

International summer schools 2026

Where could you go?





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Overview

- 16 summer schools for 2026
- 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, Foundation year students, 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 or funded places at each summer school.



Where can you go?



East and Southeast Asia

- Shanghai, China
- Hong Kong, China
- Semenyih, Malaysia
- Singapore
- Seoul, South Korea





China (mainland)

- One of the most populous countries in the world
- Continuous culture going back 4,000 years
- Neighbours: Korean peninsula, India, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Russia
- Confucius principles
- Tech: Huawei, ByteDance (TikTok)





Fudan University International Summer Session, Shanghai

- 4 weeks
- Study up to 3 courses, plus Mandarin Chinese and Physical Education classes
- Over 30 courses across law; medicine; business and economy; science and technology; history and culture; society and politics
- Company visits to Baidu, ByteDance and Meituan
- Cultural activities: dragon and lion dance, Huangpu River Cruise, Chinese seal engraving, calligraphy and Shanghai city exploration
- Students are offered accommodation in the International Students Dormitory





Hong Kong, China

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



Chinese University of Hong Kong, International Summer Schools

- 3.5 to 5.5 weeks
- July or August session
- July: 20 content courses plus beginner Mandarin and Cantonese courses
- August: Mandarin and Cantonese courses at beginner to advance levels
- Calligraphy, seal engraving, cooking, heritage walks, HK tours
- Guaranteed on-campus accommodation, shared rooms only



PolyU International Summer School, HK PolyU

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





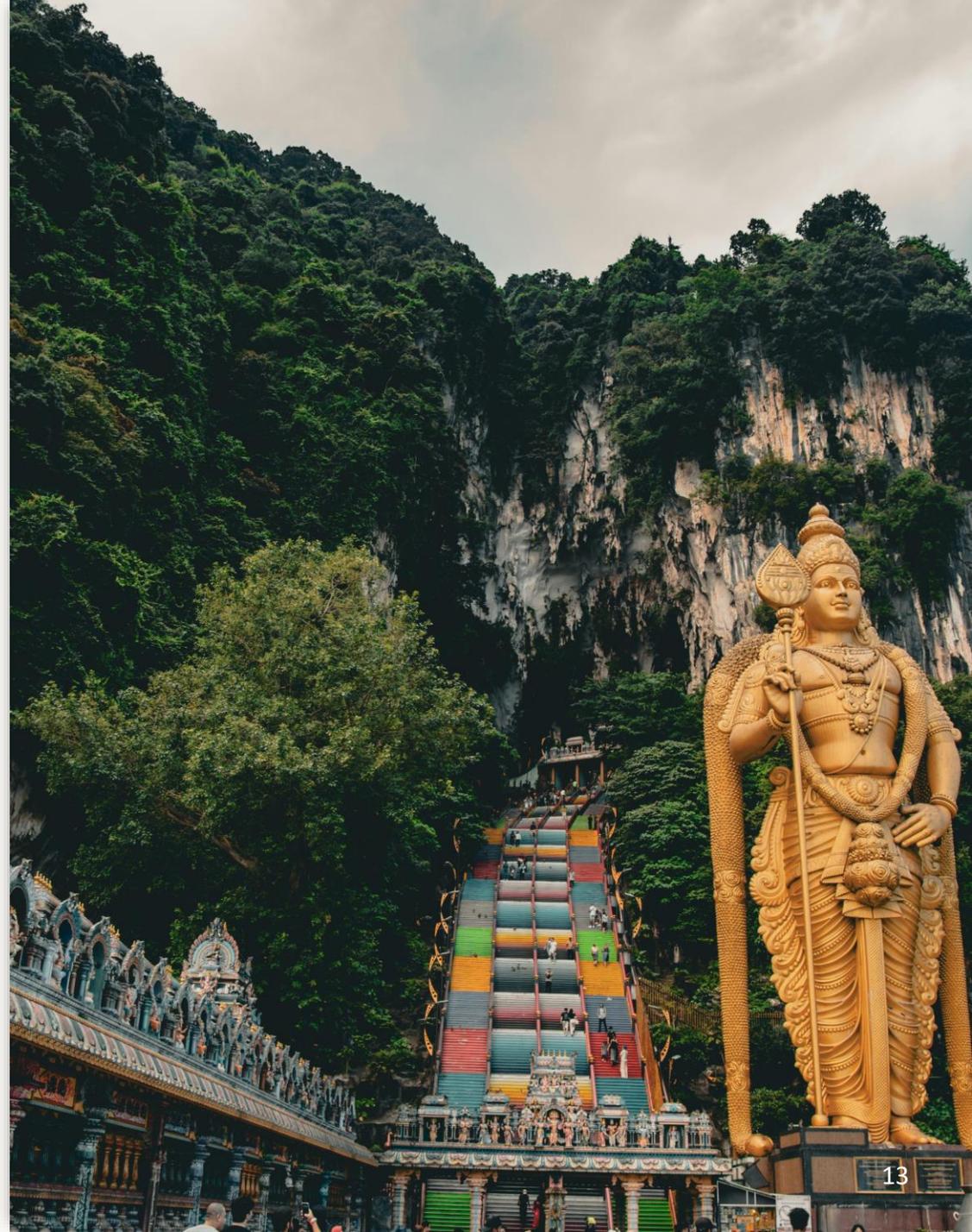
Malaysia

- Located in the heart of Southeast Asia
- Neighbours: Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Indonesia
- Kuala Lumpur: one of Asia's leading centres, population 1.4 million
- Cultures: Malay, Chinese, Indian and indigenous



International Summer Schools, University of Nottingham Malaysia

- 2 weeks
- Two courses: Business in Asia; Digital Technology and Robotics
- Kuala Lumpur city tour; Malacca historical city tour
- On-campus accommodation





Malaysia Campus, Tropical Medicine and Beyond

- 2 weeks
- Only for Year 2 students studying health-related degrees in Medicine and Health Sciences and Pharmacy
- Three parts to the course: Tropical Communicable Disease, Wildlife in the Tropics and the Life of Minorities
- 2025: Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) visit; Orang Asli Hospital visit; Weekend trip to Ipoh
- Students housed in accommodation arranged by the Malaysia Campus

Students applying for TMAB can only apply for TMAB



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



NUS FASStrack

- 3 weeks
- Students can select one course
- Communications and new media; economics, global studies, history, psychology, sociology and Southeast Asian studies
- Welcome and farewell event; two weekend events
- Students offered NUS-arranged accommodation



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





Korea University, International Summer Campus

- 4 or 6 weeks
- 73 courses: business and economics; humanities and Korean studies; social science and psychology; science and engineering; Korean language
- Taekwondo class; MBC Studio Tour; DMZ Tour; KBO Baseball Match; Comedy show
- KU Housing: single or double rooms offered





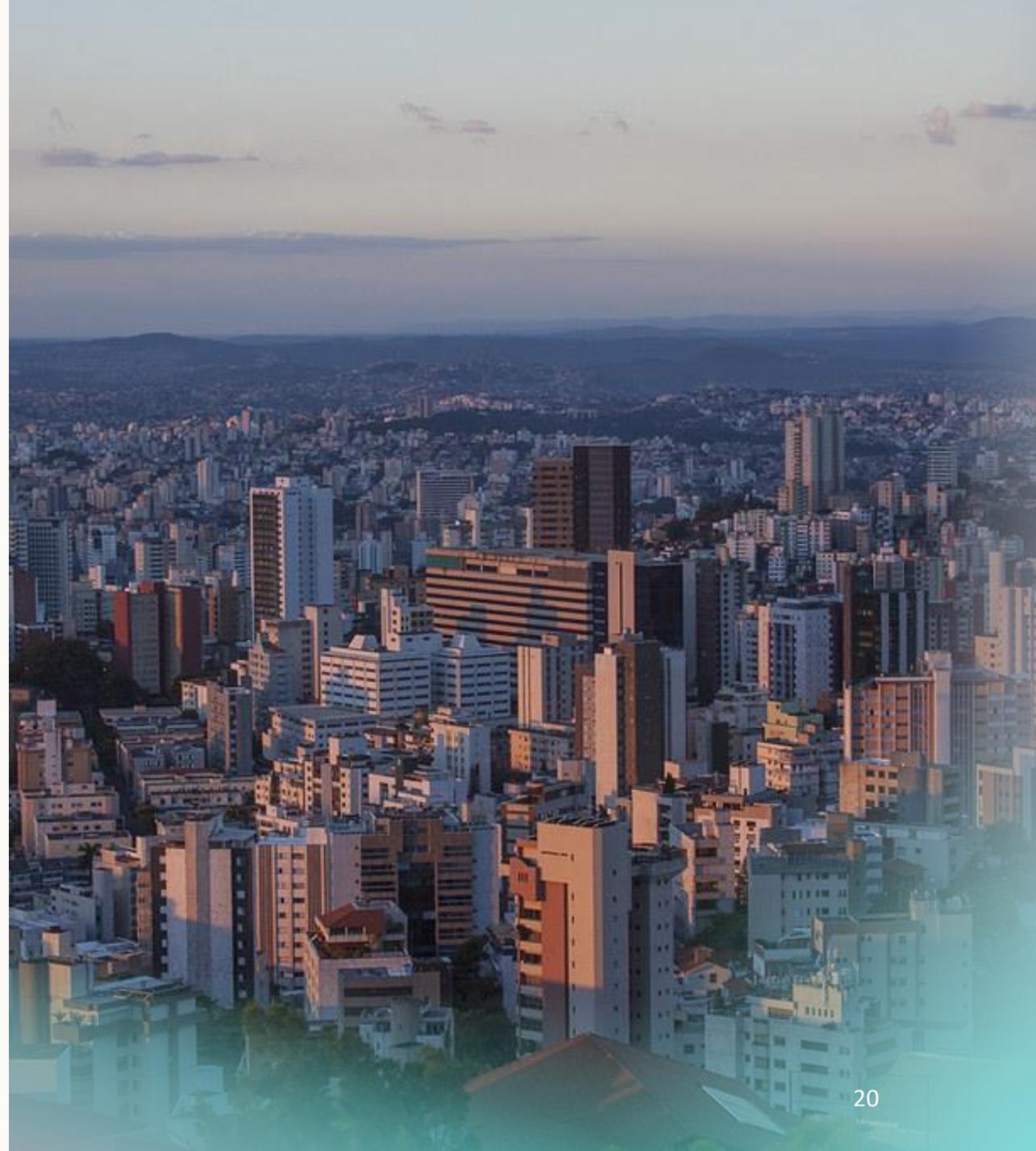
Yonsei University: International Summer School

- 4 or 6 weeks
- Arts and humanities; business and economics; East Asian Studies; Korean language; Korean studies; science and technology; social sciences
- 2025: campus and museum tour; Taekwondo class; Korean cooking class; DMZ tour; Lotte World; K-Pop Dance Class; Korean heritage and bookmaking workshop; Gangwha history tour
- Students offered YU-arranged accommodation (Very limited and not guaranteed)



Latin America

Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil





Brazil

- Largest country in South America
- Language: Portuguese
- 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



UFMG Summer School

- 2 weeks
- Brazilian Studies: politics, history, international relations, geography, law, economy, arts, culture, race and Portuguese language
- Movie club, day trip to Minas Gerais (Ouro Preto), Inhotim Institute and a Luau
- University-arranged housing



Europe

- 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))



AU Summer University

- 3 to 6 weeks
- Economics and business economics; health and medicine; humanities; management; social sciences; STEM
- City safari, dinner and outdoor games, canoe trip, outdoor cinema, quiz night, bonfire on the beach
- Students offered 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)



Burgundy School of Business: Summer School, Dijon and Lyon

- 1 or 2 weeks
- Authentic Leadership and Human-Centred Innovation (Design Thinking); Empowering Sustainability: Transformative Pathways in Consumption
- Guided city tours, French Corporate Culture lecture, Design Lab, wine and cheese tasting, Cité de la Gastronomie, Dijon and Institut Lumière, Lyon
- Accommodation in Residhome, Dijon and Les Privilodges, Lyon



KEDGE Business School, Marseille and Paris

- 2 or 4 weeks
- Marseille: Sports, Events and Celebrity Marketing Experience; Creative Mind and Design Lab; Global Finance and International Business; Ethics and Sustainability in Business
- Paris: Sustainable Marketing & Digital Marketing; Disruptive Technologies & Modern Management; Luxury Brand Management



KEDGE Business School, Marseille and Paris

- Marseille excursions: ORECA Group Techno Centre; Circuit Paul Ricard – Le Castellet (F1); Aix Arena; Calanques National Park; beach trip; L'Occitane visit; scuba diving; boat tour, wine tasting at Provençal vineyard
- Paris excursions (provisional): Parisian company visit or business talk; guided tour of Montmartre; hidden passages of Paris; farewell dinner and certificate awards ceremony
- Accommodation offered in pre-booked recommended Apart-hotels (Marseille) and off-campus accommodation (Paris)



NEOMA Business School, Paris, Reims and Rouen

2 to 3 weeks

Three programmes:

- Venture Studio Bootcamp, Paris and Rouen
- Sport Federation and Major Events Management, Paris and Reims
- A Summer in Paris



NEOMA Business School, Paris, Reims and Rouen

- Cultural excursions are to be confirmed
- Students arrange accommodation **independently**, NEOMA provides links to Studapart and Airbnb and can provide guidance if required



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)



Universität Tübingen: T-IES Summer School August

- 4 weeks
- The EU in Permanent Crisis?; Representing the European Past; German language
- European Parliament, Strasbourg; Stuttgart; Frankfurt; company visits: Mercedes, Porsche, Ritter Sport, Pustefix
- University-arranged accommodation offered



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)



LIU Summer Academy

- 4 weeks
- Eight courses: Sustainability, technology, business, 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 in a town called Ryd



Switzerland

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



Universität Zürich, International Summer School

- 3 weeks
- Deep Dive into Blockchain; Finance for the Future; The Global Education Landscape; Healthy Longevity; International Sports Law
- 2025: traditional Swiss dinner; hike on Uetliberg; visits to Berne, Rhine Falls and Schaffhausen; guided tour of Zürich; campus barbeque
- UZH-arranged housing, **limited and subject to availability**



Why participate in a summer school?



Benefits

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



Application process



The application

- Apply through the link on the [International Summer Schools homepage](#)
- Choose up to three international summer schools in order of preference
- Some summer schools require you to select your programme, course(s) or duration in advance; you can select these on UoN's application



Application criteria

Your application will be assessed on two criteria:

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

Application deadline: **3pm, Friday 13 February**

- Competitive
- 50% 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



Personal statement question

Please explain your reasons for applying for international summer schools, including:

- your motivations (academic and/or personal) for applying for an international summer school (approx. 400 words);
- How the universities you have chosen will help you achieve your aims for participating in an international summer school (approx. 400 words)

Read the [Personal Statement Workshop slides](#) for guidance on what to include and not include in your personal statement



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 courses and costs on summer school profiles on the [International Summer Schools webpages](#)
- Read the [International Summer Schools FAQs webpage](#): personal statement question, funding eligibility criteria
- Read the [Personal Statement Workshop slides](#)
- If you have questions: [email us](#).



Selection process

- Applications will be marked based on personal statement score and academic average
- Students who meet Turing's widening access criteria will be prioritised for the following summer schools:
 - UFMG Summer School, Brazil



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 2 March 2026**
- You will need to confirm acceptance of your allocation offer by email no later than **Monday 9 March 2026**
- 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**

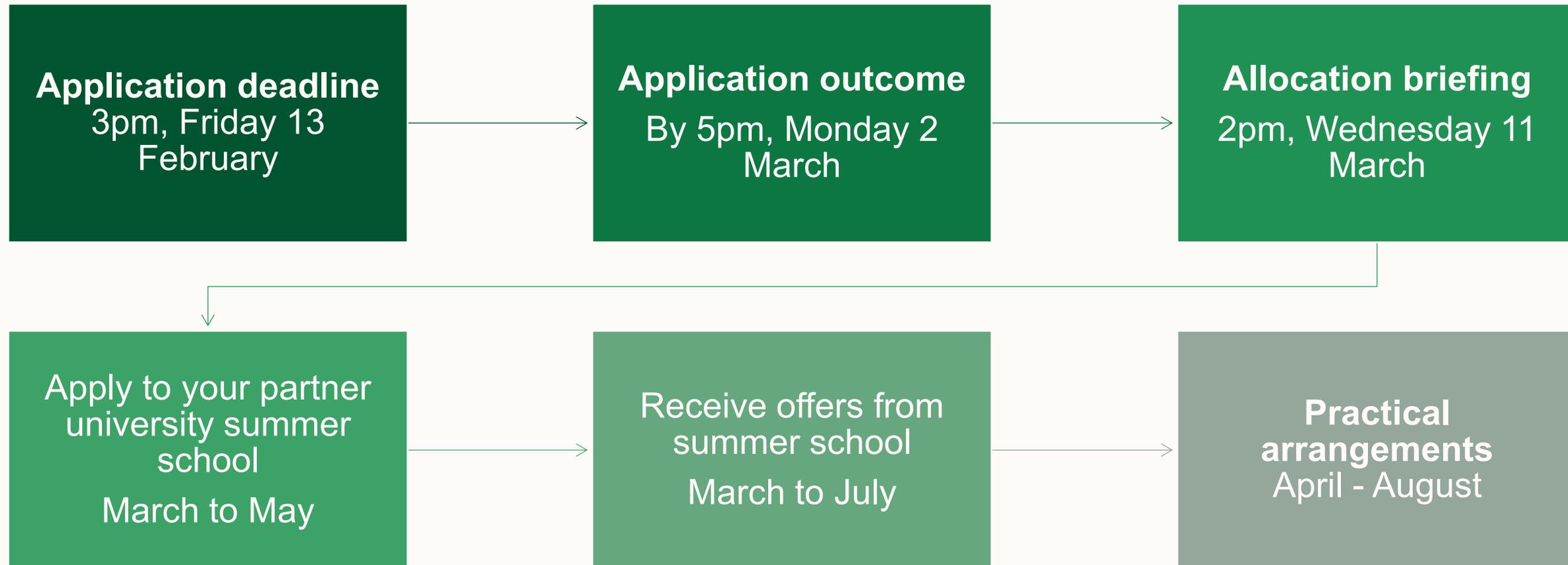


Timelines



International summer schools

Timeline





Early application deadlines

- Some summer schools have early application deadlines; we may nominate you **before Monday 2 March**
 - PolyU International Summer School: Tuesday 10 March
 - UFMG Summer School: Friday 13 March
 - Burgundy School of Business: Friday 13 March
 - Kedge Summer Schools: Friday 13 March
 - Universität Tübingen: T-IES August: Friday 13 March but **advised to apply earlier**
 - AU Summer University: Wednesday 17 March
 - LIU Summer Academy: Monday 20 March but **advised to apply earlier**



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 to inform you of the application documents you would be required to prepare if you are selected. Make sure you have a copy of your passport ready.



Partner university application guidance

- We will provide you with partner university application information through Moodle
- Allocation briefing is **2pm, Wednesday 11 March**
- Pre-departure conference for students allocated to an international summer school
- Students eligible to receive travel bursaries will have their funding paid by bank transfer to UK bank account



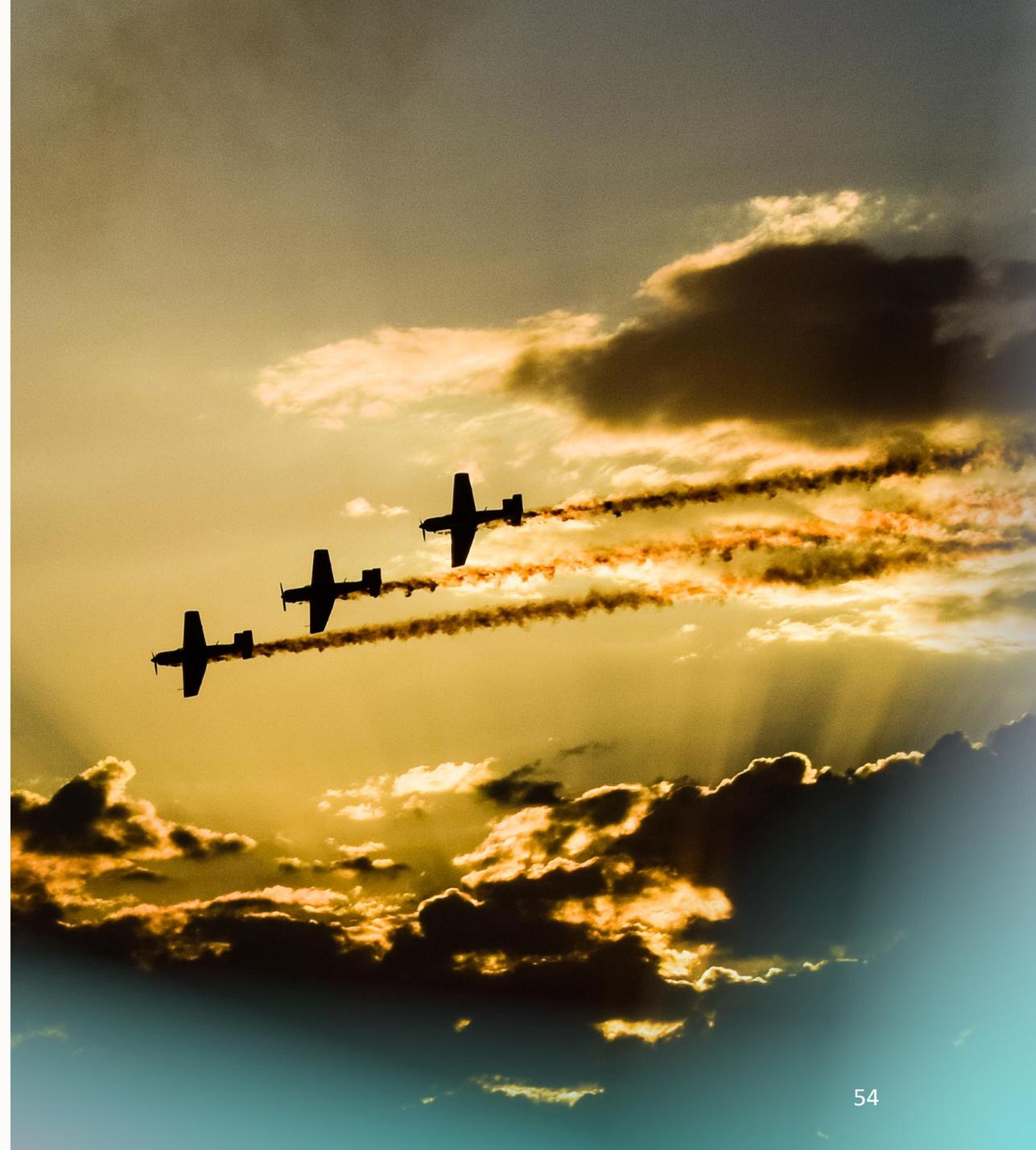
Finance and funding



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 or funded for nominated exchange students
- Most summer schools have a programme/accommodation fees that students must pay for

Bursaries

- Turing funding
- Means-tested bursaries for UNM: Tropical Medicine
- Butex scholarships





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





Turing funding

- Summer schools must be at least 14 days in duration, excluding travel days
- Amount awarded depends on the country and duration of the summer school
- Students must meet Turing's widening access criteria to be eligible:
 - Annual household income up to £25,000
 - Claiming income-related benefits or University Credit
 - Care leavers or care experienced
 - Caring responsibilities e.g. Registered carer
 - Estranged
 - Refugees or asylum seekers



Turing funding

- Turing funding may also be available to students who have declared special education needs or a disability (SEND)
- Information about amounts awarded are on the individual summer school profiles
- Turing widening access eligibility criteria is on the [International summer schools FAQs](#) page



Turing funding

Eligible students can only receive a maximum of one travel bursary from UoN

Payments are only made once students have arrived and returned their completed Certificate of Arrival to UoN

If students withdraw from an international summer school, arrive late or leave early, which results in the duration of the summer school being less than 14 days, not including travel days, they will be required to return the full amount of Turing funding awarded, even if the funding has been spent.



UNM Tropical Medicine and Beyond bursary eligibility

Means-tested UoN travel bursaries:

- 'Home' student for fees purposes
- Must meet the Global Opportunities team's widening participation eligibility criteria
- Bursaries of £700 or £200 available

If students withdraw from the summer school after payment has been made, they will be required to return the funding in full, even if the funding has been spent.

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



Butex scholarship eligibility

Butex scholarships are competitive awards of £600

Eligibility

- Undergraduate UK students participating in a semester, full year, summer school, internship/work placement/traineeship in another country
- Students from other countries, participating in a semester, full year, summer school, internship/work placement/traineeship in the UK

Applications for 2026 will open in April/May

Further information: <https://butex.ac.uk/scholarships/>



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/student-services/documents/university-policy-regarding-ug-and-pgt-student-travel-for-2022-23.docx>

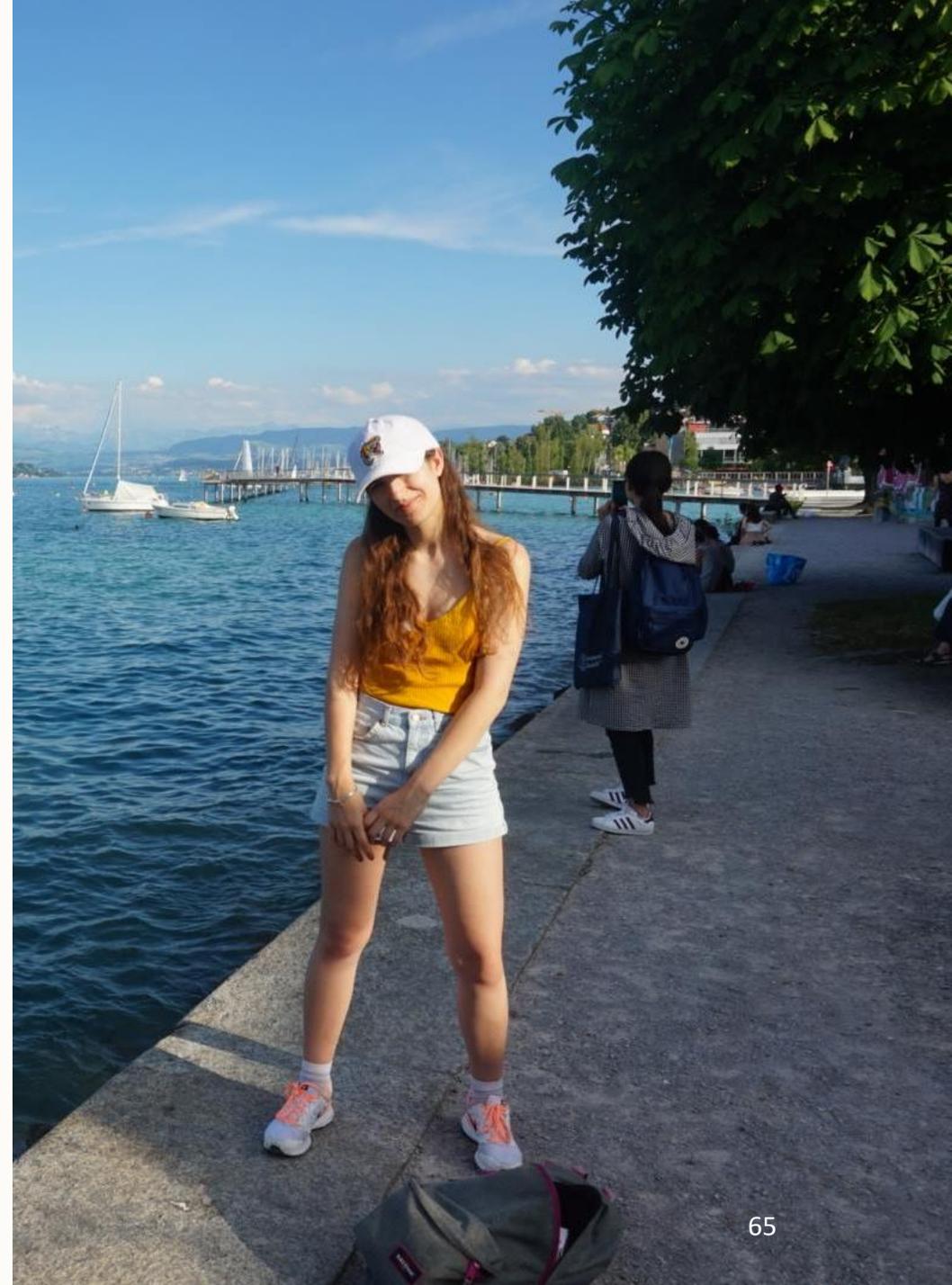


How to choose a summer school



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





Disability support

- [Disability Support Services: Study abroad and work placements](#)
- 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 health conditions, vaccination advice and 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 team 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 online *Study Abroad Returners* conference





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