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# *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.

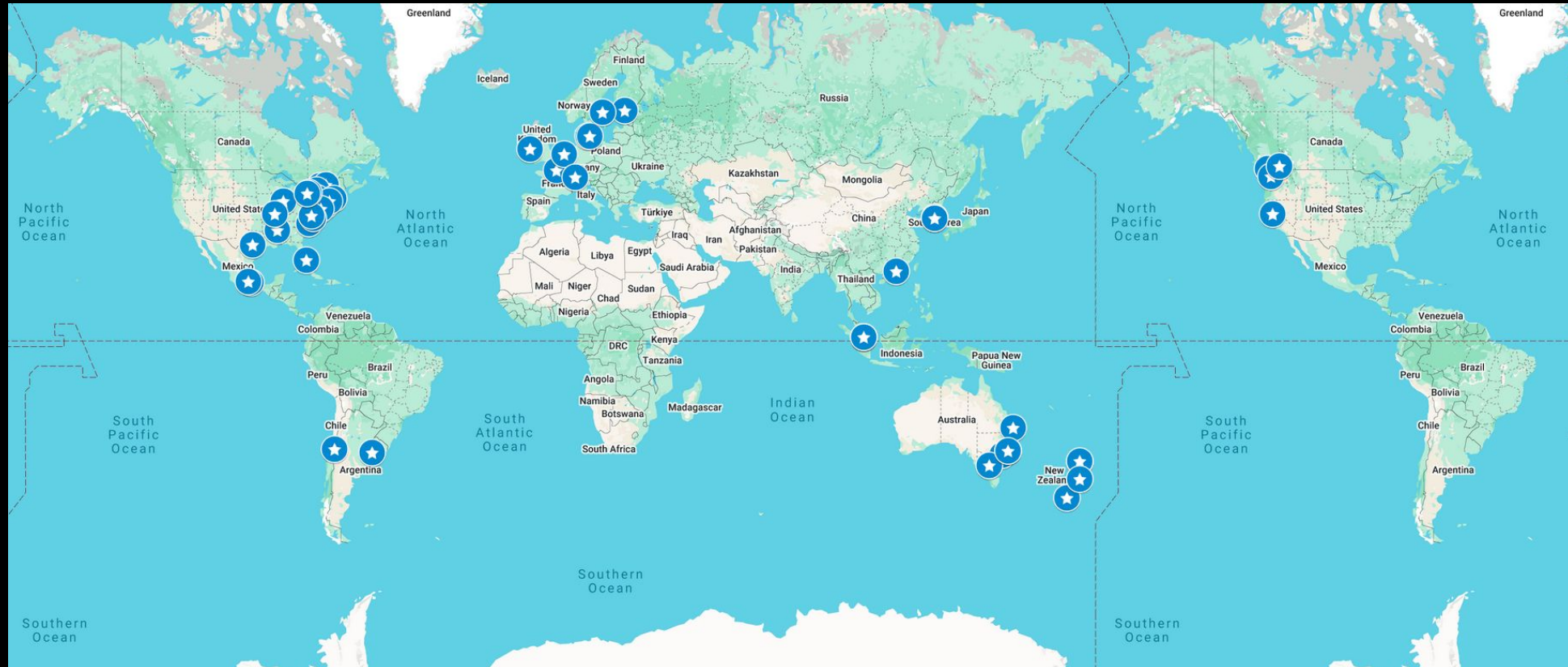
**Highly Competitive**

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

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|---|---|-------------|---------|----|
| ● | 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

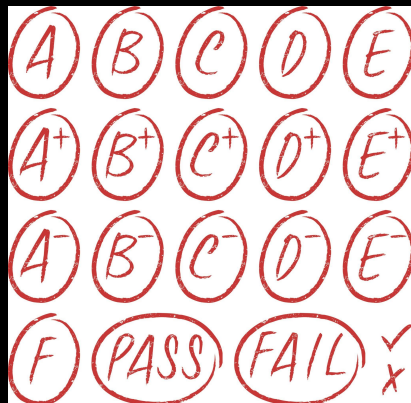
You will be applying in semester 1 of your second year.

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

Email: [yuvraj.patel@ed.ac.uk](mailto:yuvraj.patel@ed.ac.uk)

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>)

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

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# 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!

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## 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!**