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STUDY ABROAD

# WHERE WILL A DEGREE AT EXETER TAKE YOU?

I didn't expect Molecular Biology to be the sort of degree that would allow me to travel, but then again I never thought it was possible to have so many experiences and learn so much in just nine short months. Studying abroad really opened my eyes to parts of the world that I never thought I'd get the chance to see. I got to take courses outside of my degree programme and had the freedom to take a range of speciality classes. This knowledge now gives me an edge in my final year. You can never be sure what to expect, but you will always be surprised. For instance I was offered a lab job whilst abroad. This experience aids me now and will help me in my career. For all of these reasons and many more I highly recommend the Study Abroad programme and thank Exeter for this opportunity.

## Paul.

BSc Molecualr Biology, Study Placement in the USA.

# WHY
## SHOULD I CONSIDER STUDY ABROAD?

Study Abroad gives you the edge. Students who attend a study abroad placement become more employable whilst meeting new people, challenge themselves whilst engaging with new cultures and build their confidence at the same time as broadening their academic experience.

> All I can say to anyone who is thinking about studying abroad is do it, it's one of the most enjoyable and rewarding things I've ever done.
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> **Michaels.**
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> BSc Zoology, Study Placement in Australia.

# WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

- Study Abroad at a partner university either in Europe or further afield
- Short term programmes and summer schools (typically 1-6 weeks in length) at institutions around the world

# WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

Every academic discipline involved with Study Abroad has a nominated co-ordinator who will advise you before you go abroad, keep in touch with you while you are away and support you on your return. In addition the Global Opportunities Team is on hand to advise and support you throughout with inter faculty presentations, pre-departure preparation and literature, bookable appointments and Year Abroad Buddy schemes.

# WHAT ABOUT FEES?

Studying Abroad for a full academic year (7 months or more) entitles you to an 85% discount on your University of Exeter tuition fee and no tuition fees are payable to your host university. If studying abroad for one semester you will pay the full tuition fee to Exeter and no tuition fees are payable to your host university.

# WHAT ABOUT FINANCES?

Study Abroad will involve additional expenses such as travel, insurance and in most instances visa fees, exact amounts will depend on your destination and spending habits. During the application process we provide resources for you to research which institution or destination is best suited to your academic interests and budget. If you come from a means tested household, you could be eligible for a Travel Grant from the Student Loans Company. There are also a range of scholarships you can apply for.

# WHERE CAN I GO?
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Study abroad placements are typically a year long and take place in the third year of a four year degree programme. Some subject areas offer a semester long placement and others a full year or a semester option – do check with your department for further information. During your time abroad you can choose between a study placement at a European or International university or a work placement (only on selected degrees).

Alternatively you may like to participate in a summer school or short programme either at one of our partner universities or an institution of your choosing. A full list of exchange opportunities and partner universities can be found on our website.

# DO I NEED TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE TO STUDY ABROAD?

Not necessarily. If you are aiming to study in certain countries you will need to be sufficiently competent in that language to follow classes. However, it's important to us that no one is excluded from Study Abroad on language grounds alone. During your first and second years you will have the opportunity to take modules in our Foreign Language Centre to bring your foreign language skills up to the required level. In several of our partner universities some, or all of the classes are taught in English. This happens notably in Asia, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and Malta.

## HOW WILL STUDYING ABROAD IMPROVE MY EMPLOYABILITY?

Studying abroad demonstrates to prospective employers your adaptability, independence, resilience, flexibility, multicultural and global awareness. A recent study conducted by the UK Higher Education International Unit indicated that 81% of mobile students achieved a First Class or Upper Second Class in their degree (Hurley, Lowe, Graham & Hanks, 2016). A study by the IIE Center for Academic Mobility Research and Impact found that "study abroad contributes to the development of transferrable skills and positive employment gains [...]. Most notably, the ability to understand differences between cultures and individuals emerged as a skill that contributes to individuals' career progression." (Farrugia & Sanger, 2017).

## DOES STUDY ABROAD COUNT TOWARDS MY DEGREE?

Study placements of three months or more will contribute to your Exeter degree. The credits that you gain whilst on your placement are transferred back into Exeter grades and will be recorded on your final transcript. It is understood that studying abroad has its own challenges and that it is more than just an academic experience, those who study abroad often perform better in their final exams because of the experience.

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