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# Study Exchanges

Study and Work Away Service

# In this session

- Benefits of going on exchange
- How does an exchange work?
- Where can you go?
- How to prepare to apply
- Application process
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Barcelona



# Benefits of going on exchange



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# Academic benefits

- Improvement of Language Proficiency
- Broaden your learning approach
- Widen Discipline Knowledge





# Academic benefits

“A higher proportion of mobile student achieved a first-class honours or an upper second-class degree than non-mobile graduates.”

*91.6% of mobile students*

*80.0% of non-mobile students*

Gone International Report 2019



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# Career benefits

- Problem-solving skills
- Enhance your intercultural skills
- Analytical competencies
- Networking opportunities





# Career benefits

“Graduates who have international experience are highly employable because they have demonstrated that they have **drive, resilience and inter-cultural sensitivities**, as well as language skills.”

Global Horizon & the Role of Employers



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# How does an exchange work?



Venice



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# How does an exchange fit in your degree?

Typical process	
Apply for exchange	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Study abroad	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Return to complete degree	4 <sup>th</sup> year

- Students on five-year programmes can study abroad in third, fourth or fifth year.
- Students will be taking courses suitable for their degree course to be approved by their school.
- Earn credit towards your degree by successfully completing study abroad



# Tuition fees

- Pay no tuition fees to your host institution
- Continue paying your Edinburgh fees while you study away

Check undergraduate 'Study away fees' online:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/undergraduate/year-abroad-continuing](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/undergraduate/year-abroad-continuing)

For more information  
contact: [www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/contact](http://www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/contact)



Martha in Ningbo, China





# Eligibility factors

- Your **degree programme**
- Your **progression status** - you need to pass 240 credits by the end of your second year
- Your **language level** - for study in foreign language
- **Direct entry** students – at the discretion of your School/College
- Availability of **relevant courses** for your degree subject

[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/eligibility](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/eligibility)



Peter in Washington DC



# Language requirements

## Language of instruction

- Some partners institutions do not offer courses taught in English
- You can check the Exchange Destination Guide for detailed information:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go)

## Language level

- You need B2 level for the language of instruction at the time you apply
- For French, Spanish, Italian and German, an assessment will be arranged for you in March/April (not applicable to students of European languages)





# Where can you go?



Valencia

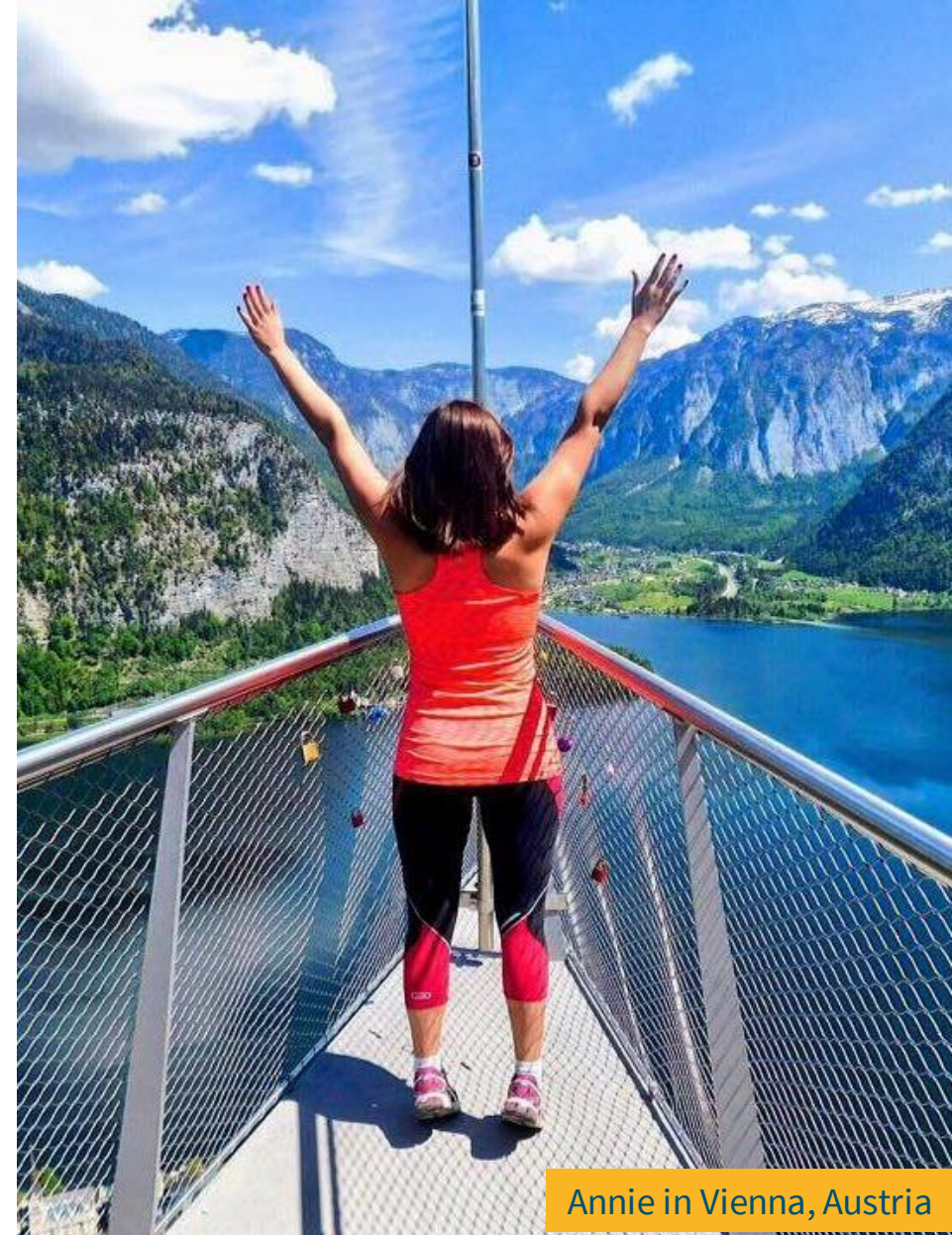


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# Destinations

- Around 300 partner universities in almost 40 countries
- Explore your options in the Exchange Destinations Guide: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go)
  - Only available at existing partners – no new exchange agreements can be made on request



Annie in Vienna, Austria





# Edinburgh Global STUDY AND WORK AWAY SERVICE

- Study and Work Away Service home
- Study exchanges
- Where can I go?**
- Partner guidance notes

Home > Global > Study Work Away Service > Study exchanges > Where can I go?

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## Where can I go?

Find out where you could go on exchange. There's a whole world of opportunity!

The University of Edinburgh offers students the opportunity to study abroad in Europe and beyond. We have around 300 student exchange partners in nearly 40 countries worldwide.

### Exchange opportunities for 2024/25

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# Top European destinations

## France

- Science Po Paris
- La Sorbonne

## Spain

- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Comptense de Madrid

## Germany

- FU Berlin
- TU Munich

## Italy

- Università di Bologna

## Netherlands

- University of Amsterdam

## Denmark

- University of Copenhagen





# Top International destinations

## Canada

- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia
- McGill University

## USA

- University of California
- University of Pennsylvania
- California Institute of Technology

## Other countries

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- South Korea



Any questions?



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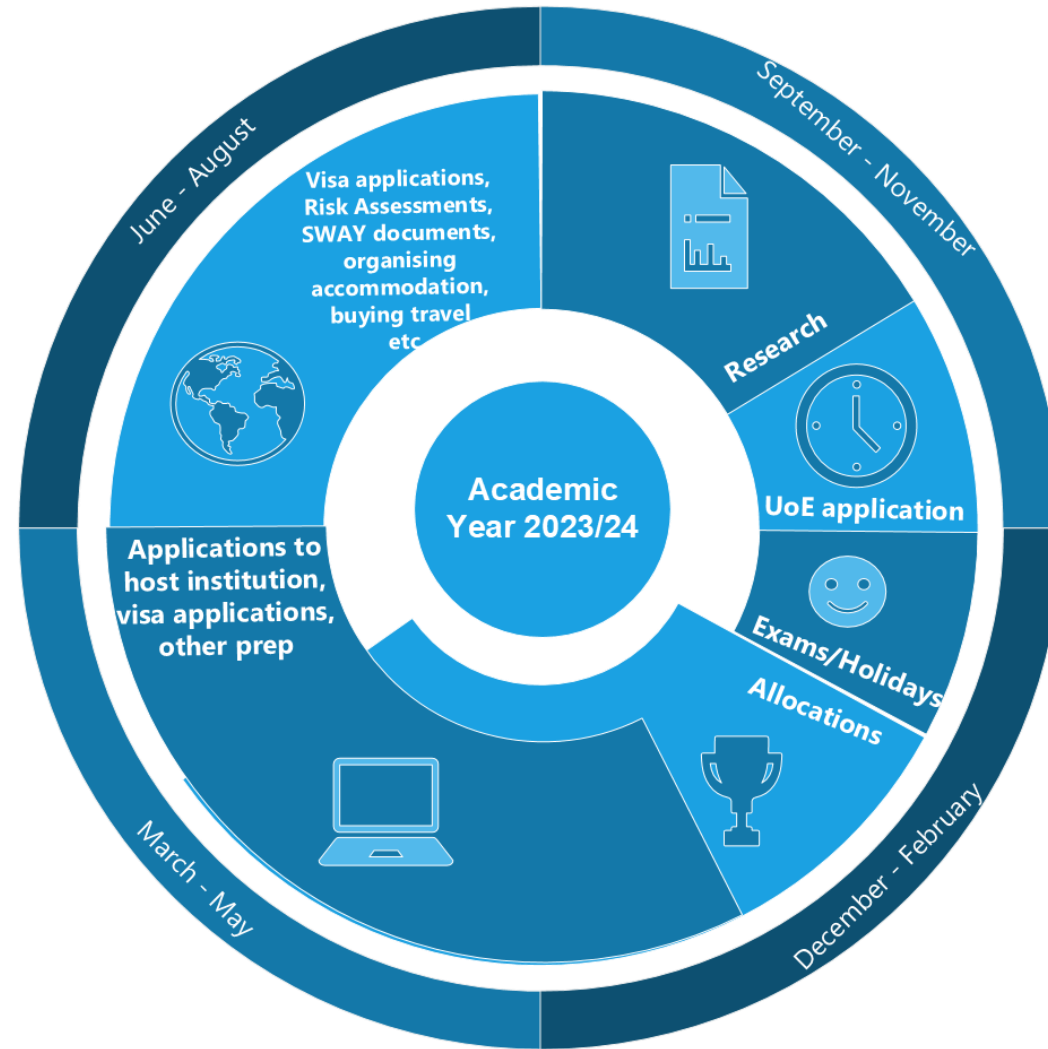


# How to prepare to apply



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# Things to Consider: Commitment





# Things to Consider: Academic considerations

- Research **available courses** – especially if you are on a joint honours programme
  - Specific academic areas
- **Term dates**
- **Language** of instruction
- **Teaching** methods
- **Examination** methods



# Things to Consider: Costs of your Year Abroad

- Limited external funding – no guarantee of availability
- Ensure you have enough funds in advance
- Cost of living in your chosen destination country/city
- Visa cost (and evidence of personal funds)
- Administration fee in some universities
- Insurance
- Travel to/from your destination
- Accommodation



# Things to Consider: Budgeting

- Incoming Money
  - Student loan and bursaries
  - Funding
- Outgoing Costs
  - Accommodation, flights, visa, uni expenses
  - Daily expenses
  - Travel plans
- Local support - discounted student housing, housing benefits...

Budgeting Tool on Fees and Funding webpage

[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/funding/fees-and-funding](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/funding/fees-and-funding)

If you are eligible for funding, you will only receive funds once your exchange has started. You'll need to have alternative funds available to pay for core expenses like food and rent.





# Things to Consider: Funding

## ■ Turing Scheme (Europe and worldwide) - **not guaranteed**

- Limited funding available. For the AY 2023/24, this was reserved to Mandatory Students.
- The University will provide financial support to all the students required to undertake an **exchange** abroad as a mandatory requirement of their undergraduate degree programme.
- Students meeting the Turing criteria for widening access will be prioritised.
  - <https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/funding/turing-scheme>

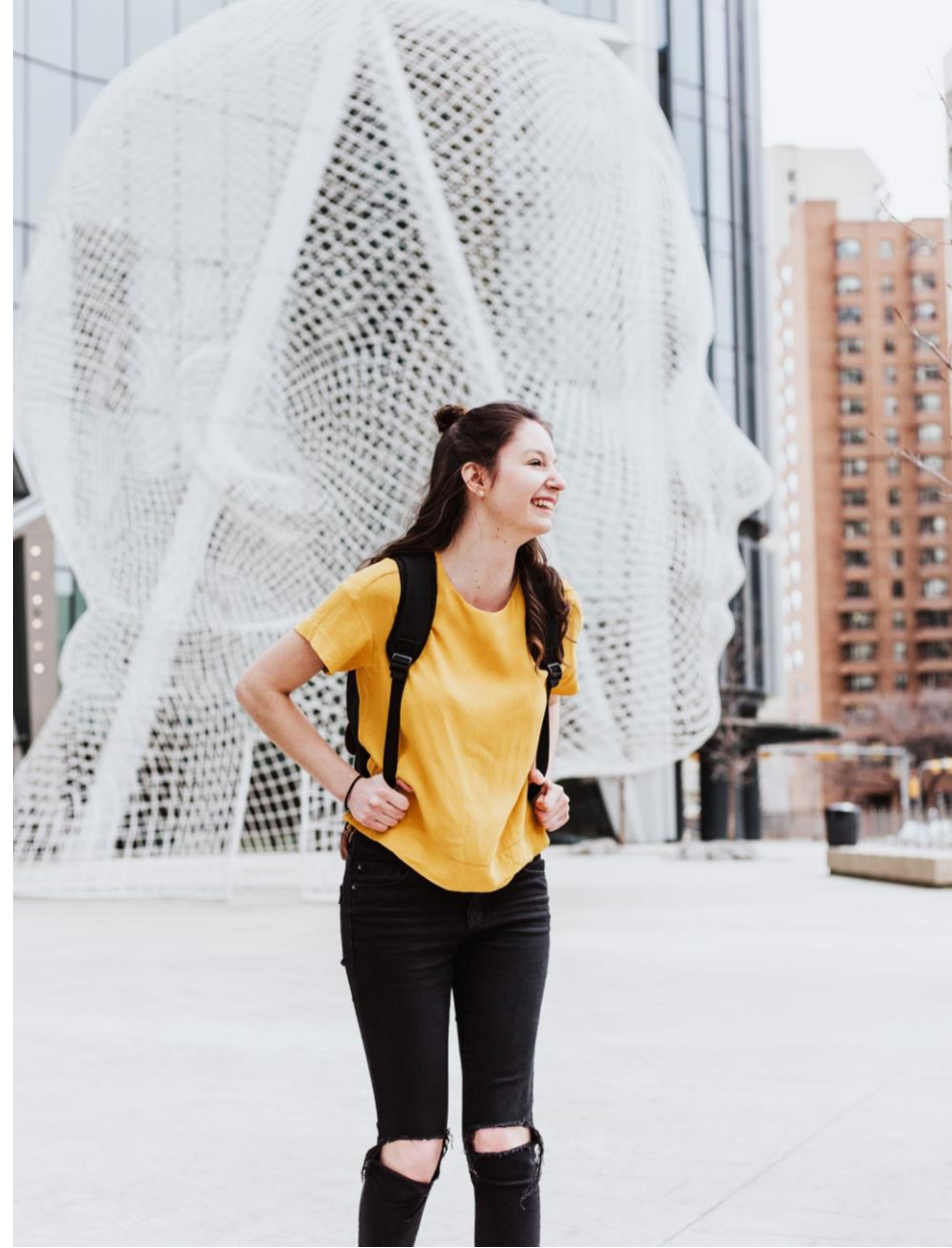
## ■ SEMP (Swiss-European mobility scheme)

- Students allocated a place to Switzerland will need to check availability with their host university



# Things to Consider: Practical considerations

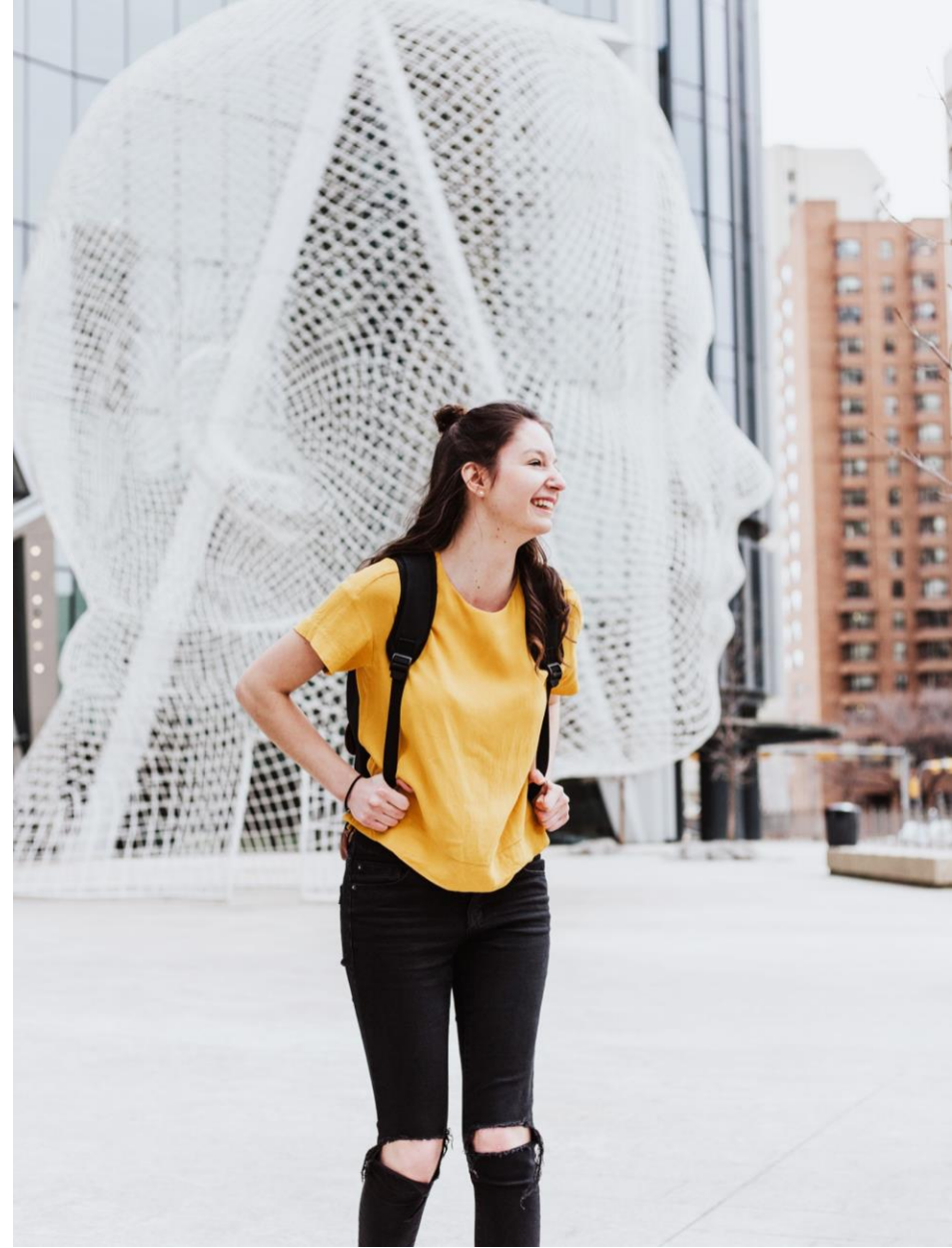
- Is your **passport** valid?
- **Visa requirements** for International and European destinations
  - Do you need to provide proof of access to funds?
  - Do you need to pay for medical tests, police tests?
- **Accommodation** options



# Things to Consider: Personal considerations

- Can you see yourself **studying** at the host institution?
- Can you see yourself **living** in the host country?
- Have you considered the **differences** between the UK and the host country?
- What is the **support** like at the host institution or in the host country?

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





# Do your research

- Attend **sessions** hosted by SWAY
- Read the **Application Guides**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/apply](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/apply)
- Read the **Partner Guidance Notes**  
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go/partner-guidance>
- Research on the host institutions' **websites**
- Talk to your **Exchange Coordinator**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/exchange-coordinators](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/exchange-coordinators)
- Learn from other students' experiences
  - ⑩ Blog  
[www.uoeabroad.com](http://www.uoeabroad.com)
  - ⑩ ESN Network  
[www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/social-connections/iess](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/social-connections/iess)



# Regional Sessions

Find out more about specific destination and previous students' experiences at these online sessions. Register online:

[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/pre-application](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/pre-application)

Region	Day	Time
Australia and New Zealand	Tuesday 3 October	4pm – 5pm
Asia	Thursday 5 October	4pm – 5pm
Spain, Portugal and Latin America	Tuesday 10 October	4pm – 5pm
USA and Canada	Thursday 12 October	4pm – 5pm
Europe (excluding Spain and Portugal)	Tuesday 17 October	4pm – 5pm



# Go Abroad Fair

Find out more about exchanges and students' experiences in-person! Find out more online:

[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/pre-application](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/pre-application)

Location	Day	Time
Informatics Forum, Ground floor G7 G7A	Wednesday 18 October	11am – 3pm





Any questions?



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# Application process



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# Types of exchange

## Subject-Specific

- Open to students from specific School or subject area
- Joint honours students apply through first subject
- Access to specific courses is not guaranteed

## University-wide

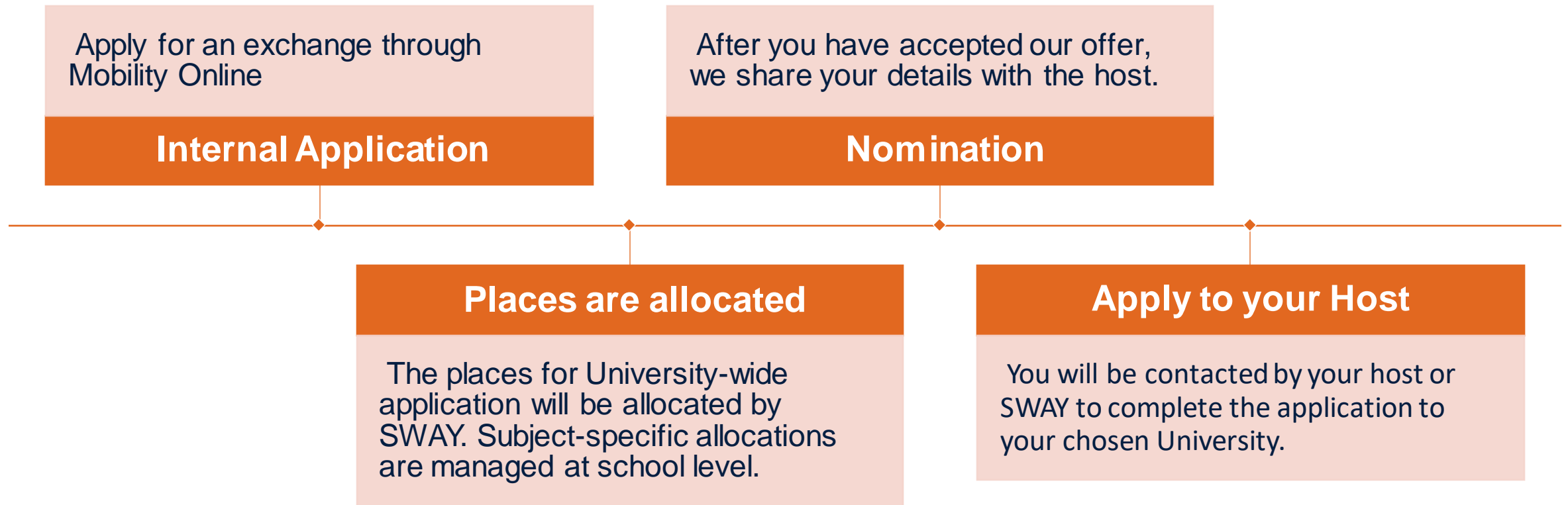
- Open to the vast majority of Schools and subject areas
- No guaranteed access to specific subject areas or courses
- Mostly international destinations

Destinations guide: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/where-can-i-go)



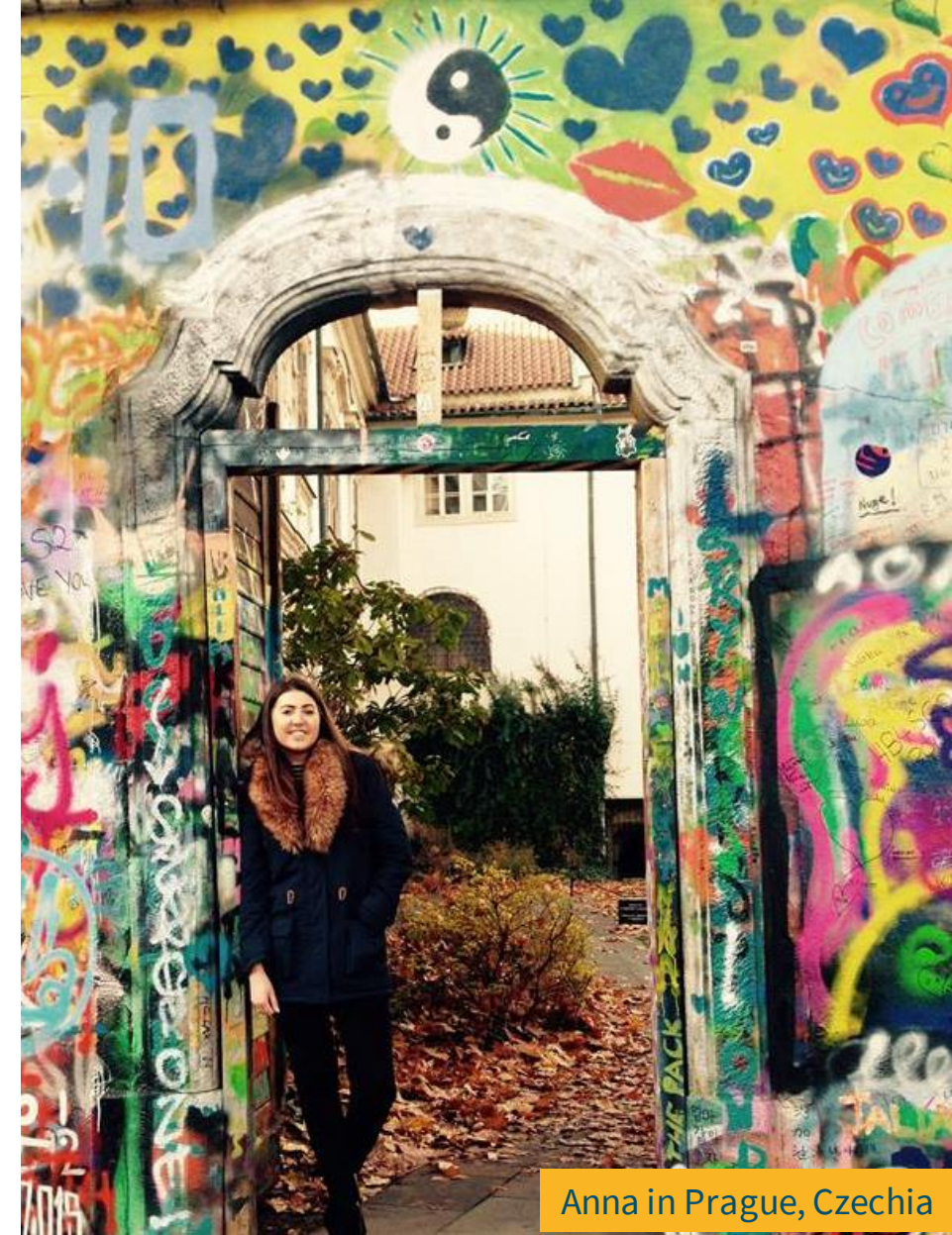


# Applying for exchange – Timeline



# UoE Internal Application - Questions

- Personal Details
- Study Details
- Language Skills
- Requested host university/universities
- Personal Statement
- Terms & Conditions



Anna in Prague, Czechia



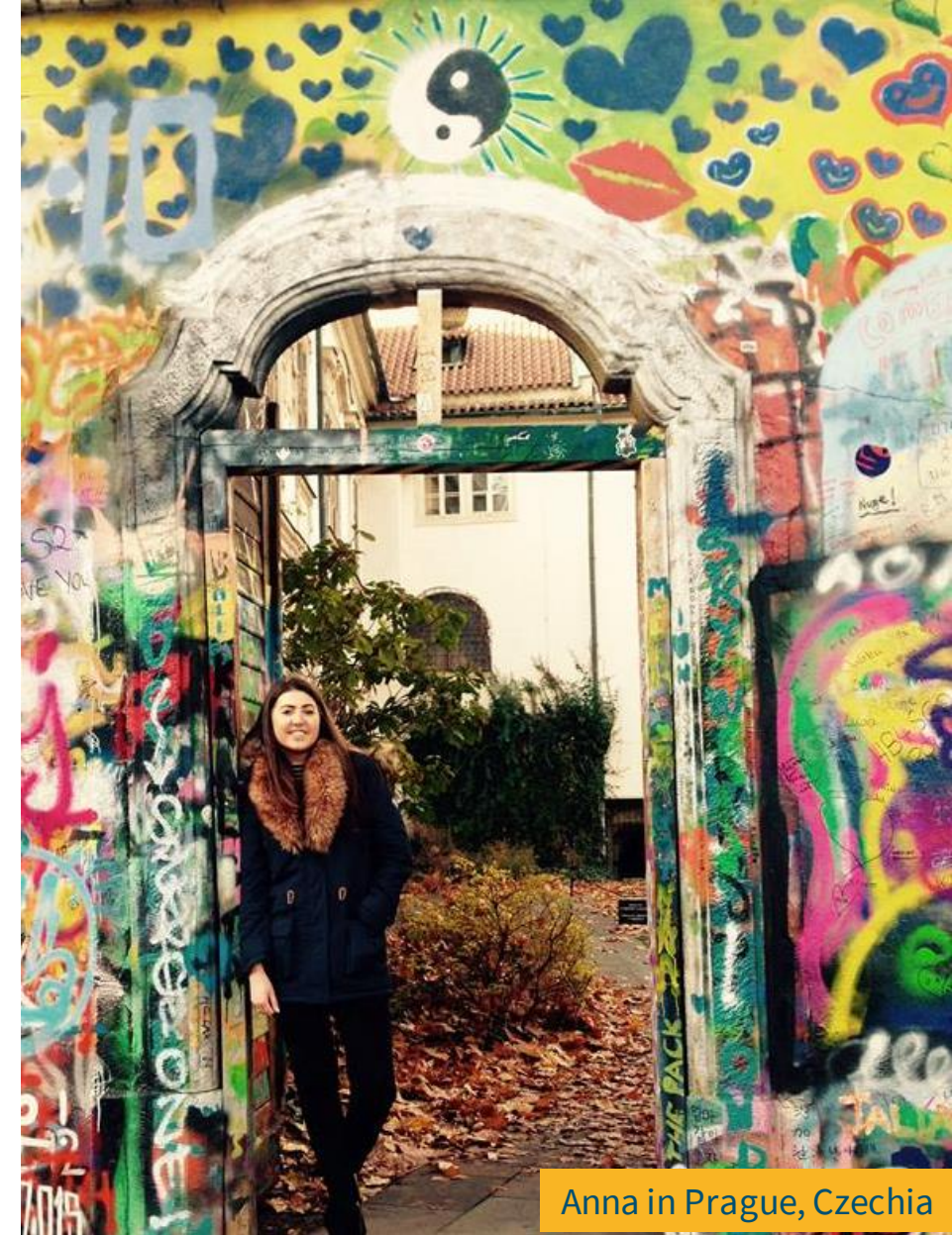


# UoE Internal Application – Requested host university/universities

## How many preferred destinations can you select?

- **Subject-specific:** a maximum of 5 institutions
- **University-wide:** a maximum of 5 institutions

You can submit applications for both routes – a maximum of 10 institutions in total



Anna in Prague, Czechia





# UoE Internal Application - Personal statements and Peer Marking *(for university wide applicants)*

## Writing your statement

- 750 words (limit of 5000 characters, including spaces)
- Give equal weighting to the three criteria:
  - Academic motivation
  - Ambassadorial qualities
  - Personal development
- Upload to PebblePad by **Monday 20 November, 12:00pm (noon)**

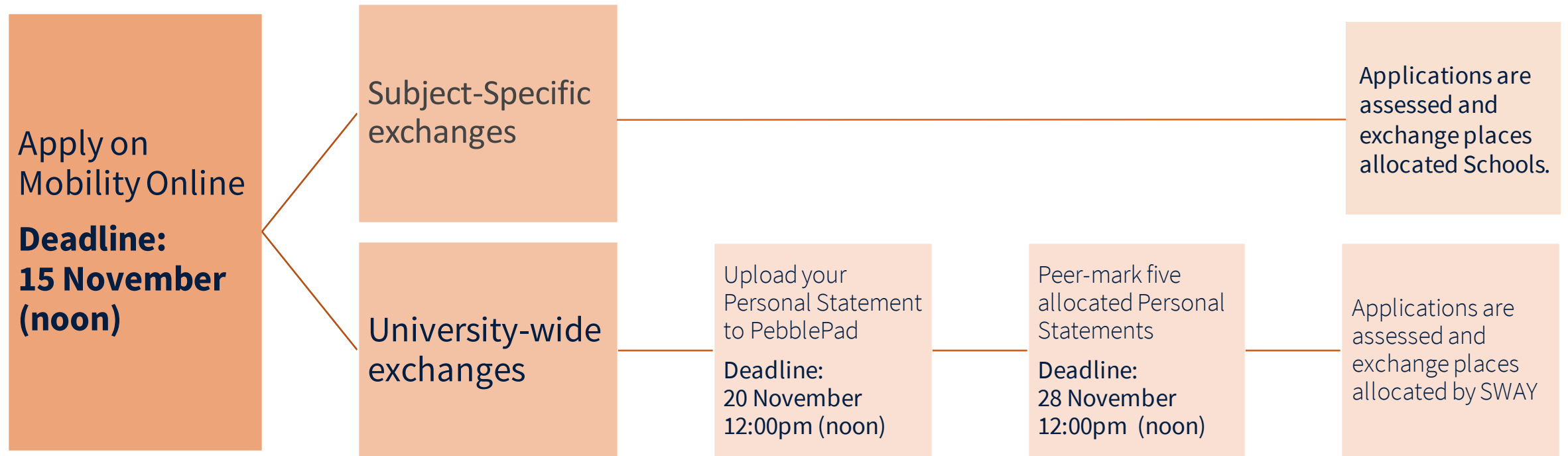
## Peer-marking statements

- Five statements to peer-mark, **Wednesday 22nd November at 12:00pm (noon)**
- Consider each of the three criteria:
  - Academic motivation
  - Ambassadorial qualities
  - Personal development
- Deadline of **Tuesday 28 November, 12:00pm (noon)**



# Application processes

Applications open 1 November (noon)

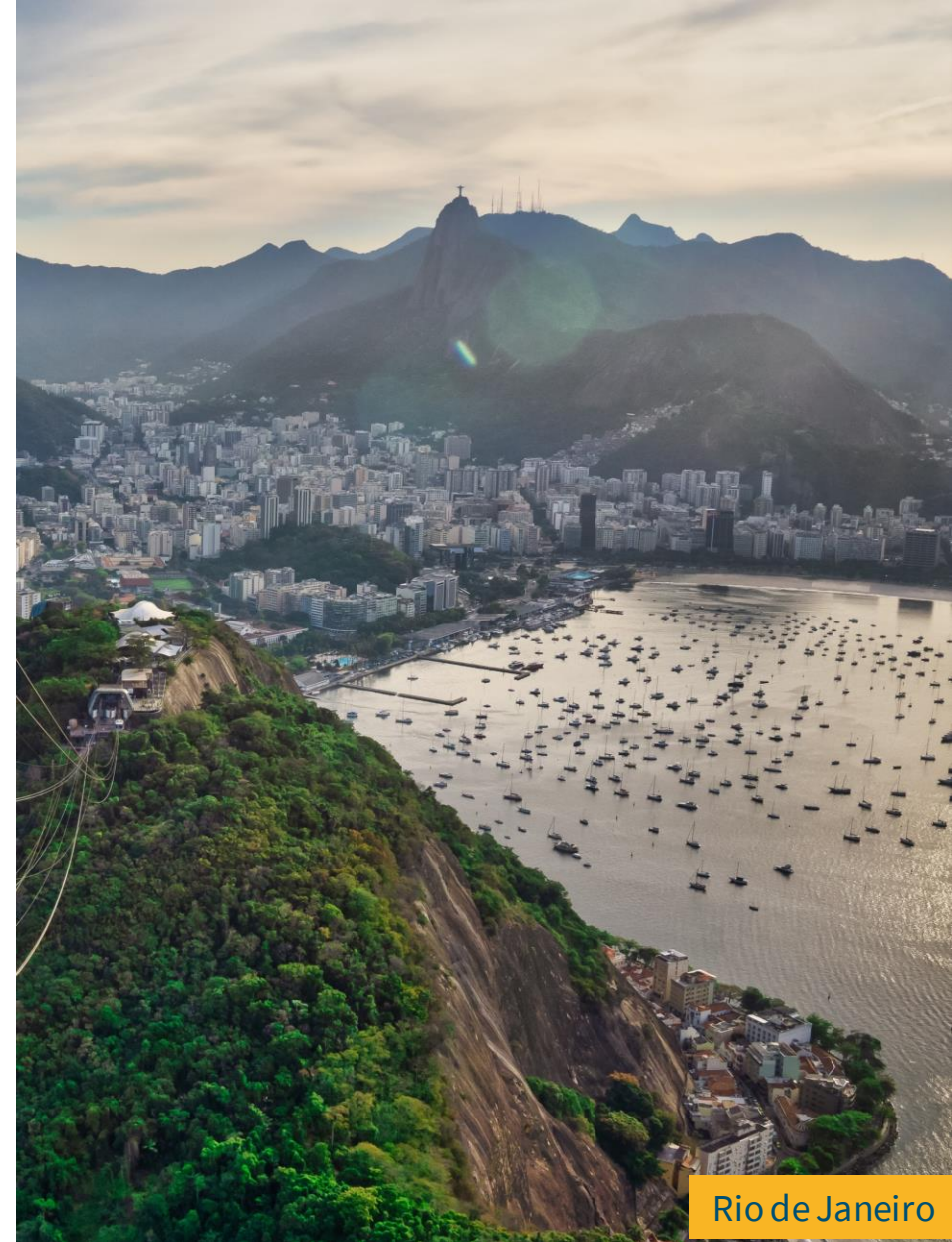


# How do I apply?

- Apply via Mobility Online – the link will be published when applications open:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/apply](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/apply)
- Joint honours – apply under lead subject
- Apply as early as possible - late applications are not accepted

**Applications open:** Wednesday 1 November  
12:00pm (noon)

**Applications close:** Wednesday 15 November,  
12:00pm (noon)



Rio de Janeiro





# Assessment and Allocations



Toronto



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# Application criteria

## What is the application assessment criteria?

- **Subject-specific:** they can vary from school to school, contact your Exchange Coordinator
- **University-wide:** criteria are stated in the relevant application guide
  - You can find the application guides for both types of exchange online:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/apply](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/study-exchanges/application/apply)



Singapore



# University-wide assessment and allocation criteria

University wide applicants are allocated based on the **ranking of your application score.**

Your application score is made up of:

- **Your academic record (50%)**  
Average of 1<sup>st</sup> year grades (provided by your College)
- **Your personal statement mark (50%)**  
Moderated peer marking score



Kirsty in Aix-en-Provence, France





# University-wide criteria

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## Academic score calculation

The weighted average of your year 1 marks, which are ratified and published in EUCLID as of Monday 27 November 2023, will be taken into consideration to make up your academic score.

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Only numerical marks will be used to calculate your average - if you have pass/fail marks, these will not be included in the calculation.

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Weighted averages will be based on your first attempt at the course (unless you have been granted a null sit due to special circumstances).

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# University-wide criteria

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Personal  
statement  
assessment

Academic motivation

Focusing on the first choice of institution, it should explain the academic motivations for applying to go on a University-wide exchange

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Ambassadorial qualities

Highlight the qualities you have to be a good representative of the University of Edinburgh, with examples from extracurricular activities

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Personal development

Explains how this opportunity would benefit you from a personal perspective

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# University-wide allocations

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Applications close at **12:00pm (noon) on Wednesday 15 November**

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Successfully scored students entered in the 'Applicant pool'

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Students allocated places in order of application ranking

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**Accept or decline your offers by 12:00pm (noon) Thursday 18 January**

For our European, university-wide, partner institutions, preference is given to students from schools which:

- Have no or limited European options under the subject-specific route
- Have no or limited European options with partners who teach in English

University-wide applications are **competitive**.





# University-wide allocation scenarios

- **If you're allocated one of your five preferred institutions**
  - You cannot decline the offer without forfeiting your exchange place
- **If none of your five preferred institutions are available**
  - You may be offered alternatives within one of the regions you chose
  - You have the option to reject the alternative twice
  - If you reject three times you will forfeit your exchange place
- **If you receive more than one offer**
  - You can only accept one offer
  - If you accept both a university-wide and subject-specific offer, both will be cancelled



# Subject-specific allocations

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Applications close at **12:00pm (noon) on Wednesday 15 November**

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Exchange Coordinators assess applications for their subject area

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Offers will be made by **12:00pm (noon) Thursday 11 January**

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Accept or decline your offers by **12:00pm (noon) on Thursday 18 January**

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Schools to reallocate vacant spaces  
**February**

Selection criteria can vary between Schools but is generally based on:

- Your academic record (normally only your 1<sup>st</sup> year grades)
- Your personal statement
- Your linguistic suitability



# University of California (UC)

- 45 international exchange places available
- UC allocate the campus
  - We can't guarantee, influence or change the decision; you need to be prepared to accept any campus  
[www.reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/](http://www.reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/)
- Early acceptance deadline – **12:00pm (noon)**  
**Thursday 4th January**
  - If allocated, you may have to decide before subject-specific offers are made



## UC Campuses

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

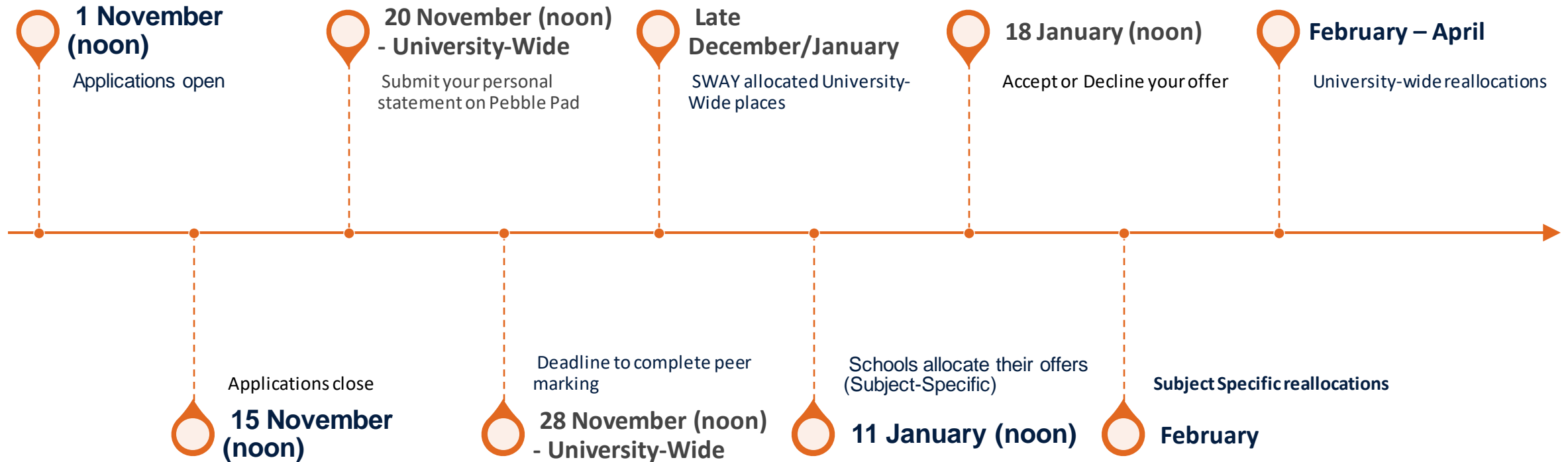




# What to do next



# Recap of deadlines



\*Consult University-Wide Application Guide for University of California deadlines.



# Criteria to fulfil

To proceed with your exchange, you must have:

- **Appropriate courses** available at your host institution
- **Approval** from your School Exchange Coordinator(s)
- **For 2024/25 applications**, your credits might have been impacted by industrial action. Please contact your **School** if you have concerns about meeting the outlined academic requirements. More information has been provided about University-Wide criteria in the relevant Application Guide.



Sophia in Montreal, Canada





# Alternatives to exchange

If your application isn't successful, or if an exchange isn't for you, there are non-exchange options to experience study or work away

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## Placements

Available for certain subjects - you can check with your School:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/placements](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/placements)

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## NICE programme

A multi-university, virtual-learning opportunity focused on entrepreneurship and intercultural competence:  
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/short-term-and-virtual-opportunities/nice-programme>

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## INCITE summer school

A summer school focused on entrepreneurship and intercultural competence, based in Southeast Asia:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/short-term-and-virtual-opportunities/incite-summer-school](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/short-term-and-virtual-opportunities/incite-summer-school)

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## Go Abroad Fund

Financial support for students to undertake a short-term international experience during the summer.  
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/short-term-and-virtual-opportunities/go-abroad-funding>

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## Get inspired...

Summer opportunities - [padlet.com/international\\_outgoing/pgaf](http://padlet.com/international_outgoing/pgaf) summer opportunities

Student blogs - [uoeabroad.com](http://uoeabroad.com)

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# Contact us



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# For advice and guidance



Talk to us on the phone  
Tuesdays, 2 pm – 4 pm



Book a Teams appointment  
Thursdays, 10 am – 12 noon



Email us with any questions



Visit the website:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/study-work-away](http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-work-away)



Florence





# Contact us

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- 0131 650 4621
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<https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-work-away/contacts>



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