As you are aware, the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation has caused unprecedented disruption to learning and teaching at universities in Australia and across the globe. At UNSW, we are working together, as fast as we can, and as best we can, to support our students with their safety, the most important consideration.

With that in mind, UNSW has had to make the difficult decision to suspend all outbound short programs until further notice. We hope to be able to resume programs abroad when it is safe to do so.

In the meantime - consider participating in a virtual international opportunity.

There is no doubt that traveling abroad is life changing and presents the opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture. While you are waiting for when you can travel abroad again – did you know that many of our partners have been able to move their programs online?

From next week we will be posting new virtual and online opportunities available to UNSW students.

Benefits of studying an international program online or undertaking a virtual experience include:

- **Develop your career**; you’ll develop global competencies and global knowledge from learning in an international context
- **Make life long international connections** with businesses, institutions, staff and your peers from all over the world
- **Flexibility of time**: study anywhere at any time - even from home
- **Flexibility of discipline**: study courses and gain experiences that are not available at UNSW
- **Cost effective**: save money on the cost of travel, insurance, accommodation at the host and living expenses in a foreign country
- **Safety**: In these current uncertain times, studying online or having a virtual experience will enable you to experience the world from the safety of your own home

Virtual and online experiences can provide you with a taster for new opportunities and can be the first step towards your next adventure abroad.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We remain united in supporting all students with acceptance, respect, compassion and inclusion.

Check back next week for new opportunities.

**Credit approval**

Applications for online programs will open in May 2020. Once applications open, students should apply to their program of choice via this website.

If you wish to transfer credit for the program, you must first seek approval from your faculty for credit transfer through **Cross-Institutional Enrolment**. For more information see - [Applying for credit and funding for your overseas short course](#).
Risk assessment

All programs involve some degree of risk to participants. If you choose to source a provider on your own, please remember to do some research on them first and ensure that they are a legitimate organisation and that the product they offer will definitely meet your requirements. Students are therefore advised to undertake their own risk assessment before making any payments to external providers or commencing participation in these programs. While every effort is made to screen partners, students undertaking a program are doing so at their own risk.