abroad
  - [https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/budgetplanner/index.php](https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/budgetplanner/index.php)

- **Budget during your study abroad**
  - Make an estimate budget for whilst you’re studying abroad
Latin America
South America Options

- Brazil
- Chile
- Mexico
Central America options - Tec De Monterrey

- Monterrey*
- San Luis
- Guadalajara*
- Querétaro
- Toluca
- Mexico State*
- Mexico City*
- Puebla*

*Past students attended these locations
Tec de Monterrey

- Language of instruction: Spanish and English
- Number of students: 89,000+
- 31 national campuses throughout 25 cities
- Attractions: Acapulco, Cancun, Mexico City, Mayan and Aztec, Xochimilco
TEC Finance

Accommodation varies across campuses but include:
- Residence halls
- Private rented accommodation
- Host family programme

Cost of living is lower than UK
Santander scholarships available:
- 10 x £1,000 (competitive)
Tec de Monterrey, iSummer Mx 2019

- Duration: 4 weeks
- Various campuses
- 2019 Academic areas:
  - Business
  - Culture and identity
  - Marketing
  - Mechanical engineering
- 2020 programme to be confirmed in February
Australasia

Ed Taylor- Monash University
Ed Millinger- University of Adelaide
Australasian universities

Australia:
- University of Adelaide
- University of Queensland
- Australian National University
- Monash University,
- University of Melbourne
- University of Newcastle
- University of Western Australia
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Wollongong

New Zealand:
- University of Auckland
- University of Canterbury

Check your school factsheet for your options!
Australia

- A huge country with so much variety! Takes 5 hours to fly from one end to the other
- Australia day / ANZAC day
- AFL - great sport to watch or get involved in!
- Culture and food largely similar to UK
- Aboriginal history and culture
- Climate - varies across Australia
New Zealand

- Population approximately 5 million across the two islands
- Beautiful country!
  - Glaciers, mountains, forests, volcanic plateau, sandy beaches
- Queenstown - Adrenaline capital of the world
- Māori and European culture
- Similar food to UK
- Milder weather than Australia
  - Summer can be hot but winter can get very cold especially in South Island.
- Ski opportunities
The decision process

Consider:
- School factsheets
- Research the country/programme/individual university
- Climate
- Culture
- Travel opportunities
- Costs of living and travel

What is your gut feeling?
Australasia is not the cheapest!

- Flights can cost upwards of £500
- Cost of living is generally higher

But...

- Budget and make savings where you can!
  - International cards and banking apps can help track expenditure-premium plans can offer free withdrawals and no international charges
  - Start saving now, and budget for travel and living separately
  - Consider activities and destinations you want to do or see and find cheap flights and rentals
  - Use coupons and voucher codes
- Consider part-time work?
  - Allowed up to 20 hours p/w in Australia and if studying for a full year New Zealand as well
- Apply for scholarships!
  - Some universities will offer international students scholarships – UWA Trinity Residential College Bursary
Studying in Australia

- More interactive learning style
- Continuous assessment
  - Quizzes, mid semester exams, group assessments
- Different grading system
Can travel at weekends, during midterms and after exams:

**Australia:**
- Great Ocean Road
- Sydney
- Melbourne
- Brisbane

**New Zealand:**
- North and South Islands

**Asia:**
- Bali
- Thailand
- Cambodia
- Vietnam
- Laos
- Singapore

Consider costs!
Solo or group travel?
Europe

Courtney

Law with European Law

Lund University
European Destinations
The Region:
- variety of options
- extremely varied cultures
- easy links- train/cheap flights/ferry
- food- varied
- climate- varies

Key point about Europe: it varies!
The Decision Process

Why Europe?
- travel opportunities
- personal preference/factors
- cost- finances
Why I chose Europe/Sweden

• my own travel experiences
• interest in the region
• wanting to travel
• finances
• academic interests-
  modules available
Lund University, Sweden

Lund
- university town
- south Sweden
- well connected
- academic reputation
- student lifestyle

Sweden
- progressive
- eco
- Ikea and ABBA
- range of places to visit
2019 summer schools in Europe

- **AU Summer University**, Aarhus Universitet, Denmark
- **Entrepreneurship Summer School**, Burgundy School of Business, France
- **LiU Summer Academy**, Linköpings Universitet, Sweden
- **International Summer University**, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany
- **International and European Studies 2019**, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany
- **CuriousU 2019**, Universiteit Twente, The Netherlands
- **UZH International Summer School**, Universität Zürich, Switzerland

Subject areas vary and durations range from 1½ to 6 weeks

Subject area updates to be announced in February 2020
USA and Canada

Kieran Leigh - University of South Florida
Where Can You Go?

Canada:
- Concordia University, Montreal
- McGill University, Montreal
- The University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- The University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus, Kelowna
- The University of Toronto, Scarborough
- Memorial University of Newfoundland

United States:
- Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Oregon State University, Corvallis
- University of Connecticut, Storrs
- University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- University of Arizona, Tucson
Canada

- English and French Roots - Bilingual country

- A vast country with a multitude of different landscapes, most notably its forests, mountains and lakes

- 20h a week part-time work - also off campus and full-time during breaks

- Colder than the US, with a focus on Snowsports to match!
United States - ‘Selling Points’ and Observations

- Lots of choice; weather, location, campus style, culture.
- Diverse ‘melting pot’ country
- Endless Iconic locations to travel to: NY, DC, California, Louisiana, TX.
- Everything is bigger, louder and (usually) unhealthier
- 20h a week part-time work
- Super friendly - too much?
- Collaborative work style, smaller but more frequent assessment
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Football, Basketball, Hockey centre of university life
- Universities have serious money!
The Decision Making Process

To consider

- Are you willing to travel to another continent?
- Would you return home? Would Family Visit?
- Are you comfortable sharing a room?
- Is the idea of having more frequent, but ‘easier’ assessment appealing to you?
- Do you want to travel? Can you afford to?
- Can you afford medical insurance? Do you have pre-existing conditions?
- What modules are unique, interesting and will look good on a CV?
- What clubs/societies would you join?
- Do you mind having limited public transport?

My Decision Making Process

- I want to go to America because of its culture and politics.
- Florida is sunny and has theme parks.
- USF is in Tampa which is a city.
- USF has a good application success rate.
My Finances and Travel

• Santander North and Latin American Scholarship – 10 x £1, 000
• Use a card that is either pre-paid or converts to different currencies at good exchange rates
• In the USA cash is used more frequently than the UK – always keep some on hand
• Item prices exclude VAT and tips
• Download Unidays for student discounts
• Don’t buy textbooks – rent, use the library or share one with a friend
• Plan way ahead if you want to travel – if you can, travel off-peak and in groups to save money
• Don’t be afraid to spend money either – some opportunities will be once-in-a-lifetime
• Keep a ‘rough’ budget. It doesn’t have to be exact
• Work part-time if you can
Where can you go in Asia?
Where you can go in Asia

**Intercampus Exchange:**
- University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus
- University of Nottingham Ningbo Campus

**University-wide Exchange:**
- City University of Hong Kong
- University of Hong Kong
- Waseda University
- Kyoto University
- Yonsei University
- Korea University
- The National University of Singapore
Why Southeast Asia? (China)

- **Travel opportunities**
  So many!
  Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guilin, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Yichang.

- **Climate**
  Generally warmer

- **Culture**
  Language, art, religion, ethnic groups, food

- **Festivals**
  Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat festival, Mid-Autumn festival
Why Malaysia

• Travelling opportunities
  - Within Malaysia itself and surrounding islands
  - South East Asia, Australia
  - ‘Popular’ tourists spots aren’t always the best destinations!

• Chinese New Year

• Many religions, traditions, customs

• Very friendly and humble people

• Sunshine or rain! (but hot/humid all year round)

• Mixture of cuisines
  - Malaysian, Thai, Indian but also Western
The decision process

- Finances - food, travel and accommodation
- Travelling opportunities
- Experiencing a different culture, language and food
- A smaller campus
- Climate
- The modules on offer
Decision making process

- Not competitive
- Guaranteed high standard of teaching
- Continue third year with friends
- Same modules as UK (slight difference in assessment)

- Public Health project
  - Explored issues specifically in Malaysia relating to my course/interests
  - Raise cultural awareness, gain greater perspective

- Food

- Low cost of living

Consider: cultural differences, located far from UK, relaxed approach
Finances

- Vice Chancellors Bursary - £750 (automatic)
- Global Travel Bursary - £750 (means-tested)
- DUO Scholarship – Korea and Singapore
- Global Korea Uni and U21 Scholarship
- Jasso Scholarship - Japan
- Student loan and support from family

Budgeting
- planning and scheduling travel times
- set money aside beforehand
- maybe use money ‘saved’ from tuition fees and lower living cost

- Travelling around China is cheap!
- WeChat Pay
Studying at the Ningbo Campus

Campus
- Similar teaching style to the UK
- Smaller campus and class sizes
- Culturally aware
- Improved my Mandarin
- Making international friends
- The convenience of everything

City life
- Traditional - Tianyi Pavilion
- Modern - vibrant and dynamic - Lao Waitan and shopping malls
- Street food market
- Developed transportation network
- Nature - Yinzhou Park and Dongqian Lake
- Museums
Smaller than UP but reminds you of home

• **Plenty of facilities**
  - supermarket, gym, restaurants etc
• **Community spirit**
  - ICN, annual dance show, weekly food trucks and stands
• **Smaller class size**
  - Takes time to adjust but eventually beneficial
• **Tesco, restaurants, IOI city mall close by**
• **Attractions**
  - Kuala Lumpur 45 mins drive away
  - Batu Caves, markets, good nightlife
Travelling within China:
- Shanghai
- Beijing
- Guilin
- Chengdu
- Zhangjiajie (Avatar Mountains)
- Xi’an
- Nanjing
- Hangzhou

When?
Weekends, after exams, National holidays.
Travelling

• **Within Malaysia**
  • Kuala Lumpur, Cameron Highlands Islands
  • Penang, Langkawi

• **Asia**
  • Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, India

• **Australia**

• **How to travel**
  • Solo, Groups, University society arranged trips

Be organised, use initiative, be spontaneous
2019 summer schools in East and Southeast Asia

• Fudan International Summer Session, Fudan University, China
• PolyU International Summer School 2019, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
• Global Leader Experience Abroad, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
• International Summer Campus, Korea University, South Korea
• International Summer School, University of Nottingham Malaysia, Malaysia
• International Summer School, University of Nottingham Ningbo China, China
• FASStrack Asia: The Summer School, National University of Singapore, Singapore
2019 summer schools in East and Southeast Asia

- SJTU Global Summer School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
- Experiencing China 2019, Tsinghua University, China
- ZJU Scholars Summer Research programme 2019, Zhejiang University, China

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Destinations and subject area updates to be announced in February 2020
Any questions?
Study abroad: the practicalities
Wednesday 4 December, 2-4pm
B14, ESLC

Summer Schools Fair
Wednesday 5 February 2020, 12-2pm
Atrium, Engineering and Science Learning Centre
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