EXPLORE YOUR GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES with UQ Abroad – part of the Student Employability Centre
WHAT IS UQ ABROAD?

Participating in a global experience is one of the most exciting and rewarding opportunities you can have while studying at The University of Queensland. UQ Abroad manages the semester-based exchange program and coordinates a wide range of short-term experiences all over the world. We will support you through the entire process, from choosing a program that suits your needs and goals, to applying and preparing to go, and to completing the adventure and joining the globally-connected UQ Abroad community.

A global experience through UQ Abroad is the ideal way to enhance your employability and have the experience of a lifetime.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This program offers you the opportunity to study overseas for a semester or year on exchange, while gaining credit towards your UQ degree.

With over 200 exchange partners in 41 countries, student exchange is an ideal way to combine study and travel. While on exchange, tuition fees at the host university are waived as you remain enrolled at and pay fees to UQ. Travel and living costs will vary depending on where you go, your travel plans and your spending habits.

While many of our partner institutions in non-English speaking countries offer a wide range of courses taught in English, exchange is also a great time to improve your foreign language skills or learn a new language.

Student Exchange Application Deadlines:

• May 31 for Semester 1 of the following year
• October 31 for Semester 2 of the following year

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WHY HAVE A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE?

• Complement your degree and gain a new perspective on your studies.
• Challenge yourself and become more independent.
• Discover new career and academic opportunities.
• Make new friends from around the world.
• Improve your foreign language skills.
• Experience a different culture.
• Enhance your employability.
• Explore the world.

Emily, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile

ALEX,
Moscow State University, Russia (student exchange program)

“...The absolute highlight of my time was the opportunity to really get to know Moscow: it is such an outrageous, fantastical city, filled with the most colourful character imaginable. The city is dripping in history: a stroll around the centre involves walking past Lenin’s Mausoleum, the tower of Ivan the terrible, beautiful orthodox churches, and street names that are recognisable to readers of Tolstoy.”

FAITH,
Sussex University, United Kingdom (student exchange program)

“I learnt so much about myself whilst on exchange – who I am and who I want to be. I feel I am able to more easily express my opinions and thoughts on subjects and love that feeling. I am more aware of cultural differences and understanding that not everyone has come from the same background as myself and I can take that into account when working with people from different cultures.”

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Worried about how you will finance your global opportunity? Check out these options.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
UQ manages a range of funds to support student participation in global experiences.

These funds are allocated taking into consideration academic merit, financial hardship and strategic initiatives.

Students applying to participate in an exchange or short-term experience for credit are automatically considered for funding. Additional funding for specific disciplines may also be available through your UQ School or Faculty.

employability.uq.edu.au/financial-support

CENTRELINK
Students may be able to continue receiving Centrelink payments while studying overseas if you are receiving credit towards your degree program.

OS-HELP LOAN SCHEME
The Australian Government provides financial assistance to eligible students to undertake part of their course of studies overseas. The overseas study must count towards your current UQ program requirements. Once paid, the OS-HELP loan is consolidated with your accumulated HELP debt.

The amount of the loan varies depending on the location of study. In 2017, eligible students may borrow up to $7,880 for study in Asia and up to $6,567 for study not located in Asia.

uq.edu.au/myadvisor/os-help-21170

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS – NEW COLOMBO PLAN
The New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship Program is a prestigious scholarship scheme that provides an opportunity for high achieving undergraduate students to undertake study in one of the eligible host locations across the Indo-Pacific region.

The scholarships are valued at up to AUD$67,000. Scholarship recipients must undertake a study program (for at least one semester, but may be up to two semesters in duration) for which they will receive credit at their home university.

scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/new-colombo-plan-scholarship-program

WESTPAC ASIAN EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP
The Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship was established as a gift to future generations of Australians to commemorate Westpac’s 200th anniversary. Valued at $12,000, this scholarship offers students the opportunity to study on exchange for one or two semesters at partner institutions in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong or Singapore.

scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/westpac-asian-exchange-scholarship

SHORT-TERM GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

If a full semester or year of exchange is not for you, there are also opportunities to have a global experience during the semester breaks.

Many of our international partners offer summer and winter programs where you can immerse yourself in language and culture, or take courses that are unique to that institution.

By participating in a short-term experience, you may be able to receive credit towards your UQ degree or you can choose to participate in a program for the experience alone and not receive credit.

Short-term experiences are a great way to experience more of the world, make valuable contacts and make the most of your semester breaks.

Short-term Global Experiences Application Deadlines:
- March 10 for programs in Winter 2017
- September 10 for programs in Summer 2017/18

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JOSEPH,
Discover SWUFE International Summer Camp, China (short-term global experience)

“The program enabled me to understand China, while being a part of a diverse learning environment with students from around the world. Being able to work, study and socialise with students from all different backgrounds has expanded my horizons and made me a better global citizen.”

DAN,
KAIST International Summer School, South Korea (short-term global experience)

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UQ ADVANTAGE EMPLOYABILITY AWARD

Gain extra recognition for your global experience by participating in the UQ Advantage Employability Award.

The UQ Advantage Employability Award encourages you to get involved in extra-curricular activities that will enhance your employability. By joining this program, you will participate in a range of activities and symposia to help you develop key competencies valued by employers. By reflecting on these experiences, you will understand your capabilities, how you can communicate them to an employer and how you can apply them in a work environment.

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ALICE, University of California, USA (student exchange program)

Being on exchange really helped me to become more open-minded, socially aware, and tolerant of others, and these are all things that I believe will help me in my career as a prospective MD. It was interesting comparing how different nations tackle public health according to what their population needs most, and understanding health from a global perspective is something that I’ll no doubt have to do in the future.”

Catherine, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

ENSHAN, Fudan University, China (student exchange program)

I feel that I gained a lot of confidence in dealing with situations out of my comfort zone. Living in Shanghai allowed me to experience not only Chinese culture, but also get to know more about other countries from my friends. The experience has made me want to see a lot more of the world and experience and learn new skills and personal attributes.”

FIONA, AIM Overseas Intensive French in La Rochelle, France (short-term global experience)

The highlight of my experience was being hosted for the four weeks by a French family which enabled me to practice my language skills outside of the classroom environment. This experience definitely improved my French language skills but furthermore it inspired me to continue studying French at UQ and allowed me to have a personal insight into French culture”.

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