Explore your global opportunities

with the Global Experiences Team - part of the Student Employability Centre
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**Financial support**

Wondering how you will finance your global opportunity? Check out these options.

**Grants and scholarships**

The Student Employability Centre manages a range of funds to support student participation in global experiences. These funds are allocated taking into consideration academic merit, financial hardship and strategic initiatives. If you apply to participate in an exchange or short-term experience for credit, you will be automatically considered for funding. Additional funding for specific disciplines may also be available through your UQ School or Faculty.

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**Centrelink**

You may be able to continue receiving Centrelink payments while studying overseas if you are receiving credit towards your degree program.

**OS-HELP loan scheme**

The Australian Government provides financial assistance to eligible students to undertake part of their course of studies overseas. The overseas study must count towards your current UQ program requirements. Once paid, the OS-HELP loan is consolidated with your accumulated HELP debt. The amount of the loan varies depending on the location of study. Check the OS-HELP website for the latest loan amounts.

my.uq.edu.au/os-help

**Australian Government Scholarships – New Colombo Plan**

The New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship Program is a prestigious scholarship scheme that provides an opportunity for high-achieving undergraduate students to undertake study in one of the eligible host locations across the Indo-Pacific region. The scholarships are valued at up to $67,000. Scholarship recipients must undertake a study program (for at least one semester, but may be up to two semesters in duration) for which they will receive credit at their home university.

scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/new-colombo-plan-scholarship-program

**Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship**

The Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship was established as a gift to future generations of Australians to commemorate Westpac’s 200th anniversary. Valued at $12,000, this scholarship offers students the opportunity to study on exchange for one or two semesters at partner institutions in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong or Singapore.

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**Short-term global experiences**

If a full semester or year of exchange is not for you, there are also opportunities to have a global experience during the semester breaks.

Many of our international partners offer summer and winter programs where you can immerse yourself in language and culture, or take courses that are unique to that institution. By participating in a short-term experience, you may be able to receive credit towards your UQ degree or you can choose to participate in a program for the experience itself and not receive credit.

Short-term experiences are a great way to discover more of the world, develop valuable contacts and make the most of your semester breaks.

**Short-term Global Experiences Application Deadlines:**

- 10 March for programs in Winter (July)
- 10 September for programs in Summer (December–February)

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**TONY**

SWUFE International Summer School, China

I believe that the short-term program to SWUFE has opened me up to the diverse cultures in the world. The short time I spent in China helped me appreciate the cultural and societal differences between the two countries and allowed me to gain from the experiences of other exchange students from around the world.

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Madeleine, AIM Overseas Intensive French, Vichy, France
Employability Award

Gain extra recognition for your global experience by participating in the Employability Award.

The Employability Award encourages you to get involved in extra-curricular activities that will enhance your employability. By joining this program, you will participate in a range of activities and events to help you develop key competencies that employers value. By reflecting on these experiences, you will understand your capabilities, and how you can communicate them to an employer and apply them in a work environment.

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TERI
Korea University, South Korea

I made a lot of new friends from all over the world and hope to see them again when I visit their countries sometime in the future. It was very interesting to experience life in a new country and environment with fellow exchange students. Everyone viewed life through different cultural lenses and it was wonderful to learn about their cultures and countries, and to see my own from new perspectives.

MARK
Engineers Without Borders, India

My favourite memory from the experience would be enjoying milk tea with the locals during the rural home stay with my mates from the trip, we would sit around all afternoon and just absorb the experience, it was great and something I won’t forget.
Where in the world can you go on a global experience?

Exchange partner institutions

For more information about studying on exchange visit employability.uq.edu.au/student-exchange