

Studying Abroad & Teaching Roles

Studying Abroad

WHAT?

**Studying in a different
country for a year.**

WHEN?

In your 3rd year.

WHERE?

We will talk about that later ...



Two Types of Exchanges!

Subject-specific

Only students from the school of Informatics are able to apply.

Moderately Competitive

University-wide

All students on any degree can apply to these.

Highly Competitive

Both have slightly different assessment processes, we will talk about that later...

Good news! You can apply to both :)

Where Can I go ? (University-wide)

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Where Can I go ? (Subject-specific)

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Informatics

● Universität des Saarlandes	Germany	English	UG
● Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	Spain	English	UG
● EPFL Lausanne	Switzerland	English	UG
● ETH Zürich	Switzerland	English	UG
● Carnegie Mellon University	USA	English	UG
● Cornell University	USA	English	UG
● Northwestern University	USA	English	UG
● University of Illinois (Urbana Champaign)	USA	English	UG
● University of Maryland	USA	English	UG
● University of Pennsylvania	USA	English	UG
● University of Southern California	USA	English	UG

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<https://global.ed.ac.uk/study-work-away/study-exchanges>

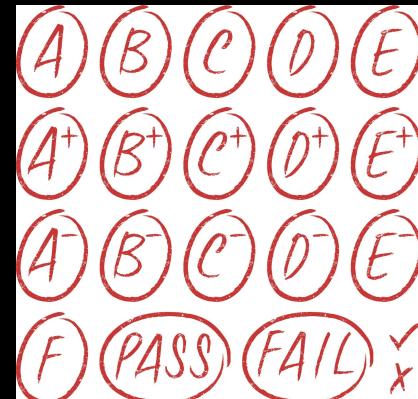
Application process

You will be applying in semester 1 of your second year.

Applications typically open at the end of October and close in mid-November. (For 2025, applications open on the 29th of October and close on the 12th of November.

Your application is assessed in the following way:

50%
First-year Grades



50%
Personal Statement



Difference between Subject-specific and University-wide

For subject-specific exchanges, your personal statement is marked by your exchange coordinator. Grades are calculated using the School of Informatics' own weighting algorithm rather than a simple average.

For university-wide exchanges, your personal statement is marked by randomly selected students who are also applying for a university-wide exchange.

Who is my exchange coordinator this year?

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(This year, it might be someone else next year)

Mr Yuvraj Patel

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Do not contact him if your query is purely administrative!

First, check the SWAY website

([https://global.ed.ac.uk/study-work-away/study-exchanges
/about-study-exchanges](https://global.ed.ac.uk/study-work-away/study-exchanges/about-study-exchanges))

If you need to contact someone about an administrative
query, email SWAY at: studyabroad@ed.ac.uk



Three main benefits of going abroad (in my opinion)

**Your study abroad grades don't count
towards your final degree
classification**

**You pay the same tuition fees as in
Edinburgh**

**You get to experience new cultures
and perspectives**

Teaching roles

What can you be?

If you've done well academically, you can apply to become a lab demonstrator in your second year.

This opportunity is exclusive for Informatics Students.

Instructions on how to apply are usually sent by email around June or July.

Apply only after completing your first-year.

Tip: Apply for classes you've taken and enjoyed!

Why should I be doing lab demonstrating?

It's a paid position

It looks great on your CV!

**It is fun to help others and share what
you've learned**

Other ways to get involved

You can also apply to become an InfPALS leader!

Recruitment takes place in the second semester, so keep an eye on our Instagram page and posters around campus for updates.

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That's all! Hope you have a great Tuesday evening!