Students who are attending 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 additional provisions for them if they’re studying abroad for at least the majority of one term.

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

- **the study abroad rate of Maintenance Loan**
- **a Travel Grant**

### Maintenance Loan

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

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<th>Living away from home, studying abroad</th>
<th>Non-final year of course</th>
<th>Final year of course</th>
<th>Extra weeks</th>
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<td>Full</td>
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<td><strong>Living away from home, studying abroad</strong></td>
<td>£7,372</td>
<td>£3,623</td>
<td>£6,412</td>
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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.

Students studying in China, Japan or Russia as part of their UK course for the whole of the academic year, are able to get their loan and grant payments in a single instalment.
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 their travel themselves. The grant also covers other incidental costs such as visas, vaccinations and medical insurance. For more information see the Travel Grant factsheet, available at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/practitioners

Erasmus+

Under the Erasmus+ scheme – part of the European Union’s Lifelong Learning Programme – students can study for part of their degree in one of 30 countries across Europe. UK Erasmus+ students normally get an Erasmus+ grant, provided by the European Commission which contributes towards the extra costs in addition to the standard grants or loans. Students should not depend on this to cover all their living costs when budgeting.

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

- studying at a publicly-funded university in Wales or England;
- having started their course on or after 1 September 2012; and
- applying through Student Finance Wales.

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<th>The student will be:</th>
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<td>£1,350</td>
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<td>On a placement year of a sandwich course*</td>
<td>£1,800</td>
<td>£900 (difference will be paid as a Fee Grant)</td>
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* with less than 10 weeks at the student's Welsh or English university

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

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

For more information students can contact the Erasmus+ co-ordinator at their university or college or visit www.erasmusplus.org.uk
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 us. Funding arrangements for studying a complete degree abroad will be different depending on which country the 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. Research before committing to anything is crucial.

The level of maintenance and tuition fee support a student gets may be different from what they’d get if they studied in the UK - they may get no living cost or tuition fee support at all. They won’t 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.

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, and speak to 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 at europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/education/index_en.htm

UK citizens have the right, subject to certain conditions, to study and 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 - www.ukcisa.org.uk - has links to some of these, and UNESCO - www.unesco.org.uk - offers more advice for students looking for a scholarship to study abroad.