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Destinations

With opportunities at over 150 destinations worldwide, there’s no limit to where you can go. These are just some of the places you could consider:

Study abroad
1. Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
2. KU Leuven, Belgium
3. University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
4. University of Copenhagen, Denmark
5. University of Otago, New Zealand
6. Boston College, USA
7. University of Washington, USA
8. Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Internships
9. Bogota, Colombia

Volunteering
10. Think Pacific, Fiji

Summer opportunities
11. GO China summer programme, Beijing, China
12. International Leadership Programme, Bangalore, India

‘My year abroad has been spent studying topics I never thought I’d encounter, going to places I never knew existed, and surprising myself in all the things I didn’t know I could do or be.’

Zoe, Study abroad, McGill University, Canada

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Option 1: Semester/year-long programmes

Semester or year-long study abroad placements are a great way to experience another culture, enhance your education and increase your employability.

For semester programmes, you will replace one semester in your second year with study abroad. For year-long placements, you will add one year to your degree to go abroad, usually after your second year.

- **Study abroad in English** is available across most courses. Classes will be taught in English so you don’t need any foreign language experience.
- **Study abroad in a foreign language** is designed for students studying a modern language, or with a degree title including ‘Study in Continental Europe’. It is also available if you have an A-level in the language or are a native speaker – you may need to take language modules in your first and second years at Bristol.

Explore eligibility and destinations online.

'A year abroad is a fantastic opportunity to really explore and understand another country and culture as well as grow and develop as a person and make some international friends for life!'

Kate Study abroad, Charles University, Prague

Next steps...

Begin your semester or year-long adventure

1. **October**
   - Ask your department about study abroad options. Explore these at the Global Opportunities fair and online: bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/go-abroad/search.

2. **November**
   - Apply online for up to three destinations. Do this in year one if you want to study for a semester abroad, or in year two if you are interested in a full year abroad.

3. **December**
   - Between December and January, School of Modern Languages students will register with Global Opportunities.

4. **January**
   - We will provide the deadline for your host institution. Submit your application between January and June for Autumn start and between August and November for Spring start.

5. **Spring**
   - Prepare with pre-departure sessions on culture and wellbeing. We’ll also organise meet-ups with other students travelling to your region.

6. **Go abroad**
   - Explore eligibility and destinations online.
Option 2: Summer programmes

If you would prefer a shorter study abroad experience, our summer programmes are a great way to expand your horizons.

International Leadership Programme
Duration: one week
Work with university students in Bangalore, India*, to develop global leadership skills over a four day immersive programme. Together you will explore global challenges, tackle a local issue and develop your cultural intelligence. Programme fees are covered by Santander and some bursaries for additional costs are available.

GO China
Duration: four weeks
Participate in either an intensive language and culture programme or an engineering option, hosted by the Beijing Institute of Technology. This four-week summer school is a chance to explore China’s capital and take your studies in a new direction.

Bristol Interns in China
Duration: eight weeks
First-year students can spend their summer as an intern in Shenzhen, China. This is a unique chance to experience life overseas, enhance employability, and develop cross-cultural skills. Flights, accommodation and living costs are all funded. The programme is available to students from backgrounds where participation in study or work abroad has been traditionally low.

*Destination to be confirmed.

Next steps...
Get prepared for your adventure abroad

October
Explore your options, funding and eligibility at bristol.ac.uk/summer-abroad. You can also learn more in person at our on-campus Global Opportunities fair.

November
Discover all the details at one of our information sessions. Full dates and venues will be publicised nearer the time at bristol.ac.uk/summer-abroad.

Apply
International Leadership Programme 2019 applications open in November 2018: bristol.ac.uk/international-leaders-programme.
GO China applications for the 2019 programme open in November 2018: bristol.ac.uk/go-china-programmes.

April-June
Prepare for your trip and meet up with other student travellers at our pre-departure sessions. We’ll make sure you have all the support you need to make your summer programme a success.

Go abroad
June: International Leadership Programme
June - August: Bristol Interns in China
July: GO China
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As well as Bristol’s study abroad options, there are plenty of other ways to experience life overseas during your degree.

Summer schools
A range of tuition-fee free places are available on some partner institutions’ summer schools. Register your interest online, or do your own research and find summer school opportunities around the world: bristol.ac.uk/summer-abroad.

Intern
Employers are increasingly seeking graduates who can demonstrate international experience and cross-cultural skills. The British Council Generation China programme runs a selective scheme offering successful students paid internships in China: www.britishcouncil.org.

CRCC Asia offers organised internships in Asia: www.crccasia.com.


The University’s Careers Service can signpost other opportunities: bristol.ac.uk/careers.

Volunteer
Volunteer overseas to experience a different culture and give back to your host country. Bristol Volunteers for Development Abroad helps on projects in countries such as Uganda, Malawi, Nepal and India: www.bvda.org.uk.

AIESEC offers volunteering and internship placements worldwide. Find out more from the Bristol student branch: www.bristolsu.org.uk/groups/aiesec-bd0f.

Think Pacific is a charitable organisation running volunteering projects in Fiji: www.thinkpacific.com.

bristol.ac.uk/summer-abroad
Financial help

We want every student to have the opportunity to spend time overseas. Although cost is often a concern, there is funding available to help.

Erasmus+ funding
Up to 2020, if you are spending a period abroad on an eligible study or work placement in Europe, you will qualify for financial support from the Erasmus+ student mobility programme. In 2018/19 students received approximately €300-€450 per month.

Student finance
If you are a home/EU student and are abroad for either a semester or full academic year you can apply for your full student loan and/or maintenance grant. If you qualify for a means-tested loan, you may also be eligible for a Student Finance England (SFE) travel grant, which contributes towards flights, visas and health insurance.

Global Opportunities Scholarships
80 scholarships of up to £500 are available to support undergraduate international experiences that further your degree or future career. Students with limited financial means will be given priority access to this funding. These can fund a variety of career or degree related activities, from summer schools to research internships or field work.

Knowlson Trust Travel Awards
These bequest awards support Bristol undergraduates interested in life-changing international experiences. Successful applicants are likely to be making a wider contribution to society, such as volunteering abroad, or doing an individual physical or personal challenge overseas. Applications are also welcomed from those who have had limited opportunity to travel.

bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/go-abroad/fees-funding-budgeting
Support

There is a wealth of support available when you study abroad, from the moment you begin planning through to when you get home.

The Global Opportunities team
We help you organise your overseas placement, offer pre-departure training and tools, and provide support during your time abroad and when you return. Contact us with your questions about going abroad: go-abroad@bristol.ac.uk.

Study Abroad Academic Directors
These staff can advise on the academic part of your semester or year abroad, including options and units. For more information, visit: bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/go-abroad/study-abroad-academic-directors.

Wellbeing
While abroad you can still access support at Bristol, and your host university will offer support for exchange students. You are encouraged to harness Bristol wellbeing services and resources before and during your time abroad.

Disability Services
This team can help you to assess any disability needs before going abroad. Contact your disability adviser as early as possible.

Careers Service
Staff can provide valuable information on how to develop and use your skills before and after going abroad. They can also help you find a suitable work placement.

Your host institution
Our carefully chosen partner institutions will help you find accommodation, register for modules and access wellbeing, learning or disability support.

Student tips

Travelling abroad is a rare chance to learn more about yourself and the world. With this in mind, we asked recent returners for their top tips to help you on your way.

‘Don’t over-analyse too much; just experience it… Most of the stuff I’ve gained from it I learned in retrospect. I couldn’t be happier about how it went – the bad with the good.’

‘Definitely be open to trying any new opportunities that are put in front of you. You never know who you could meet and what you could end up loving!’

For more tips and FAQs, visit: bristol.ac.uk/go-abroad.