GLOBAL Opportunities

Where will your degree take you?
At the University of Liverpool, we believe in helping students to become international graduates and global citizens. By developing a wide range of employability skills our graduates are well placed to succeed in their professional lives. To support our students in gaining such invaluable skills, we offer a fantastic range of global opportunities – this could be one of the most exciting decisions of your academic career.

Professor Dame Janet Beer
Vice-Chancellor

Spending a summer abroad was a great opportunity to work with students from all over the world.

Saif Khan
Summer Abroad
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong
At the University of Liverpool, there are loads of opportunities for you to experience new cultures, graduate with an excellent degree and boost your employability through spending time abroad! Global Opportunities give you the chance to spend either a part of your Liverpool degree or some of your summer vacation abroad. We have lots of awesome partner universities and exciting programmes to choose from. The options available depend on your degree subject. So, where will your degree take you?

**Year Abroad**
Add a year to your degree and spend it at one of our amazing partner universities around the world. This year gives you the opportunity to discover a new country and culture and really broaden your horizons.

**Year in China**
Add an extra year on to your degree programme and study at Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU). Discover Chinese culture, politics and history and learn Chinese.

**Semester Abroad**
Spend a semester at one of our amazing partner universities, usually during your second year, studying modules from your subject area. Study in Europe, Australasia, North America or Asia!

**Summer Abroad**
Do something different with your summer holiday and take a few weeks to study, work, or volunteer. Opportunities available in Asia, North America, Australasia and Europe.

**Clinical Rotations**
Certain Health and Life Science programmes enable students to spend one of their clinical rotations at a partner university in Europe and beyond.

**Study abroad is everything I wanted it to be and more.**
Laura Winter
Semester Abroad
University of Western Australia
Australia

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NB: Going abroad in 2022/23 may be affected by COVID-19, please see page 24 for more information.
Global Opportunities offer you an adventure of a lifetime, but it is more than just travelling and seeing the world. There are so many reasons why you should add going abroad to your list of things to do whilst at university.

Here are just a few:

**Academic benefits**
- Students who study abroad are more likely to graduate with a First or 2:1.
- You will have the chance to broaden your academic horizons and study modules not taught at Liverpool.
- Students report that they are much more motivated when returning to Liverpool for their final year of study.

**Employability benefits**
- Only 7% of UK students study abroad so you will automatically stand out from the crowd.
- You are more likely to be in work or further study six months after graduating if you have studied abroad.
- You will develop key transferable skills such as communication, time-management, cultural awareness and problem solving.

**Personal benefits**
- Research confirms that studying abroad enhances personal qualities such as emotional resilience, confidence and determination.
- By combining study and travel, studying abroad is a great alternative to a gap year.
- It is an invaluable opportunity to discover more about yourself and meet friends for life from all over the world!

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Universities UK International
Gone International: Expanding Opportunities (May 2018)
Throughout your study abroad journey the Global Opportunities Team is here to help. We are here to support students before, during and after your international experience and we offer loads of services and events for you to find out more and connect with us. Here’s what your journey may look like…

- **Come to our fair during Global Opportunities Week to get started**
- **Attend the relevant sessions and workshops in Global Opportunities Week and beyond to learn more**
- **Apply for your preferred programme/s by the relevant deadline dates**
- **Make the most of your international experience, enjoy every minute and make sure to tag us @livuniabroad**
- **Return to Liverpool and come along to the #AlwaysInternational welcome back event**
- **Receive your offer and join us at a celebration event to meet other students heading abroad**
- **Apply to be a Global Opportunities Ambassador**
- **Book your flights and start your adventure!**
- **Attend our preparation events, pre-application and pre-departure briefings**
- **Become a Buddy and/or Ambassador and share your experiences with future students!**

*Your Global Opportunities Flightpath*
**Programme eligibility requirements**
The requirements for each of the Global Opportunities differ. Take a look at the table below for further information and don’t forget to check our online search tool for the opportunities/partner universities available to you liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search/

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<td>Year Abroad</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>Year Two if you are doing a three-year programme Year Two or Year Three if you are doing a four-year programme</td>
<td>Your degree must be compatible with the Year Abroad</td>
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<td>Year in China</td>
<td>40% with no re-sits or fails</td>
<td>Year Two or Final Year</td>
<td>Your degree must be compatible with the Year in China</td>
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<td>Semester Abroad</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>Depends on the standard length of your degree. See the Search Tool for more information</td>
<td>There should be one or more partner universities compatible with your degree</td>
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<td>40% with no re-sits or fails</td>
<td>Any year except Final Year</td>
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**Application Hints and Tips**
In the Global Opportunities Team we read lots of applications so if you are thinking of applying here are a few of our hints and tips on how to write an engaging and successful application:
- Come to one of our events such as the Global Opportunities Fair or Global Opportunities 101 to find out more!
- Research your chosen universities thoroughly, think about: cultural experience, cost of living, accommodation. Use the information on our website as your starting point liverpool.ac.uk/goabroad
- Reflect on the research you have done and tell us why you have chosen a particular programme/partner university
- Tell us what you think you will gain from going abroad, whether that’s personally, academically or both.

**Deadline for Year Abroad / Semester Abroad / Year in China applications:** 18 February 2022

**Summer Abroad**
Deadline for Summer Abroad applications: 11 March 2022

**Deciding to study abroad has been without-a-doubt one of the best decisions of my life. It has shaped me as a person and completely changed my outlook on life. I would recommend it to anyone.**

Matt Walsh
Semester Abroad
Dalhousie University
Canada

**Making an application**
Submit your application online liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/apply/
Applications will open in November 2021.
Money Matters

We want to ensure that finances aren’t a barrier to you going abroad. Here’s a breakdown of everything you need to know about financing your international adventure.

## Tuition fees
The great news is you don’t pay tuition fees to your host university (apart from any fee-paying summer programmes you choose to participate in). You only pay tuition fees to the University of Liverpool.

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<td>International</td>
<td>Year Abroad</td>
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**Home:**
- Year in China/Year 2 @ XJTLU: 15% of normal tuition fee
- Semester Abroad: Normal tuition fee
- Year Abroad: 15% of normal tuition fee

**EU:**
- Year in China/Year 2 @ XJTLU: 15% of normal tuition fee*
- Semester Abroad: Normal tuition fee*
- Year Abroad: 15% of normal tuition fee*

**International:**
- Year in China/Year 2 @ XJTLU: 50% of normal tuition fee
- Semester Abroad: Normal tuition fee
- Year Abroad: 50% of normal tuition fee

**Additional fees**
Although you don’t pay tuition fees to your host university, you may be required to pay some additional fees such as mandatory health insurance costs or application fees depending on your host university. Check the partner university profiles on our website for more information [liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search](liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search)

*Applies if you started your UoL degree before July 2021. If you started your degree after July 2021, you will pay 50% of your normal tuition fee.

## Student Finance
You are still eligible for all of your usual tuition fee and maintenance loans from Student Finance. You may also be eligible for further funding from Student Finance in the form of a travel grant.

**Liverpool Go Abroad Grant**
Thanks to the generosity of alumni and donors to the University, we are able to provide funding to all students participating in an international experience through the Global Opportunities Team. Funding amounts are the same regardless of the type of programme you participate in. Our awards are means-tested and awarded as follows:

- Students with a household income of £25,000 and under who also meet the University’s Widening Participation (WP) Flag criteria: £1,000
- Students with a household income of £25,001 and under who don’t meet the University’s WP Flag criteria: £750
- Students with a household income of between £25,001 and £35,000: £500
- All other students: £250.

## Scholarship opportunities
There are also a lot of scholarship opportunities which you can apply for to help fund your study abroad journey.

For more information about funding, means testing and scholarships please see our website [liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/funding](liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/funding)

**Turing Funding**
Turing funding provides a weekly or monthly living costs grant (depending on the length of your Global Opportunity) and students from households with an income of under £25,000 (along with certain other criteria) will also receive funding towards their travel costs.

If you are awarded Turing funding, you won’t be eligible for a Liverpool Go Abroad Grant or travel costs assistance from Student Finance.

Turing funding is not guaranteed and all eligible students will be contacted once our funding amounts are confirmed (this is likely to be mid- to late-2022).

For more information on Turing, see [turing-scheme.org.uk/about/information-for-participants/](turing-scheme.org.uk/about/information-for-participants/)

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### Andy Johnson
Semester Abroad National University of Singapore Singapore

**Studying abroad will be the highlight of your degree. It opens you up to new experiences and forces you to adapt to different situations. You will come out of it with some amazing stories that will stay with you for the rest of your life.**
Where will I live while I’m abroad? is one of the most common questions students have about going abroad. Here is some useful information about accommodation abroad and in Liverpool.

Accommodation Abroad

If you decide to study abroad it is good to know that accommodation at partner universities varies greatly. At some partners, it is mandatory for Study Abroad students to live on campus whereas other partners do not offer any university affiliated accommodation. Our online search tool (liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search/) provides basic information about accommodation options at our partner universities including whether or not accommodation is guaranteed for Study Abroad students.

Accommodation in Liverpool

Study Abroad Village

If you participate in the Semester Abroad programme, you can apply for a room in university accommodation for the semester you stay in Liverpool. The Study Abroad Village (Tudor Close and Melville Grove), is a fantastic and straightforward accommodation option for Semester Abroad students. You have the benefit of a one-semester contract and you will live with other outbound Study Abroad students and our inbound exchange students from all over the world! What better way to continue your international journey?

Dover Court

All offers to study abroad are made in March. This is often a concern for students who are keen to make accommodation arrangements for their next year of study before study abroad offers are issued. We want to ensure that you have as many accommodation options as possible to suit your needs. In case your application to study abroad is unsuccessful, you can apply for a room in University halls of residence (Dover Court – home to Year 2, 3 and 4 students) as a back-up. If your application to study abroad is successful, you can withdraw from your Dover Court contract without incurring any financial penalties.

If you are awarded a study abroad place, your housing application will automatically transfer over to the Study Abroad Village for a semester only contract (subject to availability), all you have to do is accept the offer.

Please note that rooms in Dover Court are allocated on a first come first served basis so you are encouraged to apply as early as possible to make sure you do have an accommodation option. You can apply for all University of Liverpool accommodation options via your Liverpool Life account.

My only advice to anyone contemplating studying abroad would be DO IT! I have gained so much life experience and truly feel more mature and better equipped to tackle the rest of my studies in Liverpool.

Nicole Moir
Semester Abroad
HEC Montreal
Canada
This is an amazing new opportunity to spend an academic year at one of our partner universities around the world expanding your academic and cultural horizons. The year is designed to be flexible and suit your interests, so it’s a fantastic opportunity to learn in-depth about your host country and/or learn new and exciting knowledge that will complement your degree studies back in Liverpool.

What modules would I study?
It’s up to you! You can study either:
● A majority of modules related to the history/culture/language of your host country
● A majority of subject-related modules (but they don’t have to be directly in your discipline at Liverpool)
● Or a combination of the above!

The year is fully flexible as it is added on to your degree and really gives you that unique opportunity to expand your horizons.

Where can I go?
Wherever we can, we’re intending to have space at the majority of our current partners available for the Year Abroad. Check out our online search tool to find out where your degree can take you at liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search/

When do I go?
If you’re on a three year degree programme, you’ll go between 2nd and 3rd year (and apply in 2nd year).
If you’re on a 4 year integrated masters, MBChB Medicine or BVSc Veterinary Medicine, you can go either between 2nd and 3rd year or 3rd and 4th year (and apply the year before you will travel abroad).

My exchange so far has been one of the most rewarding and exciting opportunities I have ever had the chance to take. I made close friendships with people from across the world and I have had the chance to tick off quite a few things on my bucket list too. It was not always easy, but I would not have wanted to be anywhere else.

Katherine Gilchrist
Year Abroad
University of Calgary
Canada
Do you want to see the world and discover new cultures? Completing a semester abroad is an awesome opportunity to combine your studies with the adventure of a lifetime!

With the Semester Abroad you get to study your subject area at one of our partner universities around the world. One of the advantages of a semester abroad is that it doesn’t add any extra time onto your degree.

Where can I go?
Where you can go depends on your degree, as our partner universities match with specific subject areas. Check out our online search tool to find out where your degree can take you:
liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search/

When do I go?
If you are doing a three-year degree programme, or one that includes a Year in Industry/Research, you’ll go abroad in your second year of study. If you are doing a four-year degree you’ll go abroad in your third year of study. Don’t forget that you apply during your preceding year of study so make sure you don’t miss the deadline!

I just knew deep down that I had to go and see the world and it was the best decision I have ever made, just taking that chance has fundamentally changed me and I am so grateful. Seeing the world makes you more interested. I’ve come back and I want to apply all this knowledge and contribute to the world way more than I did before.

Charlotte Harries
Semester Abroad
Victoria University Wellington
New Zealand

My time on exchange has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life. I feel as though I have advanced greatly in both my academic career and personal development.

Roshan Asghar
Semester Abroad
University of Guelph
Canada

Clinical Rotations
If you are studying Veterinary Science, Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy you can complete one of your clinical rotations at a partner university. Like the Semester Abroad, this doesn’t add any extra time onto your degree. Check out the search tool to find out where you can go:
liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search/
Year in China is our unique and incredibly exciting flagship Global Opportunity programme. Since its launch in 2015, over 300 students have participated in this life-changing programme. The Year in China is designed to offer as many students as possible the opportunity to embark on an adventure of a lifetime!

What is the Year in China and what will I study?
The Year in China is an unmissable opportunity to broaden your horizons and gain an understanding of this amazing country. It adds an extra year onto your degree which you will spend at our joint venture university Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU). It’s your chance to study something completely different from your regular field of study.

You will study:
- Chinese language
- China studies
- Depending on your academic department, a module relating to your degree programme.

If you pass the Year in China, your degree title will change to “BA/BSc subject with a Year in China”.

When do I go?
Students can either participate in the programme after your second or final year of study. If you go after your final year of study, you complete your Liverpool degree as normal but delay your graduation in order to study in China.

Why go on the Year in China?
The British Council identified Mandarin as the fourth most important language when it comes to the UK’s future. Studying and living in China is much cheaper than in most other countries. Stand out from the crowd! Your degree programme will change to “BA Subject with a Year in China”.

Discover dynamic modern China, starting with the ultra-modern XJTLU campus, only 30 minutes from Shanghai by bullet train.

Learn about ancient China too, XJTLU is located in Suzhou one of the ancient Chinese capitals.

Ensure you take this opportunity to travel around this incredible country and beyond.

When I embarked on the Year in China I had no idea it was going to be the best year of my life.

Chris Churchman
Year in China XJTLU
Not sure you want to commit to a longer period abroad? 
Want to make the most of your summer? 
Then why not spend a summer abroad!

Why do it?
Summer Abroad is a brilliant opportunity to do something fun and useful with your vacation. Research undertaken by Universities UK highlights that it doesn’t matter where you study abroad or for how long, the experience is still hugely beneficial. So whether you spend two weeks or six weeks of your summer holiday on a Summer Abroad opportunity, you’ll develop all the skills of a Study Abroad graduate.

Where can I go on Summer Abroad?
We have exciting opportunities to spend a Summer Abroad in countries all over the world! We have well established opportunities in the USA, China, Malaysia and Europe. We’re always working to launch new initiatives too, so keep an eye on our website for future developments. For more information and a full list of Summer Abroad opportunities open to you, check our search tool liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/search

How does it work?
We have loads of exciting Summer Abroad opportunities open to all students and some that are specific to students from certain academic departments. You can apply for a tuition free place at one of our partner universities. Places are limited and we prioritise students from low-income households for these spots, but if you aren’t awarded a place you can still apply for a programme and pay tuition fees to participate.

Work & Volunteer options
Besides studying at one of our partner universities for the summer period, why not do an internship or volunteer? Find out more about these options on liverpool.ac.uk/goabroad
COVID-19

COVID-19 has caused lots of disruption to Global Opportunities, but the team is still working hard to help students go abroad in 2022/23 whenever possible.

We’re hopeful that the Global Opportunities from Semester One in 2022 onwards will go ahead as normal. So, applications for all of our programmes will be open as usual this year, and we encourage you to apply.

It’s important to remember that you won’t need to make any significant non-refundable financial commitments to your abroad experience until later in the process and (although we hope you won’t want to or need to) you can withdraw at any time. We can’t accept late applications, so if you’re considering taking advantage of a Global Opportunity, it’s better to apply than not to.

If you’re not sure about applying for a mobility in 2022/23, it’s still a good idea to start researching your options now, so that you’re ready to apply for an opportunity later on in your degree.

As we all know COVID-19 is a rapidly changing situation, so at the time of writing we can’t guarantee which Global Opportunities will go ahead in the 2022/23 academic year. So please bear in mind that plans and available options may be subject to change or cancellation, for reasons beyond our control.

Whilst this is still a challenging time for everyone, we will work together to ensure as many mobilities as possible can take place safely and will keep students informed throughout the process. For all the latest updates, please visit liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/covid-19-update/ or email us on: goabroad@liverpool.ac.uk
How does the University choose its exchange partners?
We’ve chosen our exchange partners because, like Liverpool, they’re highly ranked by independent bodies, and well regarded for their innovative approaches to research and teaching. We have been commended for our rigorous approval process of new exchange partners. Our processes ensure that our students studying abroad have an excellent academic experience and are fully supported at the partner university.

Will studying abroad extend the time it takes a student to complete their degree?
With the exception of the Year Abroad and Year in China, Global Opportunities programmes do not extend a student’s degree.

What support will students receive during their exchange programme?
When a student goes on an exchange, they remain a registered student with us as well as becoming a fully registered student at the partner university. This means they can access all the support services (academic and personal) at both universities. All of our partners have an equivalent Global Opportunities Team who will act as the first point of contact whilst our students are abroad.

What fees will students pay to an exchange partner?
Our students don’t have to pay tuition fees to the host university (apart from fee-paying summer programmes), but they will have to pay accommodation fees. Some universities require mandatory health insurance. Summer programmes may incur some tuition fee costs. For further information on money matters please see pages 10 and 11.

Why is studying abroad a good thing to do?
There are lots of brilliant reasons why going abroad is such a fantastic experience. Taking advantage of a Global Opportunity can be a great alternative to taking a gap year in order to see the world. By combining study and travel, participants will get to meet new people and have fun, but, more than this, students will have an excellent achievement to add to their CV and a whole range of skills and experiences to talk about in job interviews.

Studying abroad provides an opportunity for students to broaden their academic horizons and gain a different perspective to a subject area by studying modules different to those offered here at Liverpool.

How can parents/supporters help students on their Global Opportunity journey?
Going abroad is an empowering experience that should be embraced by students in every aspect – from initial enquiry, through to choosing a destination and getting on the plane. We advise parents/supporters to encourage students to do as much research as possible about their chosen programme and destination. The more prepared students are, the more successful their experience turns out to be. If students have questions regarding any aspect of the Global Opportunity we encourage parents to ask their son/daughter to contact the Global Opportunities Team. We are here to help students become independent, confident individuals through this life-changing experience.

Going abroad during your studies is an exciting experience and it’s important that you discuss your plans to apply with your parents/supporters. We often find they have different questions to students so we’ve answered some of the most common queries for you to discuss with them.
Meet THE TEAM

We are here to make your Global Opportunity dream come true! We are all passionate about what we do and we truly believe that spending a summer, semester or year abroad is one of the best opportunities you will have here at the University of Liverpool. The Team is here to support you along your journey and we have all either lived, studied or worked abroad so we know exactly what it’s like!

VISIT US ON CAMPUS

ALSOP BUILDING

10AM-3PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED.

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY EVENTS

In addition to administering all of our programmes and being on hand to help answer your queries, we run a series of events throughout the academic year for you to find out more information about going abroad and how you can connect with us. Why not come along to an event and meet us? We’d love to see you!

- Global Opportunities Week
- Global Opportunities Fair
- Drop-in sessions

For further information see liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/find-out-more

Check out our Global Opportunities Week programme here: liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/outbound/global-opportunities-week/

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