Gain a headstart in your career with practical experience overseas to complement your studies

Did you know UNSW students may be able to spend time overseas as part of or related to their university studies, with or without academic credit, in formal or informal educational environments through a variety of “learning abroad” opportunities?

As well as the traditional short courses, exchanges and study abroad, UNSW schools and faculties offer connections to a variety of opportunities including conferences, field work, internships and volunteering.

The UNSW Study Abroad and Exchange Office provides support to students wishing to take advantage of these opportunities in an international environment and is available to discuss any plans you may have.

Programs are promoted throughout the year on our Global Notices. We recommend you Subscribe for updates via email or RSS.

Funding learning abroad
UNSW students wishing to undertake learning abroad programs, may be eligible to apply for travel grants such as the New Colombo Plan or International Mobility grants. For further information regarding these competitive grants search the UNSW Scholarships.

Australian citizens receiving credit for their international experience may wish to apply for OS-HELP loan. These Australian Government loans can be used for a range of expenses such as airfares, accommodation and other travel or study expenses. For further information regarding these loans search: OSHelp

Preparing to go abroad

- Students undertaking any learning abroad should register their travel with UNSW and undertake a risk assessment before heading overseas.
- For more information see How to prepare for departure.
- Please note: UNSW does not endorse any third party provider internship programs and participation is at your own risk.

Internships

Some of our 200 global education partner universities offer overseas internships, these are generally advertised on the Global Notices.

You should also refer to UNSW WIL Central for a comprehensive guide to work integrated Learning (WIL) at UNSW.

For more information on paid internships, internships for academic credit and volunteer internships, see Internships and Work Placements.

Jobs and volunteering

Jobs

- Going Global - The Going Global website provides expert advice for finding jobs at home or abroad.
- Lockin China - Interested in a graduate job in China?
- UNSW Careers Online - Jobs board featuring casual, part-time, contract, full-time, vacation, internship, industrial training and graduate positions.

Volunteering

Taking advantage of volunteer opportunities abroad provides an international dimension to your skills. These add considerable value to your resume, and enable you to present yourself as a high-value employee with interests and aptitudes beyond your studies.

The Global Education Office supports you if you wish to go on these experiences. We are happy to discuss any plans you may have so do contact our Global Education Advisors.

Some of our 200 global education partner universities offer overseas volunteer opportunities, these are generally advertised on our Global Notices.

For more information on community and overseas volunteering opportunities, see Community and Overseas Volunteering.

Conferences, field trips and more
UNSW’s 200 Global Partner Institutions offer a range of overseas opportunities including conferences, field trips and study tours. These opportunities are advertised on the Global Notices page.

UNSW Schools and Faculties also offer connections to a variety of opportunities for students including international competitions, conferences and field studies.

The Global Education Office provides support if you wish to take advantage of these opportunities. We are happy to discuss any plans you may have so do contact our Global Education Advisors.

Language programs and conversation skills

See our Language Programs and Skills page for information on studying foreign languages at UNSW with the:

- Language Exchange Program
- School of Humanities and Languages
- UNSW Institute of Languages
- Confucius Institute

Need more information?

Contact the Study Abroad and Exchange Office:

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