

Answers to frequently asked International Exchange questions

NB This information is for exchange places outside the EU.

Can all RHUL undergraduate or postgraduate research students apply to study abroad? Yes.

Is the programme open to International students? Yes.

When is the application deadline? 5pm on Friday 11 December 2015. You should hand your completed application in to IN002. It's not possible to email the form.

When will I hear if my application is successful? You will be informed by email in early January if you have been invited to an interview.

What tuition fees would I pay?

Home/EU year students pay 15% of their RHUL fees if the year is either a compulsory or optional part of their degree. International integral year students pay 20% if it is a compulsory part of their degree and 100% if it is optional. Additional year students pay no fees to RHUL

You never pay tuition to the partner University although you are responsible for your own living costs, accommodation fees, transport etc.

NB Those students who are successful and go on to apply to an American university will need, at the time of application, to show that they have access to funds of up to \$20,000. This amount will vary depending on the institution and US institutions normally accept documents from Student Finance as evidence of funding. This funding is necessary in order to show the US visa authorities that you have enough funds to support yourself for a year and are unlikely to be going to the US to find full-time work.

What support do students receive? CeDAS arranges pre-departure briefings and information sessions for all accepted students. We also assist with the application to the partner university and put you in contact with those who have previously studied abroad.

How many different partner Universities can I list on the application form? A maximum of 5 different partner universities.

What documents are required with the application form? Supporting statement, two academic references, passport copy, A-level results (if you are a first year) or interim transcript to date (if you are a second year).

What should I write in my supporting statement? You need to tell us what the academic and social goals are that you wish to achieve during your time at your host university and outline how you will use your study abroad experience to benefit your RHUL department on your return. In your statement, you should write about why you want to study abroad, why you think you are a suitable candidate and what you will bring to the host institution. You should include a specific paragraph about each of the chosen universities to indicate why in particular that university attracts you. Your statement should include a range of personal, social, cultural and academic reasons for applying to study abroad.

Is there a word limit for the supporting statement? You must write enough to cover all of the items mentioned above.

Is there a specific form for the academic references? Yes, at the end of the application form.

What courses could I study abroad? Integral year students study courses which are the equivalent of those they would be taking at RHUL. Additional year students can choose courses of their choice as the credit does not transfer back to their RHUL degree.

How many students can study abroad? We generally have 2 places at each of our partner Universities so it can be extremely competitive. We have 6 places available at the University of California.

Is it possible to study abroad for a term only? No. However, we do have some opportunities to study in Summer Schools.

What grades do I need? Normally at least 60% (average marks) with no mark of less than 40% in any course.

Can I apply this year to go on an additional year in 2017/18? No. You would need to apply next year.