## Plan the experience of a lifetime!

Going abroad requires planning to succeed. The sooner you start preparing, the better your experience will be.

- 1. Research partner institutions as not all destinations are open to every degree programme. Discuss destination and duration with your academic School/Department Coordinator, as well as your eligibility to switch on to a version of your degree programme including a year abroad (if applicable, if spaces available and if not already enrolled on this).
- 2. Consider financial implications of going abroad and seek advice from appropriate sources when deciding which destination is affordable and right for you. What sources of funding are available?
- 3. Apply online to Global Opportunities for an exchange abroad, ranking your choices. Keep in mind different deadlines! (You will only be made an offer for one destination.)
- **4.** Once you have been selected and nominated, apply to the partner institution as a next step.
- 5. Seek approval from your academic School/Department Coordinator for modules at the partner institution.
- 6. Prepare for the adventure:
  - Meet the conditions of your offer
  - Apply for a visa (if applicable)
  - Make travel arrangements
  - Apply for/secure accommodation abroad
  - Obtain relevant insurance



#### More information

You can find more details about the different opportunities, including current destinations, on our website: https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international/ global-opportunities/outgoingstudents/

You can also contact us via email: goabroad@qmul.ac.uk.

Read our student blogs: qmulstudyabroadblog.wordpress.com



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format we will endeayour to provide this, where possible. For further information and assistance,

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# **Destinations and opportunities**

Queen Mary University of London has over 150 exchange partnerships around the world.

Opportunities abroad last from a few days up to a full academic year which gives you the flexibility to choose an experience that will suit your study programme and personal interests.

Queen Mary offers **Summer and Short Term Programmes** which allow students to spend a few weeks abroad. These programmes are non-credit bearing.

Almost every Queen Mary degree programme also offers students the opportunity to participate in our **Exchange Programmes**. You will be studying abroad for either one semester or a full year at one of our many partner universities globally. Duration and destinations depend on the programme you are studying. The modules taken abroad will form an integral part of your Queen Mary degree.

You can go abroad without the knowledge of a foreign language.

### 'With year abroad' Degrees

Queen Mary offers many undergraduate programmes with an extended "year abroad" option, which gives you the opportunity to live and study abroad for an entire year. Normally you will be expected to achieve at least a 2:1 (60%) overall in your first and second year, though this threshold may be set at a higher level for individual programmes. You will also be expected to sustain a high level of attainment in your second year. For progression requirements, please consult the Terms and Conditions for the Exchange Programme as well as the Queen Mary Academic Regulations:

- qmul.ac.uk/international/global-opportunities/ outgoing-students/terms-and-conditions-/
- arcs.qmul.ac.uk/policy/.

# Why go abroad?

### Better degrees and better jobs

Going abroad during your Queen Mary degree does more than just give your CV a boost.

## Students who go abroad are:

9% more likely to gain a 1st or 2:1 degree 24% less likely to be out of work

10% more likely to be in 'graduate' jobs 6 months after graduation 7% higher average wage earners 6 months after graduation

### **International networks**

Students who go abroad build new international long-term social, academic and professional networks that can increase global job prospects further down the line.

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I've always wanted to explore more of the world, it's too small to stay at home!" #qmulgo

#### Charlotte

International Exchange Programme, Boston College, USA, 2016

## Skills for success

International placements develop important global skills for students, such as:

- Intercultural awareness
- Language skills
- Knowledge of other countries
- Confidence
- Tolerance
- Self-awareness
- Sociability
- Problem-solving
- Decisiveness
- Adaptability

Throughout this journey, you will be supported by Queen Mary Services (e.g. Advice and Counselling, DDS, etc).



I spent so much time with people whose friendships I cherish dearly" #qmulgo

#### Kyrai

