



# International Student Support

## Study Abroad Information for International Students

There are many fantastic study abroad and volunteer abroad opportunities available to NTU students. As an international student, you are encouraged to take up these opportunities in addition to the international experience you are already having here in the UK. Giving you yet another chance to experience other cultures and explore the world!

Different study abroad options will be available for different courses so please check with your Academic School regarding the opportunities available to you. For more information, please refer to the following webpage: [www.ntu.ac.uk/study-abroad](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-abroad).

### Do I need a visa to study abroad?

As an international (non-EU) student, it is likely that you will need to apply for a visa to study or volunteer abroad. The International Student Support Service cannot advise or assist with your visa application for other countries, but we hope that the information listed below will be helpful.

As a starting point, we recommend that you look at the website of the host university or organisation that you intend to study / volunteer abroad with. They will be the best source of information on the type of visa you should apply for. Just as NTU has a dedicated team of advisers to assist international students with the visa requirements to study in the UK, your host university / organisation overseas is likely to have a similar visa advisory service. You should also look at the relevant embassy's webpage for information about the visa application process including costs, timescales and the documentary evidence required.

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### **What happens to my Tier 4 visa if I study abroad?**

As your Tier 4 sponsor, whilst you are on Study Abroad, NTU is required to continue to monitor your attendance and engagement with studies in the same way as when you are studying on campus in Nottingham. NTU will liaise with your host institution and work together to set up the relevant contact points. Your host institution will communicate any attendance issues to NTU. Therefore, if you are absent from your host institution for any reason, you must stay in touch with them as any extended absence may impact your tier 4 student visa. If any difficulties arise, you can also stay in touch with your Subject Administrator at NTU.

When you return to the UK, following your study abroad period, you will not need to apply for a new Tier 4 visa. However, if your study abroad period extends your total course duration (i.e. it changes from a 3-year course to a 4-year course), then you will need to extend your Tier 4 visa before your current visa expires. Please see our website for information about making visa applications both inside and outside the UK: [www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalsupport](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalsupport).

If your Tier 4 visa is due to expire whilst you are on study abroad, you will need to make arrangements to extend it either in the UK before you go, or in your home country at the end of your study abroad programme. Please note that the Tier 4 visa that you will continue to have during your time abroad will be counted towards the maximum period of time that you are allowed to study at or above degree level in the UK (the '5 year cap'). Further information about extending your Tier 4 visa is available from the International Student Support Service: [www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalsupport](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalsupport).

Whilst you are overseas, make sure you keep your passport and BRP safe. If either do get lost, please refer to our guidance on the action you will need to take: [www4.ntu.ac.uk/student\\_services/international\\_students/other\\_immigration\\_matters/lost\\_passport/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/international_students/other_immigration_matters/lost_passport/index.html)

### **Is there funding available to international students who study/volunteer abroad?**

NTU offers undergraduate and postgraduate students a range of travel scholarships. Please refer to travel scholarships webpage for details, including eligibility and restrictions: [www4.ntu.ac.uk/current\\_students/study\\_abroad/how\\_much\\_will\\_it\\_cost/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/current_students/study_abroad/how_much_will_it_cost/index.html)

Please note that as an international student, you may not be eligible for means-tested bursaries as these are usually only available to students whose financial situation is assessed by Student Finance England / Wales / Scotland / NI.

### **Am I eligible for Erasmus+ funding if I study abroad in Europe?**

Yes! The Erasmus+ grant is available for all students, including international students, provided that documentary requirements are met. Students undertaking an approved Erasmus+ placement must apply for the grant and sign a contract with Nottingham Trent University prior to the start of your placement in order to be eligible for the grant. For more information about European mobility and Erasmus+, please contact: [NTUGlobal@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:NTUGlobal@ntu.ac.uk).

**Can I work during the study abroad period?**

You may be eligible to work part-time while studying abroad but this will depend entirely on the country you will be going to and the visa conditions. Some countries do not allow any work, some may allow part-time work, and others may only allow work if you are employed by the university itself. Please check with the host university and they will be able to advise on the visa restrictions.

**Any other questions?**

For more information about the study abroad opportunities available to Nottingham Trent University students, please refer to the study abroad webpage: [www.ntu.ac.uk/study-abroad](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-abroad) or email [NTUGlobal@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:NTUGlobal@ntu.ac.uk) or drop-in to one of our Global Lounges.

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