

Students studying on a course at a UK university or college who study outside the UK as part of their course can apply for full student finance. In addition, there are some special provisions for them if they're studying for at least the majority of a term abroad.

If a student is studying abroad for the majority of a term they could get:

- a Travel Grant
- the study abroad rate of Maintenance Loan (see table below).

### Maintenance Loan

This table shows the maximum Maintenance Loan available if a student is studying abroad compared to the amounts for studying in the UK. The actual amount a student will get depends on their household income.

Maintenance Loan					
	Non-final year of course		Final year of course		Extra weeks
<b>Where residing for majority of term</b>	Full	Reduced	Full	Reduced	(Long courses loan)
<b>At parental home</b>	£4,418	£1,761	£4,060	£1,337	£54
<b>Away from home, in London</b>	£7,751	£3,295	£7,059	£2,522	£106
<b>Away from home, in UK not London</b>	£5,555	£2,347	£5,166	£1,829	£83
<b>Away from home, outside UK</b>	£6,600	£2,807	£5,736	£2,051	£115

Students who are abroad at the start of an academic year won't have their support delayed by not enrolling at their UK university or college.

A student studying in China, Japan or Russia as part of a UK course for the whole of the academic year, are able to get their loan and grant payments in a single installment.

### Travel Grant

The Travel Grant covers the cost of all necessary qualifying travel, less a disregard of £303. The student must fund the first £303 of travel themselves. The grant also covers other incidental costs such as visas, vaccinations and medical insurance.

Students apply for Travel Grant on the main application for full-time student finance. Student Finance England will then send eligible students a Travel Grant application form. To get a Travel Grant, students must also be getting student finance that depends on their household income.

For more information on the Travel Grant, see the Travel Grant Factsheet.

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## Erasmus

Under the Erasmus scheme — part of the European Union’s Lifelong Learning Programme — the student can study for part of their degree in one of 30 other countries across Europe. UK Erasmus students normally get an Erasmus grant, provided by the European Commission which contributes towards the extra costs they may have from studying abroad. Erasmus grants in the UK, are paid through the home university or college in addition to the standard grants or loans. In 2013/14, the minimum grant was €275 per month and we expect this to increase slightly in 2014. Students should not depend on this to cover all living costs when budgeting.

### Erasmus and overseas study fees

The tuition fee rates for studying overseas, on placement and Erasmus can be complex. The following tuition fee rates are based on the student:

- studying at a publically funded university in England or Wales;
- having started their course on or after 1 September 2012; and
- applying through Student Finance England (or Student Finance Services if they’re an EU student).

The student will be:	Tuition fee charged up to:	Tuition Fee Loan available will be up to:
On ERASMUS and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• studying abroad</li> <li>• on a work placement abroad</li> </ul>	£1,350	£1,350
Studying abroad*	£1,350	£1,350
On a placement year of a sandwich course*	£1,800	£1,800

\*with less than 10 weeks at the student’s English or Welsh university.

The student should speak to their university about the tuition fees charged if they’re unsure or if their course:

- is at a university in Scotland or Northern Ireland;
- started before 1 September 2012.

For more information students can visit [www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus](http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus) or contact the Erasmus co-coordinator at their university or college.

### Studying for a degree at an overseas university

If the student studies a complete degree at a university outside the UK they’ll not be able to get any support from Student Finance England. Funding arrangements for studying a complete degree abroad will be different depending on which country a student is planning to go to. Tuition fees could be higher or lower than in the UK, and in some countries there are no tuition fees at all. Students could find studying abroad is more expensive — or less expensive — than studying in the UK. Living costs are lower in many countries around the world — so research before committing to anything is crucial.

The level of maintenance and tuition fee support a student gets may well differ from what they’d get if studying in the UK — they may get no living cost or tuition fee support at all. Plus, they might not necessarily be able to work to support their studies.

Students may also find they need to prove they can support themselves from their own funds.

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## Funding your studies in an EU country

For financial support, students should apply to the funding agency in the country they're looking to study, as well as asking the university or college they're interested in for further information. Information about financial support in EU countries can be found on the 'Your Europe' website: [http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/education/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/education/index_en.htm)

UK citizens have the right, subject to certain conditions, to study or work in another EU country. They also have the right to be treated equally with domestic students in terms of the course fees they pay. This may not be the case with Maintenance Grants, loans or other help with living costs.

## Other sources of funding – grants and scholarships

Some UK charities and educational trusts give grants for overseas study. Some overseas bodies also award scholarships and these tend to be very competitive. The UKCISA website has links to some of these, and UNESCO offers more advice for students looking for a scholarship to study abroad.

UKCISA: advice for UK students studying abroad [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

UNESCO: guide to studying abroad [www.unesco.org.uk](http://www.unesco.org.uk)

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