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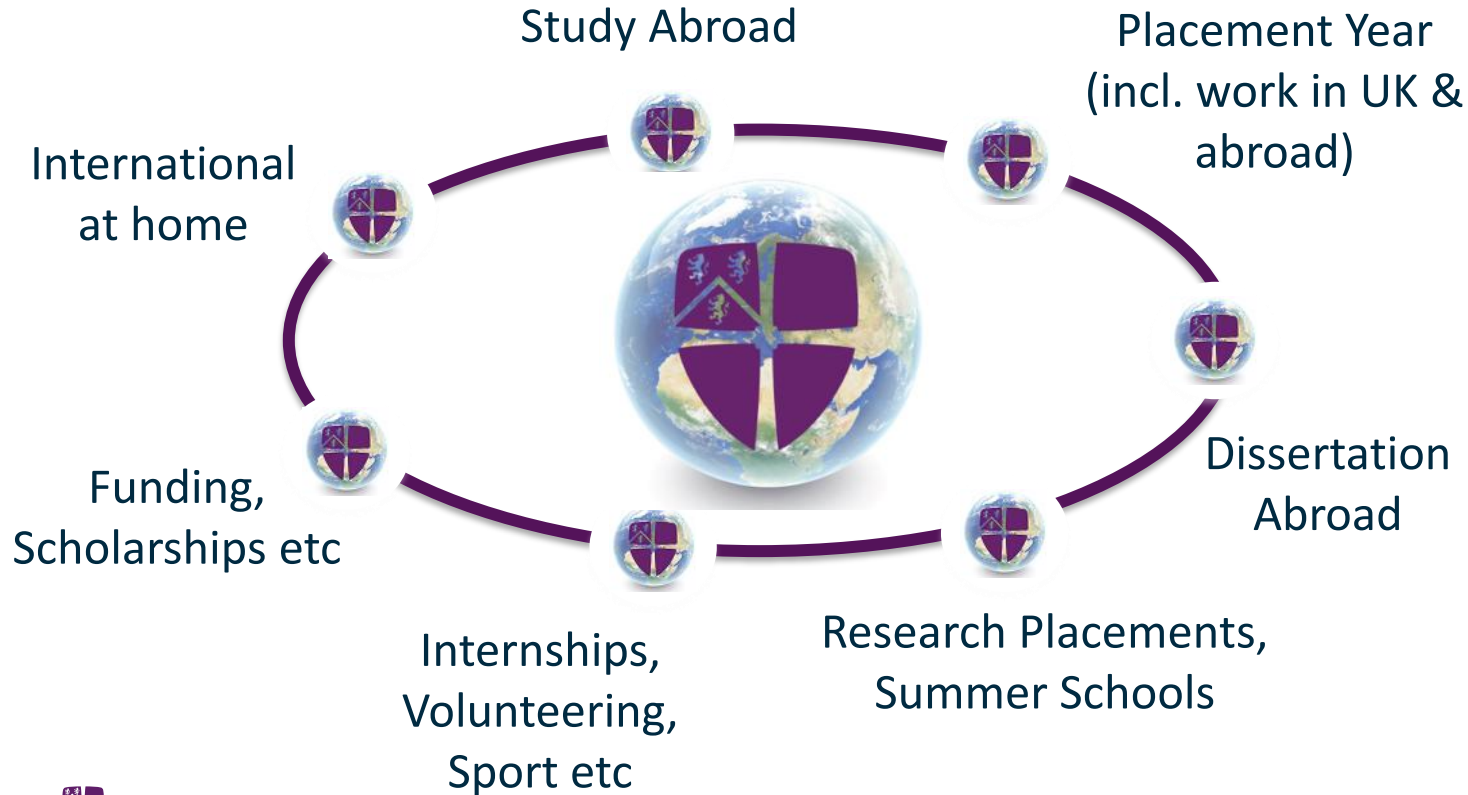
Global Opportunities (Study Abroad)

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What are Global Opportunities?



Study Abroad: Open to all degrees

- ALL degree programmes offer the chance to study abroad.. But it is not guaranteed!
- Apply in year two. Go for a year between second and final year.
- Recognised on your degree transcript.
- Each department has a dedicated study abroad coordinator. Support from the Global Opportunities Team, host university, access to pastoral support etc.
- Approx. 400 students per year go abroad from Durham and a similar number come to Durham.



Study Abroad: Where can I go?

- Currently we have approx. 300 student exchange agreements:
 - Europe: 250+ agreements from Paris to Prague, Reykjavik to Rome, Tallinn to Tübingen.
 - Non-EU: Australia, Canada, Chile, China & Hong Kong, Colombia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, USA.
- Partners in Matariki Network of Universities, Coimbra Group and RENKEI Group.

Non-European Exchange

- For exchanges with universities outside the EU.
Including: Australia, Canada, Chile, China & Hong Kong, Colombia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, USA.
- Institutional links (with some Dept. links).
- Limited opportunities = more competition (40% chance of being placed).



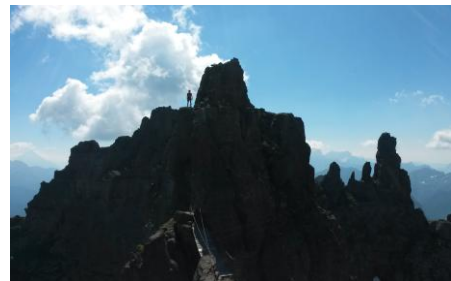
Europe (formerly Erasmus+)

- For exchanges with European partners only.
- Hundreds of departmental links
- c. 30 institution-wide links.
- Lots of opportunities = less competition = increased chance of success!



Applying for a study abroad place

- Need to get a 55% average (mid 2:2). Though some partners (and Law) require a higher average.
- Two application windows in second year:
 - Non-European Exchange: November
 - European Exchange: Jan/Feb
- Written (online) application for a place.
- Awards:
 - Non-European Exchange: ranked order based: on 25% academic marks, 75% application score.
 - European: based on multiple factors (to ensure as many students can take an opportunity as possible).



Study Abroad: ¿Necesito hablar otro idioma?

- Non-EU Exchange:
Majority of programmes taught in English.
- Europe: Some language skills may be required.
- Centre for Foreign Language Study: Allows you to learn another language alongside your degree programme.
- Student societies including Erasmus Student Network and numerous countries.

The **Centre for Foreign Language Study** offers language courses for Durham students.

From Beginners to Higher Advanced level, courses are flexible, in a variety of formats and lengths, with start dates throughout the year.

www.durham.ac.uk/cfls/



What will I study?

Students select modules from the partner university

- Subject to approval by Durham academic department
- Some elective flexibility (e.g. learn a language while abroad)

Does it affect my degree grades?

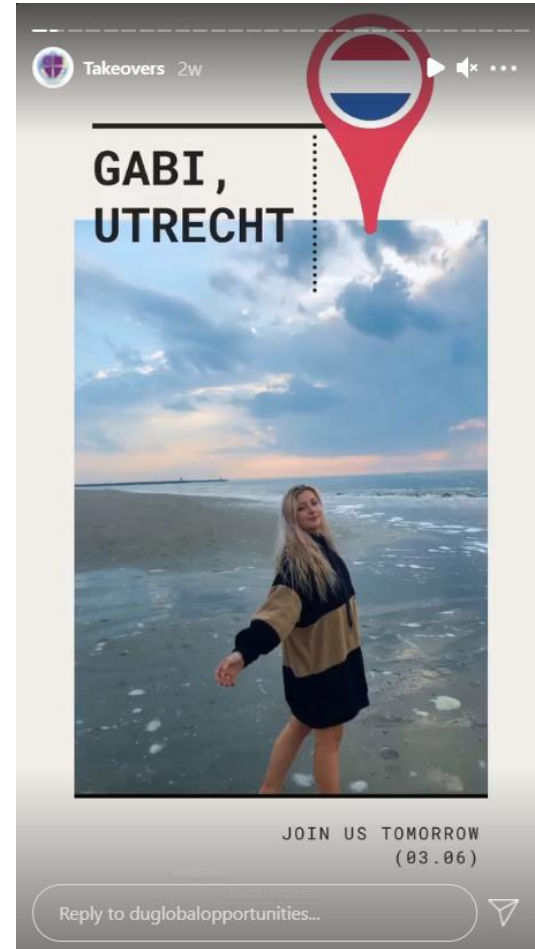
It depends:

- Additional year (most students) – just pass/fail, it does not count towards your grades
- Replacement year (integrated Masters in faculty of science), your third abroad replaces your third year in Durham and does count towards your grades



Funding

- Tuition fee reduction: only 15% of the full tuition fees to Durham.
- No tuition fees are paid to the host university.
- Student Finance Maintenance Loan and Travel Grant.
- Durham is participating in the Turing Scheme to make funding available in future. However:
 - Turing is awarded to universities one year at a time.
 - Widening Participation is a priority.
 - Turing funding is not guaranteed.
- Think about additional costs: living costs, travel, visas, health insurance



Other Global Opportunities?

- Placement Year: 40 weeks full time professional level work experience.
- Summer internships: short term work abroad during the summer. E.g Venice Biennale Fellowship
- Volunteer abroad: e.g. ThinkPacific! Or Durham's Volunteer Zambia project.
- Summer Schools: offered by partners, often at a reduced rate for Durham students.
- Research Abroad e.g. such as MITACS in Canada
- (DUBS) Dissertation Abroad
- Global Citizenship Programmes: a summer combination of work and study to tackle global issues.

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/>



Internationalisation at home

- Durham Global Week
 - www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/durham-global-week/
- Student Groups – Durham Students Union
 - www.durhamsu.com/groups
- ESN Durham (student society)
 - www.instagram.com/esn_durham/

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A few FAQs

- I'm not sure if I would prefer to work or study abroad?
- Is accommodation guaranteed with the partner university?
- What support is there?
- How hard is it to make friends abroad?
- What is it like coming back?

Why work or study abroad?

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OF STUDENTS WHO
STUDIED ABROAD
ACHIEVED A
1ST OR 2:1**



Further Information

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ESN Durham (student society)

- www.instagram.com/esn_durham/

