# Application form - Notes for Guidance

The online application form should be used to apply for the Study Abroad Programme

Please read these guidelines carefully before completing the form.

#### Section 1 – Personal Details

**Question 6 Nationality:** State your nationality as given in your passport. If you have dual nationality, you may state both.

**Question 8 Email:** Please ensure we have an alternative email address to your EHU email listed.

**Question 10 Postcode:** Please do not use your term time address unless this is the address you live at all year round or you do not have another address other than your student accommodation.

## Section 2 - International Exchange Information

**Question 14 Study Abroad Programme:** please note some subjects only allow for the full year mobility between your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year, this changes your degree into a 4-year sandwich degree.

Some subjects allow for shorter mobility for a semester as part of your 2<sup>nd</sup> year. This must be applied for during your first year of study. If you are already in your 2<sup>nd</sup> year you will need to apply for the full year option instead.

**Question 15-17 Partner choices:** We ask you to include 3 partner options in priority order, this is in case your first choice is no longer available or not suitable. You can view our partner list for your specific subject on our webpage under Global Opportunities.

## Section 3 - Finance

If you are planning to take part in the Study Abroad programme for the full academic year, then your tuition fee will be paid for by the Student Opportunity Fund. For semester Study Abroad you will have the tuition fee for that semester paid for by the Student Opportunity Fund and you will still need to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan for the remaining semester you study at EHU.

For international students there will still be a fee to pay, please speak with the International Finance Office or see our FAQs on the Study Abroad web page.

Students are expected to inform Student Finance England (or alternative funding

body) of their Study Abroad Plans when making an application for the coming year and are expected to apply for their Maintenance Loan to support living costs.

Please note that financing the Study Abroad Programme is your own responsibility and Edge Hill University do not pay for any part of the programme including travel costs. You are expected to use maintenance loan funds, Turing Grants (we will administer this automatically to you, you do not need to apply for it) and any other income or savings or family financial support.

**Question 21 Turing Grant:** If Edge Hill University is successful in obtaining Turing Scheme funding for the year, then your Turing Grant will be calculated at a set daily rate however there are some uplifts to living costs depending on your personal circumstances. Please note that we may need to ask for additional evidence.

**Question 22 Disability:** (All applicants must complete this section) *Please note this information is required for your insurance package.* 

If you have a disability or special need and may require extra support in your study, fieldwork or accommodation. To help us provide you with the best support it is important that we understand your disability and how it might affect your studies. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will not affect the judgement concerning your academic suitability for a course.

If you have no needs arising from your disability or special need, e.g., you are short-sighted, but your vision is corrected by spectacles, please select 0.

Applicants with no disabilities or special needs should also select 0.

If you do have a disability, please give us as much detail as possible in the space provided.

**Question 24 – Student Support Plan (SSP):** We ask this question so that we can ensure that once we have matched you with a university partner, we can provide the partner with your support plan so they can advise on setting up the same support while you are with them.

### Section 4 - Statements

(All applicants must complete this section)

**Question 25 Personal Statement:** This section is very important as it is your opportunity to provide us with more information about you that might help us to decide on your application.

Some ideas for useful topics to include in your personal statement are:

- Tell us all about yourself.
- Any additional skills or experience that you think are relevant.
- The reasons for applying to study abroad.
- Why you have chosen your selected country(s) or partner university
- What are your future plans?

Your hobbies and interests.

We would recommend that you write a maximum of 600 words.

**Question 26 Academic Reference:** You will need to ask someone who knows you from your department to give you an academic reference to support your application. You can either send them the link given in the application form or direct them to the study abroad web page to complete the reference form. Make sure you choose a reliable referee who will respond quickly. They should be able to comment on your academic ability. Please do not use a relative or family friend.

Please note any offer made will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory reference.

Question 28 Criminal Convictions: You must tick either YES or NO in the box and failure to do so will delay your application. If you tick the YES box, you will be required to provide details of any convictions. We need to collect this information as this could impact your ability to obtain a visa for certain countries.

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