

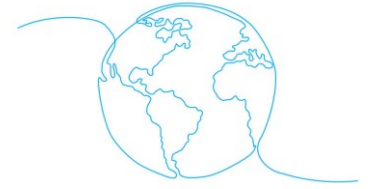


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Study Abroad Opportunities at the University of St Andrews

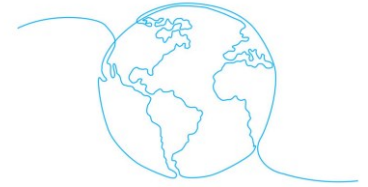
Bronagh Masterson
Student Mobility Officer (Outbound)

Today's event



- Overview of *St Andrews Abroad* and School Abroad programmes.
- Application guidance.
- Study Abroad Experience.
- Introduction to Finance and Scholarships for Study Abroad.
- Study Abroad Fair – meet students who have been before!

Other Events



- Partner information sessions:
 - University of Melbourne: TBC (between 15th and 18th October).
 - Western, Canada, supported by the Bobby Jones Scholarship programme: 3-4pm, Monday 14th October.
 - University of California: 5-6pm, Thursday 17th October.
- Email studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk to register your interest.

Global Office



E: studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk

W: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

Student appointments bookable online: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/consultation-hours/>

Office at the Bute Building, Room A11

Consultation hours: 10am-12pm and 2-4pm, Monday to Friday.

Instagram: standrewsglobal

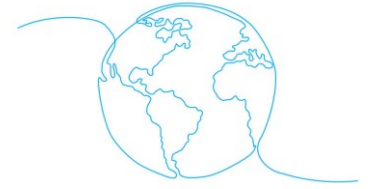
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Why Study Abroad?

- Broaden academic experience.
- Enhance employability.
- Improve language skills or learn a new language.
- Experience life in another culture.
- Develop life skills.



Exchanges at St Andrews



St Andrews Abroad:

- University-wide exchanges.
- Schools opt in.
- Applications and programme coordination by Global Office.

Subject Study Abroad Programmes:

- Specific to a certain subject.
- Selection led by the Study Abroad Coordinator for your School.

When can I go?

- Usually Junior Honours year.
- Some exceptions e.g. MPhys students.
- Study abroad is not permitted at sub-honours level.



St Andrews Abroad



- St Andrews Abroad:
 - Australia, Canada, Czechia (Charles University), New Zealand (University of Auckland), Singapore (NUS), US and Hong Kong.
- Options depend on degree subjects.
- Check Study Abroad webpages for your options.

If you are Joint Honours, BOTH Honours subjects must list the programme as an option UNLESS you have permission to go for one semester and do 60 credits in one subject.

Where can I go?



- Australian National University
 - William & Mary
 - Macquarie University
 - National University of Singapore
 - Purdue University
 - Queen's University, Canada
 - Charles University, Czech Republic
 - University of Auckland
 - University of California
 - University of Hong Kong
 - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
 - University of Melbourne
 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - University of Richmond
 - University of Toronto
 - University of Virginia
 - Washington College
 - Western University

How long can I go for?

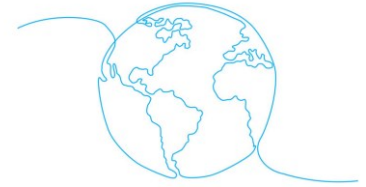


All options available for a full academic year.

Also several one semester options:

- Australian National University
- University of Melbourne
- National University of Singapore
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Purdue University
- University of Richmond
- University of Virginia
- Washington College
- William & Mary
- University of Auckland
- Macquarie University
- University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Charles University

University of California

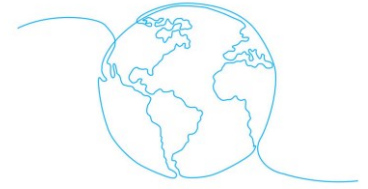


- Multiple campuses.
- St Andrews DOES NOT determine your campus allocation.
- **Applicants must be flexible.**
- There is no guarantee that you will be allocated Berkeley or LA. Note subject restrictions.
- Places available 2025-2026: **10 full year across all subjects and faculties.**
- Be aware of high living costs in California.

Check impacted majors:

<https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation>

University of Melbourne



- Most popular exchange partner for the last three years.
- 20 semester/ 10 full year places available for 2025-2026.

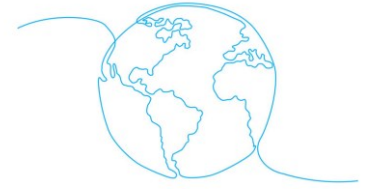


University of Pennsylvania

- Wharton Business School is not part of the exchange.
- Places available 2025-2026:
- **2 full year.**
- Exchange has 1 Robert Lincoln McNeil Scholarship attached > students must have grown up in Scottish culture.

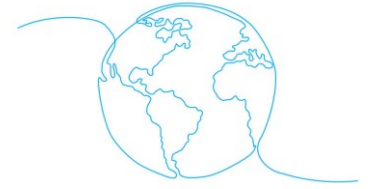


School Abroad programmes



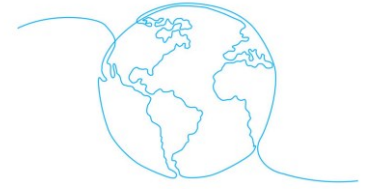
- Arabic
- Art History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Divinity
- Economics and Finance
- English
- French
- Geography and Sustainable Development
- German
- History
- International Relations
- Italian
- Management
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
- Russian – Russian Language Undergraduate Studies (RLUS)
- Social Anthropology
- Spanish

School Exchanges



- It is possible to apply for both School Abroad and St Andrews Abroad.
- You can split your degree if you are Joint Honours e.g. one semester on a School Abroad programme and one semester back in St Andrews.
- Use our search tool to view all of the School Abroad options - <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/csa-app/search.htm>
- NB: if you are Joint Honours, **search by each subject individually** to see what is available.

School Exchanges



- Some teaching is in English (e.g. at Bocconi for Management and Economics) but not all universities have English-taught modules (e.g. Vienna, Lausanne and Padua for Art History).
- Research your options carefully.
- Only competing against other students in your School.



School Abroad programmes – Joint Honours Students



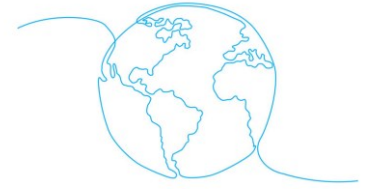
- If you wish to spend the full year abroad at a School Abroad partner, you **must** have written permission from the other School.
- Your other School **does not** have to grant permission if they do not feel that the course offering is suitable.
- It may be best for you to split your year abroad e.g. if you are studying French and Geography, you could spend semester 1 in France doing your French credit and semester 2 back in St Andrews doing your Geography credit.

Academic Requirements



- For both School and St Andrews Abroad programmes, you must have an average of 13.5 in the subject you intend to take to Honours.
- All exchange students must make Honours Entry and not be involved in serious non-academic misconduct:
 - NB: the School of Physics and Astronomy has requirements. Please our webpages for further information.

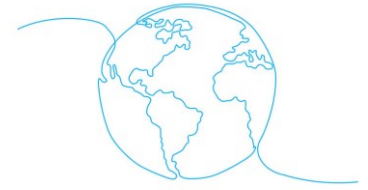
Modern Languages



- All students in Modern Languages must apply through the online application form, even if you are only indicating your intention to participate in a WIYA programme:
 - WIYA only students do not need to do a personal statement.
 - Please refer to the user guide for full details.
- Selection is handled by the School – differs from other School Abroad programmes:
 - Speak to your Year Abroad Coordinator.

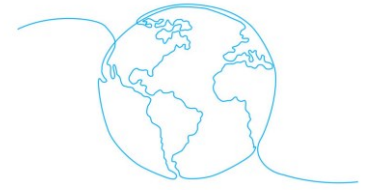
Accommodation

- Not always guaranteed.
- Check our web profiles for partner specific information.
- If selected, apply by partner's accommodation deadline.
- Be prepared to seek private accommodation.
- Speak to other students.



Academics

- Be prepared to be flexible.
- Course choice will be very different.
- **Learning and teaching styles will differ:**
 - Some institutions are intense e.g. NUS and HKU.
 - Group work or oral presentations e.g. France.
 - US/ Canadian institutions often have lots of assessment throughout the semester.
- St Andrews expects you to take a full course load abroad.
- Academic culture session before you go.
- **Your courses must be agreed with your Study Abroad Coordinator.**



Credit and Grade Conversion

- *Learning Agreement.*
- Credit and grades awarded overseas.
- Credit and grades converted on return using standard Conversion Tables.
- Grades awarded will count in your degree classification.
- NB Partner institutions' grades taken as accurate.
- Conversion Tables and further information available at www.st-and.ac.uk/studyabroad
- Note evidence submission deadlines.

Application Process

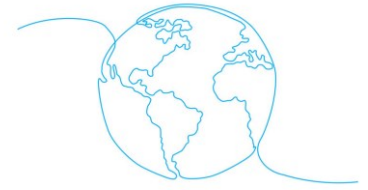


Step 1

- **Discuss your intention to apply with your School's Study Abroad Coordinator:**

Ask your Coordinator for permission to Study Abroad – they can send an email to studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk to confirm this

- **Read the information relating to your subject on the 'How to apply pages: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/apply/>**
- **Please note all the restrictions for your degree programme!**



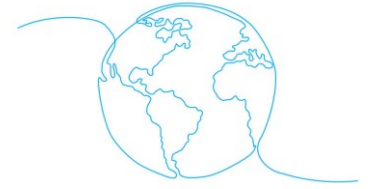
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Step 2

Research your options carefully:

- Check the options available to you - <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/where/>
- Read the Global Office webpages carefully.
- Check the partner course catalogue.
- Try to speak to students who have already participated or students from a partner institution.

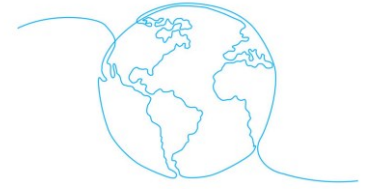
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Step 3

- Complete the Outbound Application form, available through MySaint:
 - Click on the 'My applications' tab.
- You can return to your application – you do not need to complete it in one go.
- Application user guide: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/apply/>

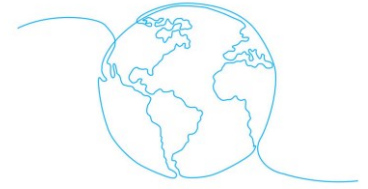
Application Process



Step 3: Continued

- Rank all options you wish to apply for:
 - This includes St Andrews Abroad (STA), School Abroad (SCL) and WIYA placements (WIYA).
 - This will indicate to the selection panel where your genuine interests lie.
 - Indicate your preferred duration.
 - You can rank as many of the options as you like.
 - Only rank options if you are genuinely interested.

Application Process



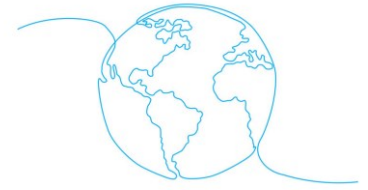
Step 3: Continued

- Demonstrate your motivation, suitability and academic interest.
- Provide information about your extracurricular activities.
- Note any additional extenuating circumstances.
- Use spell check and watch word limits.
- **Deadlines: Wednesday 1 November 2024.**
- **No late applications will be considered.**



Application Process – what it includes

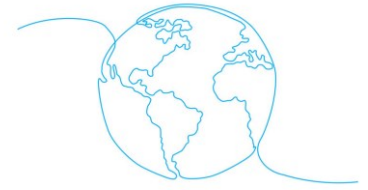
- A 600-word personal statement:
 - Should focus on your top three choices
 - Outline your academic motivation.
- A 300-word statement on your extracurricular activities:
 - Outline activities you have been involved with in St Andrews and what you would do overseas.
- A 300- word statement outlining any additional information:
 - Space for additional contextual information e.g. explanation of grades, previous experience abroad.



Selection

Shortlisting:

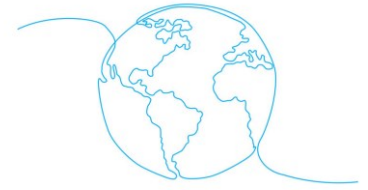
- Led by Associate Deans for St Andrews Abroad.
- Led by Study Abroad Coordinators for School Abroad programmes.
- Modern Languages operate a different selection system – please speak to your Year Abroad Coordinator.
- Committee will consider:
 - An average of 13.5 in intended Hons subject(s) in first year.
 - Details provided on application.



Selection Criteria – Interviews

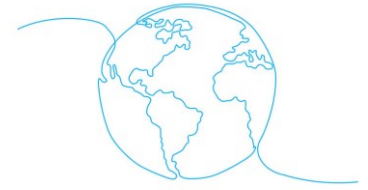
- Strong academic record: minimum average grade of 13.5 in intended Honours subject(s) in first year.
- Motivation to study abroad and evidence of having researched partner institution(s).
- Interests and pursuits.
- Independent, mature and responsible.
- Good ambassador for St Andrews.

NB Interviews are formal – make sure you prepare.



Selection – Interviews

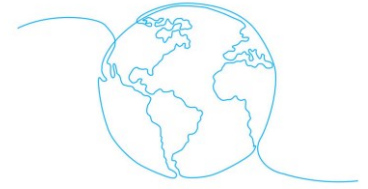
- All interviews for *St Andrews Abroad* will take place on **Friday 29 November and Wednesday 4 December**.
- School Abroad interviews will mostly take place early in Semester 2 – process may vary from School to School.
- Successful applicants will have until January to accept their offer for St Andrews Abroad.



Selection

- For St Andrews Abroad - will comprise Associate Deans, and Global Office staff.
- For School Abroad – Study Abroad Coordinators/ Global Office Staff/ Directors of Teaching.
- Offers will be conditional upon:
 - **Successful completion of second year and entry to Honours**
 - **Attendance at compulsory pre-departure meeting in April**
 - **Agreement of Study Abroad Terms & Conditions**
 - **Any other conditions set by your School**
 - **Non-academic misconduct requirements**
- After selection, the Global Office will guide you through your host university's admissions process

What happens next?



- If you are successful:
 - Scholarship and Turing Scheme applications.
 - Application to partner university, accommodation, insurance.
 - Visa (might include medical, translations, notary, travel)
 - Prepare provisional Learning Agreement prior to departure.
- Resources on our website.



What to expect

Studying abroad is rewarding but also challenging! You must be resilient. You should consider:

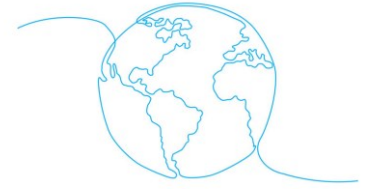
- Homesickness.
- Academic workload and culture.
- Different support services abroad.
- Support network – friends and family.
- Things not going to plan.

There are great opportunities to study abroad but make sure they are right for you.

You need to be organised and complete paperwork on time.

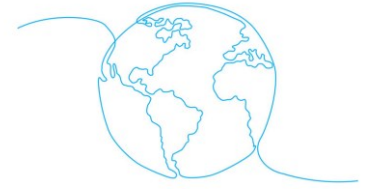
Introduction to Finance and Scholarships for Study Abroad

Tuition Fees



- If you participate in a St Andrews Abroad or School Abroad programme you will be charged **your normal tuition fee for a full academic year at St Andrews.**
- You will not be liable for tuition fees at your host institution:
 - The only exception for students applying to the RLUS programme through Russian which has additional fees.
- Read our webpage about tuition fees: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/finance/tuition/>

Tuition Fees – Full or Half?

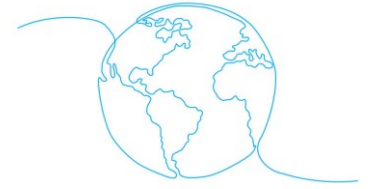


Tuition fees are based on credits:

Study Abroad* fees	120 credits	Full
External Placements fees	120 credits	Full
All WIYA placements fees	60 Credits	Half

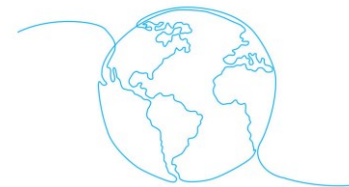
* One semester RLUS Study Abroad students will be liable for half their normal fee for the semester, and will be liable for RLUS fees.

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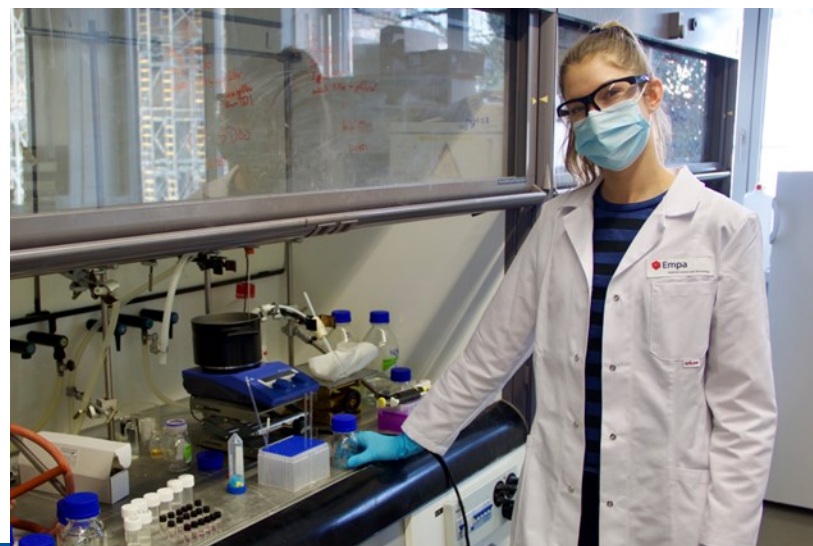


- It is **your responsibility** to check your loan/ funding arrangements with your funding body.
- **Students funded by Student Finance England/ Wales/ N. Ireland:**
 - **Please be aware that your funding body may not provide a full tuition fee grant/ loan if you study or work abroad for the full academic year:**
 - Only a half tuition fee loan is available.
 - Not an issue if you go for one semester one.
 - RUK University Scholarship to support this.

Biology and Chemistry External Placements



- Only a half tuition fee loan is available from SAAS and the Student Loans Company (SLC), even if your placement is in the UK.
- Students are liable for the remaining fees.



Maintenance Loans



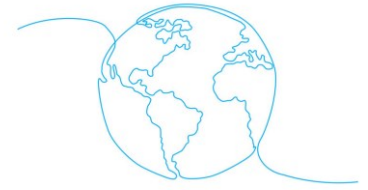
- Maintenance loans may be reduced while you are abroad, particularly if you are on a work placement:
 - Varies by funding body.
- Please contact the Money Advice team **now** so that you understand your funding arrangements: moneyadvice@st-andrews.ac.uk
- If you normally apply for a US Federal Loan, you should contact the **US Loans Team at St Andrews now** to check what funding options are available to you: usloan@st-andrews.ac.uk



Additional Costs

Students are responsible for:

- All travel costs (consider holiday periods too).
- Visa costs.
- Accommodation costs – vary considerably.
- Campus insurance (if applicable).
- Other University fees e.g. field trips.
- All other personal expenses.
- **Costs vary with location.**
- **For immigration purposes, for some countries you will need to be able to show that you have sufficient funds in your bank account for your time abroad.**



Scholarships – Programme Specific

University of Pennsylvania: Robert Lincoln McNeil Scholarship

- Generous scholarship of \$35,000 - covers most of the cost of room and board and other expenses.
- Applicants must be Scottish, or have grown up in Scotland.

Queen's University and Western University: Canadian Bobby Jones

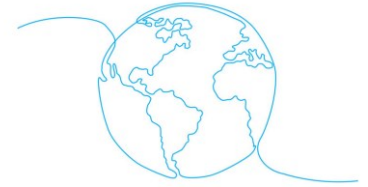
- Applicants must write short essay on Bobby Jones.
- \$8,000 Canadian dollars for all 8 selected students.
- Essay to be submitted after you are selected – the Global Office will send you further information via email.

Saints Abroad Scholarships



- Range of scholarships to support students who are studying or working abroad as part of their degree programme or on an approved summer placement:
 - Amounts range from £500 to £12,000.
- Applications are welcome from both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Scholarships – how to apply



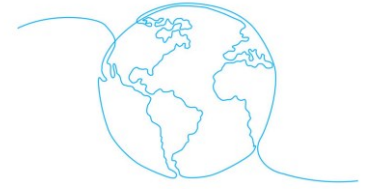
- Apply for all University managed Scholarships through MySaint:
 - Click on 'My Applications'
 - On the 'Scholarships and Funding' tab, click on 'View Scholarships and Funding Catalogue'.
 - This takes you to a search page, just click on the 'refresh list' button which will bring up a search box at the bottom of the page.
 - **Search for 'Saints Abroad' under the academic year 2025-26.**
 - Please note that the search function is case sensitive
 - **Deadline: 13 March 2025.**

External Scholarships

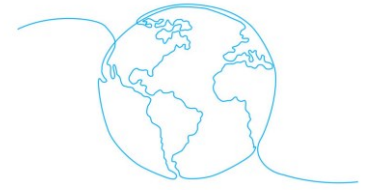


- Other funding opportunities which are not managed by the Global Office:
- Stevenson Exchange and Scottish-Italian Scholarships.
- British Council China Scholarship.
- DUO-Singapore Exchange Fellowship.
- Partner university scholarships.

Turing Scheme



- The University successfully applied to the UK Government's new national mobility scheme, Turing, for 2024-2025, securing funds to support eligible students with study and work abroad:
 - Global in scope – not just for European placements.
- The University will continue to apply annually for any funding available through the scheme: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/mobilityprogrammes-erasmusandturing/>
- **Funding is not guaranteed in any given year.**



Turing Scheme

- Please apply for Turing scheme funding when you receive the email. **We award funding first to those students who applied in the first round.**
- Funding may not be allocated until you have started your placement if you are abroad for the full year/ semester one.
- **You must complete the required paperwork** as a condition of the Turing scheme.
- Current grant rates are £335 (Group 2 and 3 countries) or £380 (Group 1) per month.



Turing Scheme

- Extra funding may be available for students from disadvantaged backgrounds or who meet the UK government's special education needs or disabilities criteria for additional support.
- Contact us to discuss the support available.

TURING

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Thank you

Questions?

Instagram: [standrewsglobal](#)

Email: studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk



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