

BHASVIC Study Abroad offer

At BHASVIC we are keen to support our students in their progression including providing information regarding study abroad options. It is essential that students complete their independent research when considering this route as the process in each country (and institution) can vary greatly and will not be in line with the UCAS process. BHASVIC will support your application with a reference and any additional educational documents but are not able to give detailed guidance for individual countries and universities.



We can help provide you with a lot of information about this route and we can pass on the advice and guidance based on the experience of previous students who have applied to study abroad.

However, because each country is slightly different in what it wants from an application, you must be prepared to **take responsibility for your own route through the various application processes.**

This will include:

- The timings of the application process
- The requirements – in terms of personal statements, grades etc.
- Studying for and sitting any required tests, such as the USA's crucial SAT tests
- Thinking about money, carefully working out the full costs and how you will fund your studies

In order to help students (and parents) consider the suitability of a non-UK based degree programme we have collated some information to help with the research process.

Some of the questions that you might think about are listed below:

- **What are your career goals? Will the qualification help you to achieve these?**
- **Can you live away from your family for two to four years?** – This question is important not only from the emotional aspect but from practical aspect as well
- **What will be the total cost?** – Research the expected amount of tuition fees, insurance costs, accommodation rents, cost of living, transportation, leisurely activities etc.. Find out the scholarships available and apply, the Sutton Trust is a programme that may offer some support in this area (US applications only).
- **Do you know the course requirements? Are there any additional tests needed as part of the application?**
- **How open are you to new culture and people?**

- **Will UK institutes and employers recognise your degree? Contact professional bodies to check this.**
- **Could you visit the country before you move there? Do you have family or friends residing in the country?**
- **What are your motivations for applying to study abroad?**
- **What do you feel this experience will provide that you cannot get from a UK based degree?**
- **Do you know the deadlines for all the institutions that you are applying to?**

Below are a list of some pros and cons of following this route alongside some questions that students should consider. We have also included some links so that further research can be undertaken; we also have a Study Abroad section on the VLE.

Pros

A useful way to enhance your personal development and life experience.

It is an opportunity to immerse yourself in a different culture.

You can develop transferable skills and experience, which can enhance your CV and career prospects

The opportunity to develop a global outlook and work across cultures. This may improve your employability

Many UK universities are now in partnership with universities all over the world and offer exchange programmes

You can build your foreign language skills and fluency.

Make new friends and explore new countries

The method of education may be more suited to your learning style

Cons

UK residents who apply directly to non-UK universities are not eligible for UK student loans for the non-UK based degree.

International applications can be especially competitive and it is important to check fee levels, as they are not always cheaper than in the UK.

You may not be able to get part-time work to support your overseas studies, due to visa restrictions.

You may experience homesickness and loneliness, you should have a plan in place if this happens. Will you be able to get home if you need to?

Not all universities offer accommodation to UK students studying abroad – make sure you check this out early.

Studying your subject in a foreign language can be challenging – make sure the overseas course is taught in your preferred language

There are hidden expenses when studying abroad; these can be from travelling costs, storage costs, phones, visas etc

Check that the qualification you gain is recognised in the UK/country you plan to work in. Some professions may need further professional study and you may not be qualified to practice in the UK (e.g. medicine and law)

Remember:

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- There are support networks available at most international universities
 - Many exchange programmes will offer you support both in-country and pre/post-study

- Exchange rates can have both a positive and negative effect on your cost of living, food and drink, and tuition fees (if you're required to pay in the currency of the country you're applying to study in)

There is a range of questions that you should consider to ensure that you have realistically explored the opportunity to study abroad.

Other Considerations:

- Should you be making a UCAS application alongside your study abroad applications?
- Would you be able to do a term/year abroad rather than a full degree abroad?
- Would a gap year provide you with the experience that you are looking for?
- Could you apply for a summer placement or a scheme e.g. Camp America, BUNAC?
- Time difference – will it be difficult to communicate with friends and family due to the time difference.
- Different terminology
- Different styles of working and academic expectations
- Finance - you will need a solid plan for how you will finance your degree and some contingency funds.

BHASVIC will turn around your reference request in 10 working days.

Useful Links:

Study in the USA

- <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/events/usa-college-day-2019>
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://www.ueseducation.com/US-applications>
- <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/us-programme-2/>

Higher education outside the UK

- www.myfuturewise.org.uk
- www.hotcoursesabroad.com
- www.thestudentworld.com
- www.astarfuture.co.uk
- www.topuniversities.com
- <https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/>

- <https://events.thestudentworld.com/>

Study in English speaking countries

- Australia: www.studyinaustralia.gov.au and www.studyoptions.com
- Canada: www.cic.gc.ca/English/study/index.asp
- USA: www.fulbright.co.uk
- New Zealand: www.studyinnewzealand.com and www.studyoptions.com
- Republic of Ireland: www.educationinireland.com/en/ and www.cao.ie/
- South Africa: <http://sa.gostudy.info/>

Study in Europe

- Study in Europe: www.studyineurope.eu
- Holland: <https://www.studyinholland.nl/>
- Germany: <http://www.studying-in-germany.org/>
- Spain: <http://www.studying-in-spain.com/>
- France: <http://www.studying-in-france.org/>
<https://london.ac.uk/institute-in-paris/study/undergraduate-degree-courses>
- Switzerland: <https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/higher-education-area/studying/studying-in-switzerland/>
- Italy: <http://www.study-in-italy.it/>
- Careers Europe: www.careerseurope.co.uk

Study in Asia and Middle East

- China: <http://www.study-in-china.org/>
- Hong Kong: <http://www.studyinhongkong.edu.hk>
- Japan: www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/
- Malaysia: <http://studymalaysia.com/>
- Singapore: www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/international-students/general-info/
- Thailand: <http://studyinthailand.org/>
- UAE: www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/asia/united-arab-emirates/guide
- University of Nottingham <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/currentstudents/study-abroad/study-abroad-finance.aspx>

Global careers

- Graduate: www.prospects.ac.uk/working_abroad.htm
- Graduate and non-graduate: <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/working-abroad>
- Europe: www.eurograduate.com/
- Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services:
http://www.agcas.org.uk/agcas_resources/132-Starting-Your-Career-In-Country-Guides-for-International-Students