

# International summer schools 2024

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Where could you go?





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# Overview

- 14 summer schools for 2024
- Range from 1 to 6 weeks
- Non-credit-bearing (cannot transfer credit to your degree) but you receive a transcript or certificate of completion and it will show on your UoN diploma supplement
- Available to undergraduate students in any academic year, including Graduate Entry Nursing and Medicine
- Most courses presume no prior knowledge but some request prior knowledge or a minimum number of years in UG study



# Overview

- Accommodation options are dependent on the host university:
  - Some pre-arranged, on-campus and guaranteed
  - Some very limited and off-campus
- Assessments differ depending on host university:
  - Essays
  - Presentations
  - Projects
  - Group
- Many offer field trips and optional cultural activities and excursions

**There are a limited number of tuition-waived places at each summer school.**





# Where can you go?



# East and Southeast Asia

- Hong Kong, China
- Singapore
- Seoul, South Korea





# Hong Kong, China

- Special Administrative Region of China
- Neighbours: Macau SAR, Taiwan, Philippines, Vietnam
- British colony until 1997: Cantonese meets Western culture
- HSBC headquarters





# Hong Kong, China

- Victoria Peak, fantastic views of the city day and night
- 10,000 Buddhas Monastery
- Kowloon Walled City (Park)
- Temple Street Night Market
- Po Lin Monastery and the Big Buddha, Lantau Island
- Man Mo Temple
- Day trip to Macau







# PolyU International Summer School

- 5 weeks
- Chinese Language, Culture and Society; Design, Innovation and Technology; and Business, Entrepreneurship and Global Leadership.
- Art, calligraphy and cooking workshops; local tours
- Guaranteed PolyU-arranged accommodation







# Singapore

- Southern tip of the Malay peninsula
- Neighbours: Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines
- City-state surrounded by 60 islets
- Diverse cultures: Han Chinese, Malay and Indian





# Singapore

- Marina Bay Sands
- Gardens by the Bay
- Singapore Sling at Raffles Hotel
- Little India Markets
- Chinatown and Baba House
- National Museum of Singapore
- National Orchid Garden







# NUS FASStrack

- 3 weeks
- Communications and new media; economics, geography, global studies, history, psychology, sociology and Southeast Asian studies
- Welcome and farewell event; two social activities
- NUS-arranged accommodation in UTown





# South Korea

- Korean peninsula in Southeast Asia
- Neighbours: North Korea, China and Japan
- Confucius principles; individualistic youth
- Mountainous; ancient and modern architecture
- K-drama and K-pop
- Tech: Samsung and LG







# South Korea

- Bukchon Hanok Village
- Gyeongbokgung Palace
- Shinsegae Department Store
- Bugaksan mountain trails
- N Seoul Tower and Namsan
- War Memorial of Korea (museum)
- Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)





# Korea University, International Summer Campus

- 4 or 6 weeks
- Over 80 courses: business and economics; humanities and Korean studies; social science and psychology; science and engineering; politics and international relations; Korean language
- 2023: Korean cooking and calligraphy, Taekwondo, Lotte Amusement Park
- KU Housing: single or double rooms





# Yonsei University: International Summer School

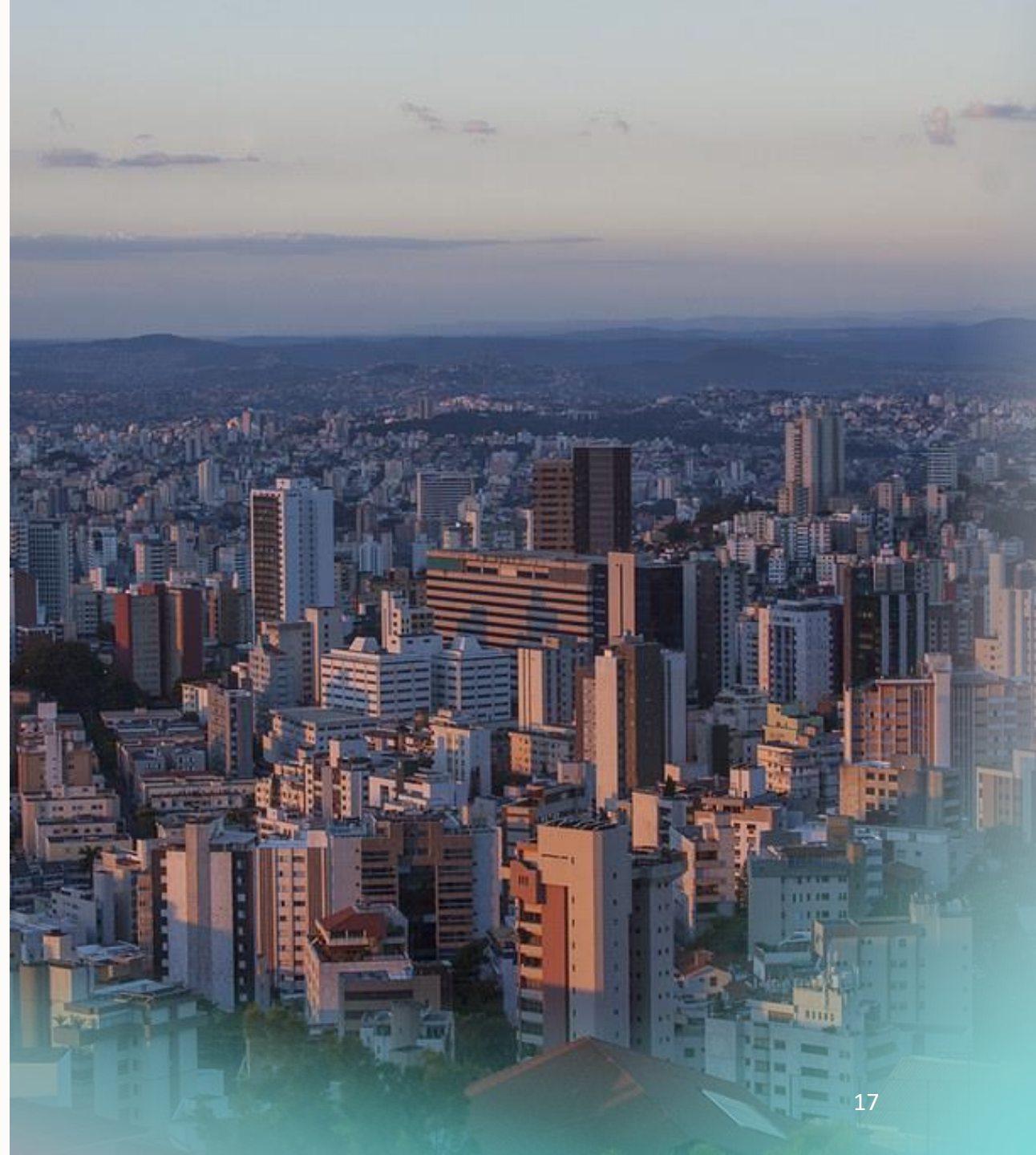
- 4 or 6 weeks
- Arts and humanities; business and economics; East Asian Studies; Korean language; Korean studies; science and technology and social sciences
- 2023: Taekwondo, Seoul city tour, cooking class, DMZ tour, K-pop class
- YU-arranged accommodation





# Latin America

Belo Horizonte, Minas  
Gerais, Brazil





# Brazil

- Largest country in South America
- Neighbours: French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay
- Amazon rainforest
- Rio Carnival
- Samba dance and capoeira music
- Film: Cidade de Deus (City of God), 2002





# Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais

- Instituto de Arte Contemporânea
- Inhotim (museum)
- Centro Cultural Branco do Brasil (Arts Centre)
- Mineirão and Museu Brasileiro do Futebol (stadium, museum)
- Gruta da Lapinha (cave)
- Parque Municipal







# UFMG Summer School

- 2 weeks
- Brazilian Studies: politics, history, international relations, geography, law, economy, arts, culture and Portuguese language
- 2023: movie night, Museu Inhotim, Luau
- University housing
- **First choice option only**





# Europe

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- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Sweden
- Switzerland





# Denmark

- Northern Europe
- Neighbours: Germany, Sweden and Norway
- Ranked 1st in 2016 UN World Happiness Report (2023 rank: 2)
- Lego, Miffy
- Hans Christian Andersen: The Little Mermaid (1837)
- TV: Forbrydelsen (The Killing, 2011-2014, Bron/Broen (2011 – 2018)





# Aarhus, Denmark

- ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum (art museum)
- Moesgård Museum
- Aarhus Domkirke (Cathedral)
- Den Gamle By (The old village)
- Dokk1 (The Culture House)
- Møllestein (cobbled street, timber cottages)
- Vor Frue Kirke (Our Lady Church)







# AU Summer University

- 3 or 6 weeks
- Economics and business economics; health and medicine; humanities; management; social sciences; science; technology; engineering and mathematical sciences
- City safari, dinner and outdoor games, canoe trip, outdoor cinema, quiz night, bonfire on the beach
- AU-arranged housing





# France

- Western Europe
- Neighbours: UK, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland
- Renaissance art and architecture; ballet, high fashion and food
- Film: *Amélie* (2001), *La Haine* (1995)
- Books: *Le Petit Prince* (1943)





# Dijon, France

- Musée des Beaux-Arts
- Palais des Ducs et des États de Bourgogne
- Église Notre Dame
- Rue de la Charlotte
- Tour Philippe de Bon







# Lyon, France

- Musée des Confluences
- Musée des Beaux-Arts
- Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière
- Lyon Confluence
- Cathédrale St-Jean-Baptiste
- Place des Terreaux







# Burgundy School of Business: Summer School, Dijon

- 1 or 2 weeks
- Authentic Leadership; Innovation Design Thinking
- French corporate culture lecture, French business etiquette workshop, savoir-vivre workshop, cheese and wine tasting, optional trip to Burgundy and vineyards
- Single or double rooms in Adagio République
- **Minimum 2 years work experience required**





## Burgundy School of Business: Sustainability and Entrepreneurship Summer School (cohort), Dijon and Lyon

- Up to 10 days
- Lectures and workshops on French business culture, sustainability and entrepreneurship
- Guided tour of Dijon, Beaune and Burgundy vineyards, guided tour of Lyon (TBC)
- Housing in Adagio République, Dijon and Lagrange Apart Hotel – Lumière, Lyon
- **First choice option only**





# Marseille, France

- Highest number of museums outside Paris
- Stade (Orange) Vélodrome (football/Olympic stadium)
- Belle de Mai – 86,000<sup>2</sup> foot panoramic roof terrace
- Fort Saint-Jean
- Canebière (shopping avenue)
- Parc Nacional de Calanques







# KEDGE Business School, Marseille

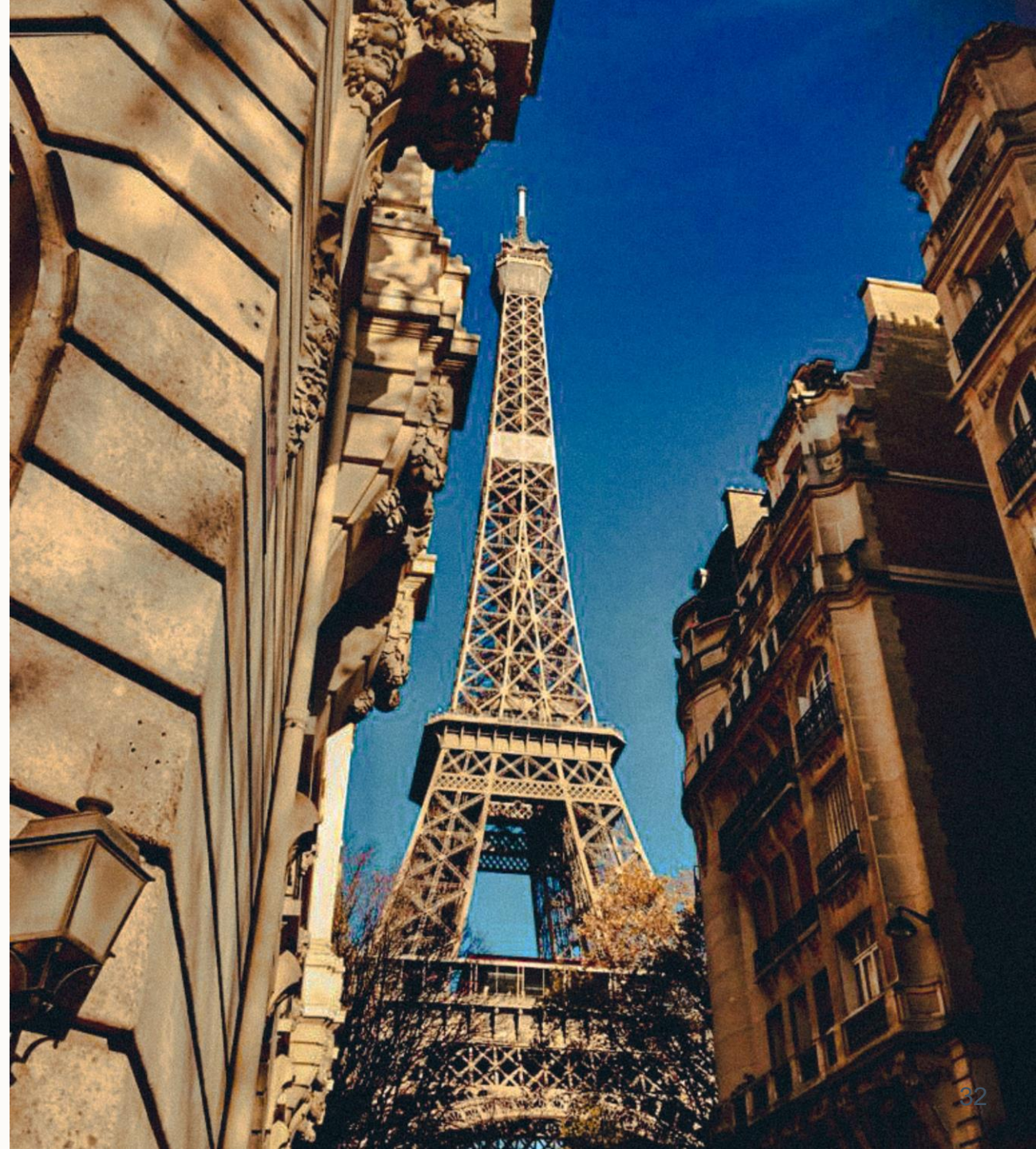
- 2 or 4 weeks
- Sports Marketing, Communication and Strategic Management; Sports Olympic Skills Management and Purpose Strategy
- Courses unique to summer 2024 (Paris Olympics)
- Guided hike in Parc Nacional de Calanques and a boat tour
- **Pre-booked accommodation very limited: not available on Friday 28 or Saturday 29 July**





# Paris, France

- La tour Eiffel
- Centre Pompidou
- Basilique du Sacré-Cœur
- Saint-Chapelle
- Musée de Louvre
- Les Catacombes
- Musée Rodin
- Jardin du Luxembourg
- Panthéon
- Arc de Triomphe







# Reims, France

- Cathédrale Notre Dame
- Palais du Tau
- Basilique et Musée St-Rémi
- Musée des Beaux-Arts
- Halles du Boulingrin
- Musée de la Reddition
- Statue de Jeanne d'Arc
- Porte de Mars







# NEOMA Business School: Sport Federations and Major Event Management Summer School

- 3 weeks
- Sport Management; Managing Major Sporting Event; Sports Sponsorship and Marketing; Business Game Football Club CEO
- **Accommodation limited, advised to apply as soon as possible after allocation.**





# Germany

- Western Europe
- Neighbours: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland
- History: First World War, Second World War, Division and Reunification
- Largest economy in the EU (WEF 2023)
- 5th in World for Highest Gender Equality (WEF 2021)
- BMW, Mercedes-Benz, DHL, Siemens, Aldi, Adidas, Audi, Bosch
- Film and TV: Deutschland 83, 86, 89 (2015 – 2018), All Quiet on the Western Front (2022), Das Leben der Anderen - The Lives of Others, (2006), Goodbye Lenin! (2003)





# Tübingen, Germany

- Museum Alte Kulturen
- Naturpark Schönbuch (Nature reserve)
- Am Markt
- Cotta Haus (Goethe, cafe)
- Hölderlinturm (poet Hölderlin)
- Platanenallee (park)







# Universität Tübingen: T-IES August

- 4 weeks
- The EU in Permanent Crisis?; Representing the European Past; German language
- European Parliament, Strasbourg, Stuttgart, Monastery Bebenhausen, Hohenzollern Castle
- Tübingen-arranged accommodation





# Sweden

- Northern Europe
- Neighbours: Denmark, Finland and Norway
- 6th in World for Highest Gender Equality (WEF 2021)
- Fika (coffee and cake)
- Northern lights
- ABBA, Ikea, Pippi Longstocking
- Nordic noir: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (book 2005/film 2009), Bron/Broen (2011 – 2018)





# Linköping, Sweden

- Ekenäs Slott (castle)
- Gamla Linköping (living museum village)
- Linköpings domkyrka
- Sankt Lars Kyrka
- Östergötlands Länsmuseum



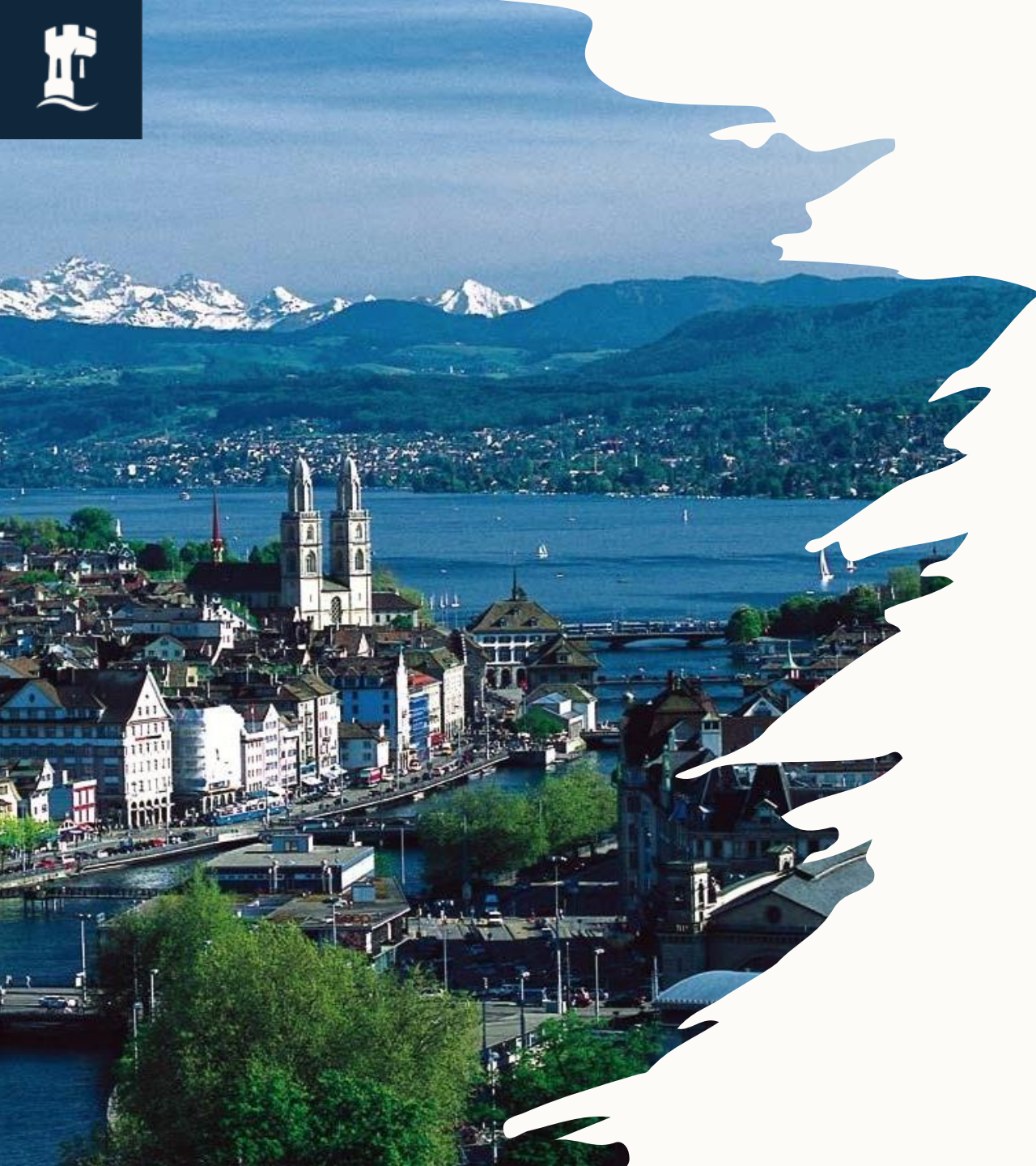




# LIU Summer Academy

- 4 weeks
- Eight courses: Sustainability, technology, leadership, culture and literature, Swedish language and culture
- Optional trips to Stockholm and Vadstena, welcome dinner, Nordic pentathlon, fika, barbecue, games
- LIU-arranged accommodation off-campus





# Switzerland

- Central Europe
- Neighbours: Austria, France, Germany, Italy
- Three languages: Swiss German, French and Italian
- Banking system
- Watches: Breitling, Omega, Rolex
- Confectionary: Lindt, Toblerone, Nestlé





# Zürich, Switzerland

- Kunsthaus (art gallery)
- Fraumünster
- Schweizerisches Landesmuseum (Swiss museum)
- Grossmünster
- St. Peterskirche
- Mountains: Lägern, Uetliberg, Lorenzopf, Pfannenstiel
- Electro and Techno Music Party  
Street Parade – August







# Universität Zürich, International Summer School

- 3 weeks
- Deep Dive into Blockchain; International Sport Law
- 2023: traditional Swiss dinner, visit to Bern, guided tour of Zürich
- UHZ-arranged housing, **limited and subject to availability**
- **First choice option only**





# Why participate in a summer school?





# Benefits

- Gain international experience without committing to a semester or full year abroad
- Broaden academic experience
- Collaborate with students and academics from around the world
- Future international study/work
- Do something different or develop existing knowledge
- Explore a new culture and/or language
- Non-credit-bearing





# Application process





# Application criteria

Your application will be assessed on two criteria:

- Personal statement (max. 800 words)
- Academic performance

Application deadline: **3pm, Friday 16 February**

- Competitive
- 45% minimum academic average required and good academic standing
- Priority given to:
  - Non-final year students
  - No previous or future study/work abroad during your degree
  - Do not have resit examinations
  - Do not hold citizenship and permanent residence in the country you are applying for





# Before applying

- Check you are eligible to apply for your proposed summer schools: prior knowledge, academic year, work experience
- Research your proposed summer schools thoroughly, including costs
- Read the [International Summer Schools FAQs webpage](#): personal statement question, funding eligibility criteria
- Read the [Personal Statement Workshop slides](#)
- If you're not sure, [email us](#).



# Selection process

- Applications will be marked based on personal statement score and academic average
- Students who meet the Global Opportunities team's widening participation criteria will be prioritised for the following summer schools:
  - BSB: Sustainability and Entrepreneurship cohort summer school
  - UFMG Summer School
  - Universität Zürich International Summer School





# Selection process

- For some partner universities, students in specific academic schools/departments will be prioritised but all students can apply

**The application is considered by the Global Opportunities team selection committee only, partner universities do not see the applications.**



# Allocation outcome

- Students will be informed of the application outcome no later than **5pm on Monday 4 March 2024**
- You will need to confirm acceptance of your allocation offer by email no later than **Monday 11 March 2024**
- Once you have accepted your allocation offer, you need to apply to your allocated partner university
- The Global Opportunities team will nominate you to the partner university, so they know to expect your application
- **Our nomination is not a guarantee of acceptance, the partner university must accept you**





# Timelines



# International Summer Schools

## Timeline

**Submit your application to the University of Nottingham:**

3pm, Friday 16 February

**Allocation outcome:**

Monday 4 March

**Allocation briefing, Moodle access, apply to your allocated summer school:**

Monday 4 March onwards

**Country briefing meetings and pre-departure conference**

May onwards, dates TBC





# Early application deadlines

- Some summer schools have early application deadlines, we may nominate you **before Monday 4 March**
  - UFMG Summer School: Wednesday 13 March
  - AU Summer University: Friday 15 March
  - PolyU International Summer School: Friday 15 March
  - Universität Tübingen: T-IES August: Friday 15 March
  - LIU Summer Academy: Monday 25 March



# Early application deadlines

- **UFMG summer school requires a letter of recommendation**, which should be from either your personal tutor or an academic member of staff. If you select this partner on your application, contact your chosen referee in advance to check if they will be able to provide you with a letter, ready to submit to UFMG, if you're successfully allocated.
- **HK PolyU requires students to apply for a visa with hardcopy supporting documents**. If you select this partner on your application, we will email you prior to the selection to inform you of the application documents you would be required to prepare if you are selected.





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# Partner university application guidance

- We will provide you with partner university application information through Moodle
- Allocation briefing is on **Wednesday 20 March**
- Pre-departure conference for students allocated to an international summer school
- Students eligible to receive funding will have their funding paid by bank transfer to UK bank account





# Finance and funding



# Costs

- Accommodation
- Travel to destination
- Visa
- Vaccinations
- Travel and health insurance
- Cost of living
- Exchange rates
- Summer school excursions/trips
- Emergency fund

**Check the cost section on each summer school partner university profile for the costs you need to cover.**





# Budgeting

## Partner university tuition fees

- Waived for nominated exchange students
- Some summer schools still have a programme fee that students must pay

## Bursaries

- Means-tested summer school bursaries
- Turing funding for Tübingen
- PolyU Scholarship



# Budgeting

## Personal income

- Student loan
- Bursaries e.g. Core Bursary, means-tested summer school bursaries
- Part-time employment
- Savings
- Financial support from relatives

## Budget and make a plan

- Think about your current expenditure
- Make a weekly or monthly budget plan
- Start saving now
- Work out a budget for your exchange – estimate of your expected outgoings and incomings







# Summer school bursaries

- Means-tested travel bursaries of £500 for summer schools in Europe and £1,000 for summer schools outside Europe
- Turing funding available for Universität Tübingen T-IES August:
  - Standard grant: £590
  - Widening participation grant: £840

**One of the above awarded per allocated student.**

- PolyU International Summer School scholarship: \$5,000 HKD (£510)



# Summer school bursary eligibility

Means-tested travel bursaries:

- 'Home' student for fees purposes
- Must meet the Global Opportunities team's widening participation criteria

Turing funding:

- 'Home' student for fees purposes
- Must meet Turing's widening access criteria

**Awarded approximately one month prior to departure**

For Global Opportunities team WP criteria and Turing's widening access criteria, visit: [International Summer Schools FAQs](#)





# Summer school bursary eligibility

PolyU International Summer School scholarship

- Nominated by the University of Nottingham based on:
  - Global Opportunities widening participation criteria
  - International Summer Schools application score
- Must meet PolyU's eligibility criteria

PolyU criteria is available on the [PolyU International Summer School partner university profile](#)

**Awarded by PolyU in early October 2024**



# **Burgundy School of Business: Sustainability and Entrepreneurship Summer School**

- Funded, cohort summer school: students travel as a group
- Majority of costs covered by philanthropic funding through the Campaign and Alumni Relations Office
- Group travel organised by the University of Nottingham
- Priority to students who meet the Global Opportunities widening participation criteria and have limited/no travel experience during their degree programme
- For full details, visit the [BSB: Sustainability and Entrepreneurship Summer School partner university profile](#)





# International Summer School Terms and Conditions



# International Summer Schools T&Cs

- Opportunities may change at any time: travel restrictions, circumstances outside of UoN's control
- Students' nominations are subject to change based on UoN's international travel policy permitting travel to other countries
- UoN reserves the right to withdraw nominations if travel to the host country does not comply with UoN's international travel policy

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices/documents/university-policy-regarding-ug-and-pgt-student-travel-for-2022-23.docx>



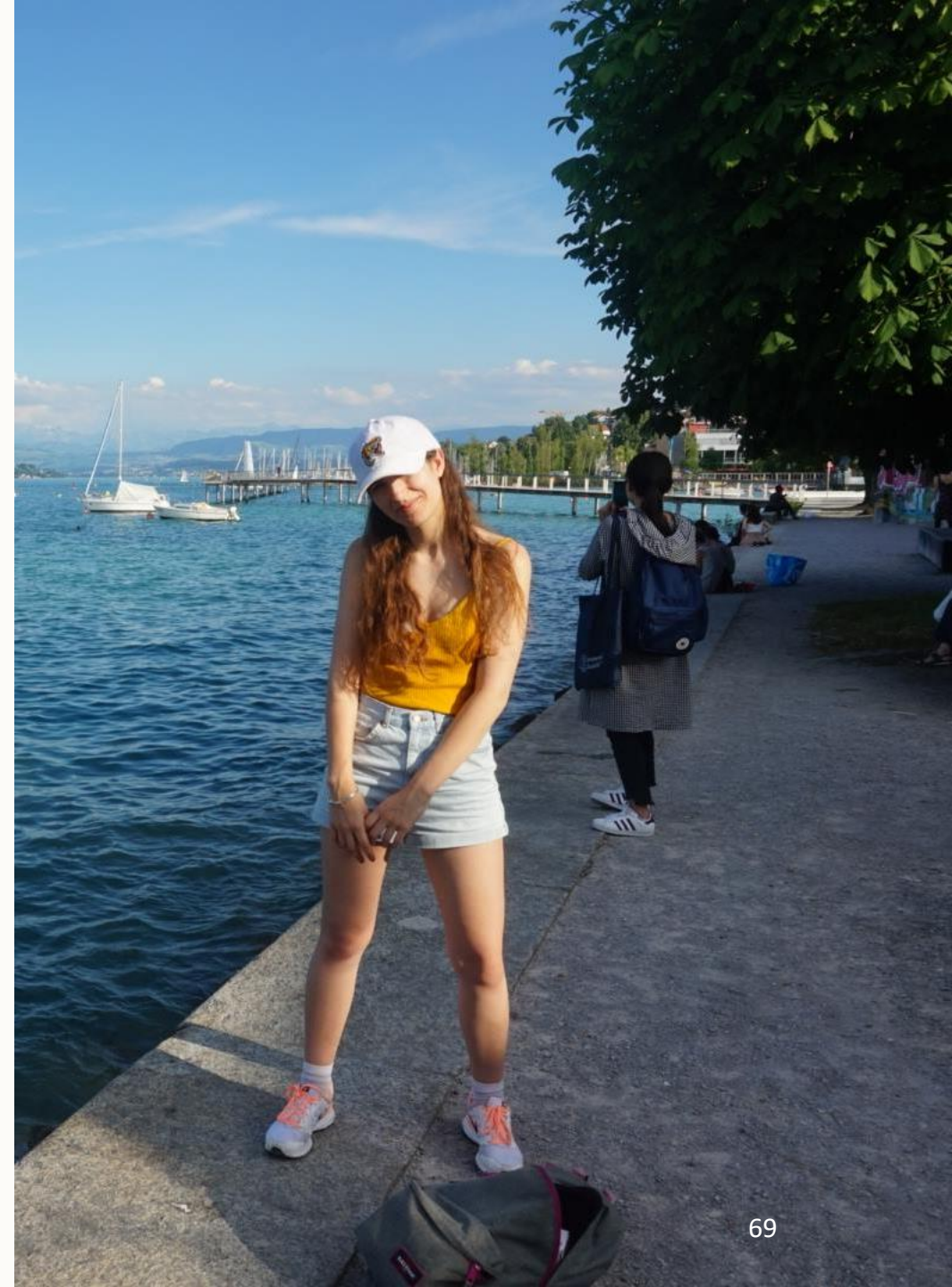


# How to choose a summer school



# Think about:

- Which courses are you interested in?
  - Study something new?
  - Enhance your current studies?
- Which countries are you interested in?
- How will your chosen summer schools benefit you? Academic/career/personal reasons
- How long do you want to be away over the summer?
- How far away from home do you want to travel?
  - Comfortable travelling alone?
- Be realistic about costs
- Personal characteristics







# Where are you comfortable travelling to?

Do your research:

- Laws and attitudes towards LGBTQ+ people
- Attitudes towards racially minoritised people
- Attitudes towards disabilities, specific learning differences, long-term health conditions, mental health etc.
- Travelling with medications, hormones etc.
- Attitudes towards women
- Attitudes towards religions

**Be prepared**





# Disability support

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- [Study abroad for students with disabilities webpage](#)
- Disability Support Service:
  - Disability, mental health difficulty, long-term medical condition, autistic spectrum condition, or a specific learning difference such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia or ADHD
- Make an appointment with [Disability Support Services](#)
- What support can the host university offer?





# Resources

## LGBTQ+:

- [Stonewall Global briefings](#) (not all countries available yet)
- [FCDO LGBTQ+ overseas travel advice](#)
- [International LGBTI Association](#)

## Women:

- FCDO: [Advice for women travelling abroad](#)







# Resources

Disabilities, long-term conditions, mental health:

- [NaTHNaC: Medicines and Travel](#)
- [NHS: Fit for Travel](#)
- [FCDO: Mental health and wellbeing abroad](#)
- [FCDO: Disability and travel abroad](#)







# Resources

Race, ethnicity, religion, diet, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic background, mental health, disability:

- [IES Abroad: Country-specific identity resources](#)
- [OSIT: EDI resources](#)
- US perspective
- Not all countries/regions covered







# Resources

Resource for British nationals:

- [FCDO: Support for British nationals abroad](#)

General travel advice by country (UK perspective)

- [FCDO: travel advice by country](#)







# Global Opportunities support

- Dedicated International Summer Schools Moodle page
- Nomination to the partner university
- Share summer school student UoN email addresses
- Application guidance
- Country risk assessments and country briefing meetings
- Allocation briefing and pre-departure conference
- Partner university liaison
- Your main UoN contact during the summer school
- Post-programme support: transcripts and *Navigating your return to Nottingham after your study abroad experience Moodle page*





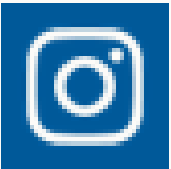
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