



Money Matters

Guide to Funding for Students Studying Abroad in 2019/20

This information aims to answer frequently asked questions concerning tuition fees and funding support for **full-time home undergraduate students** who will be on a study abroad placement year during the 2018/19 academic year. This factsheet applies if you are funded by **Student Finance England**.

Brexit

At the time of publication, the future relationship between the UK and the EU is unknown. The EU has given the UK an extension to the Article 50 period for the negotiation of Brexit until 31 October 2019. Although there is still uncertainty about the eventual terms of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the agreed extension may have reduced the risk of the UK leaving the EU without a deal before 31 October 2019, disrupting your exchange experience. Information within this factsheet has been provided based upon the most up-to-date information we have. We urge you to seek further advice prior to making any final decision on your overseas study as the information in this guide may have been superseded.

What will be my tuition fees for my Study Abroad placement year?

Students who started their course at NTU in 2018/19

If you are undertaking a year-long study abroad placement, you will be charged £1385 for that year.

Students who started their course at NTU in 2017/18

If you are undertaking a year-long study abroad placement, you will be charged £1380 for that year.

Students who started their course at NTU in 2016/17

If you are undertaking a year-long study abroad placement, you will be charged £1350 for that year.

If you started your course before the 1st September 2016 please contact us.

Will I be eligible for support with my tuition fees?

If your study abroad is an integral part of your degree course and you are eligible for student finance, you can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover your fees for your placement year.

If you are paying your tuition fees directly to the University yourself, you can set up payment arrangements online at: www.ntu.ac.uk/onlinepayment

Am I still entitled to financial support towards living costs during a study abroad year?

If your study abroad is an integral part of your course and you were eligible for a maintenance loan last year, you will be entitled to apply for one again during your study abroad year. Student Finance England provides a higher amount of maintenance loan if you are overseas. The amount of maintenance support you are entitled to will depend on the length of your study abroad placement.

If you are splitting your overseas year between study and work, your maintenance entitlement is very likely to be calculated differently. For further information please contact the Student Financial Support Service.

Maintenance rates for students studying abroad in 2019/20 are as follows:

Students who commenced their course on or after 1st September 2016:

Maintenance Loan	
Full Year	Final year
£10,242 Means tested	£9,168 Means tested

If you commenced your course prior to 1st September 2016, please contact us

Please note that the maintenance rates above are at the overseas rate. Students studying in the UK receive a lower amount.

Erasmus Funding

An Erasmus plus Grant may be available to students who are studying abroad in Europe. For further information email the Erasmus Team at EU@ntu.ac.uk or drop into the Global Lounge at the City Site. http://www.ntu.ac.uk/current_students/study_abroad/erasmus_and_study_abroad/index.html

NTU Travel Scholarships

Nottingham Trent University is pleased to offer undergraduate and postgraduate students a range of travel scholarships.

These travel scholarships offer financial support to eligible students who wish to undertake a study, work or volunteering related international experience. The awards can be used for travel (economy only), accommodation, and other necessary costs for an overseas visit. To find out more, please visit http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/current_students/study_abroad/scholarships-and-funding/index.html

Travel Grant

You may be able to apply for a non-repayable grant to cover some of your travel expenses if you normally live in England and are studying abroad. Travel Grants are funded through Student Finance England.

The amount you get will depend on your household income. You must pay the first £303 of your travel costs, your travel grant will be reduced by £1 for each £8.73 of household income over £39,796.

You can apply for up to three returning journeys during a full academic year abroad. You can also apply for help with essential expenses, medical insurance and travel visas. If you are a single parent you may also be able to apply for your children's travel costs.

Once you have applied for your student finance, Student Finance England will automatically send you the correct forms to complete if you are eligible for a Travel Grant.

How do I apply to renew my funding?

You can re-apply for your funding online (www.gov.uk/student-finance) from Spring 2019. To ensure that you receive your funding on time, you must apply by the given deadline.

You can request to receive the first instalment of your maintenance loan up to 25 working days earlier than usual, in recognition of the fact that a placement year often starts earlier than an academic year. You can arrange an earlier payment by contacting Student Finance England.

Do I still need to complete online enrolment for my placement year?

Yes you do. You should enrol online at www.ntu.ac.uk/enrolment in the usual way. You will be able to enrol online during the summer vacation. If you are not fully enrolled, your maintenance loan/maintenance grant will not be released to you, you will not be eligible for council tax exemption and you will not be able to access NTU online services. If you have any questions regarding enrolment, please contact myntusupport@ntu.ac.uk

Where can I get further advice and support?

Further advice is available from our Student Financial Support Service, which is based within Student Support Services.

You can contact the Student Financial Support service by e-mail at: financial.support@ntu.ac.uk or by telephone (0115) 848 2494.

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