Explore your global opportunities
Global Experiences

Participating in a global experience is one of the most exciting and rewarding opportunities you can have while studying at The University of Queensland.

At UQ, you can access semester-based exchange opportunities and a wide range of short-term experiences all over the world. We will support you through the process, from choosing a program that suits your needs and goals to applying and preparing to go. After returning to UQ, you will be invited to attend an employability seminar to help un-pack what you have gained from your overseas adventure.

A global experience is the ideal way to enhance your employability and have the experience of a lifetime.

Student exchange program

This program offers you the opportunity to study overseas for a semester or year on exchange, while gaining credit towards your UQ degree.

With almost 180 exchange partners in 38 countries, student exchange is an ideal way to combine study and travel.

While on exchange, tuition fees at the host university are waived as you remain enrolled at and pay fees to UQ. Travel and living costs will vary depending on where you go, your travel plans and your spending habits.

While many of our partner institutions in non-English speaking countries offer a wide range of courses taught in English, exchange is also a great time to improve your foreign language skills or learn a new language.

Student Exchange Application Deadlines:

- 31 May for Semester 1 of the following year
- 31 October for Semester 2 of the following year

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Why have a global experience?

- Complement your degree and gain a new perspective on your studies.
- Challenge yourself and become more independent.
- Discover new career and academic opportunities.
- Make new friends from around the world.
- Improve your foreign language skills.
- Experience a different culture.
- Enhance your employability.
- Explore the world.

Kwame, Université Lumière Lyon 2, France

Gessica, Seoul National University, South Korea

MAYA

McGill University, Canada

Even though Montreal has a fairly western culture, learning to cope with differences between home and your exchange country fosters the ability to tolerate and celebrate our diversity.
Financial support

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

Grants and scholarships
Student Employability 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 or not-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

New Colombo Plan
The Australian Government’s New Colombo Plan (NCP) encourages Australian undergraduate students to study at a university in the Indo-Pacific region through two different schemes. The NCP Scholarships, valued at up to $67,000, are prestigious scholarships for high-achieving students from any discipline. The NCP Mobility Program awards $3000 or $7000 depending on the project. Awardees must undertake a study program for which they will receive credit.

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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 China, Hong Kong-SAR or Singapore.

scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/westpac-asian-exchange-scholarship

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. The types of experiences include study, internships and volunteering/community-based learning.

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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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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FINNIAN
Sciences Po, France

Paris is an absolute dream to live in, loads of great parks and museums to explore, and it is so beautiful!

My advice is pretty simple - if you are considering going on an exchange and have the ability to do so, you should just do it! It will be one of the best experiences of your life.

HELEN
Jakarta Internships Summer 2018/2019, Indonesia

I have grown immensely professionally, through substantial development of my communication, collaboration and leadership skills, particularly through working in an environment where you are constantly faced with social, cultural and linguistic barriers.