

Edinburgh Award (Global Citizenship Abroad)

What is it and who can participate?

The Edinburgh Award for Global Citizenship Abroad is designed to recognise students who play an active role in empowering individuals and groups to feel a part of and/or understand their place in a community of global citizens. The Edinburgh Award for Global Citizenship Abroad helps you to work towards excellence in your chosen activities, and it celebrates the fantastic work that you do to make a positive impact on your host and home universities.

Just because you go on a year abroad doesn't mean that you're not part of the Edinburgh community! Through the Award you will develop your skills, join like-minded students virtually, prepare yourself for the job market after graduation, and gain formal recognition in the form of an entry on your HEAR and a certificate of completion from the University of Edinburgh.

To be eligible, activities classified under the theme 'Global Citizenship' need to provide students with the opportunity to:

- a) Demonstrate a high level of cross-cultural competency, and/or
- b) Engage with initiatives which support international students, and/or
- c) Facilitate platforms of engagement around global challenges, and/or
- d) Organise activities which bring students together from a range of different cultures.

Recognised activities include, but are not limited to:

- a) Work or volunteer abroad with people from diverse cultures,
- b) Join a buddy scheme or a student society in your host university,
- c) Represent the University of Edinburgh at a study abroad fair in your host university,
- d) Produce content for Go Abroad social media and write posts about your experience for the UoE Go Abroad blog.

If you are involved in another activity, please contact Justine Seran, Go Abroad Projects Administrator, to discuss whether your activity might count towards the Edinburgh Award for Global Citizenship Abroad: goabroadprojects@ed.ac.uk

What's involved?

Between October and March you will need to spend at least 48 hours of your chosen activities and attend three Edinburgh Award input online sessions throughout the year. You will also need to submit various input assessments at three stages in October, January, and March. The types of assessment include written reflections after each input session, reviewing the reflections of other students and giving them feedback, and providing referee details for your activities.

How do I sign up?

If you would like to start the Edinburgh Award for Global Citizenship Abroad, email goabroadprojects@ed.ac.uk now to find out more and sign up for an Input 1 online session:

Monday 21 October, 10:00–12:00 (BST)

OR

Wednesday 23 October, 15:00–17:00 (BST)



Aspiring - In the first stage, you will be asked to identify and understand the skills and abilities you will need to achieve success in your chosen activity. You'll refine these down to three main priorities, which you'll aim to develop for the duration of the programme.

Developing - This second stage asks you to reflect on your three development priorities, to consider what you have learned and how you have made these developments during your activity. What impact have you been achieving and how could you increase this?

Owning - The final stage asks you to capitalise on your experiences, to showcase what you have learned to present yourself in the best light. You'll reflect on your three development priorities, ask what gains and impacts you have made and what relevance do they have for the future?

For general information about the Edinburgh Award framework and its benefits for students: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-award>