

**Radboud Go Abroad
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Stay Abroad Presentation

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Going abroad

On this website you will find all possibilities to go abroad. This could either be a [study exchange](#), an [internship abroad](#) or a [summer or winter school](#). For each experience you can apply for a [grant](#).

The general website from Radboud International for outgoing exchange students can be found [here](#).

Study Abroad	Internship Abroad	Summer/Winter School
Grants	Research Abroad	Exchange Forms
Conversion of international grades	Presentations	

** Disclaimer: the Radboud website is being updated and the layout / content of our website may change in the next few months.*

WHY GO ABROAD?

Why is a stay abroad a good idea?

- **Academic and personal growth**
- **Study or Internship**
- **Resumé**
- **International job market**
- **International network**
- **Life abroad (university, city, life in general)**
- **A unique experience!**



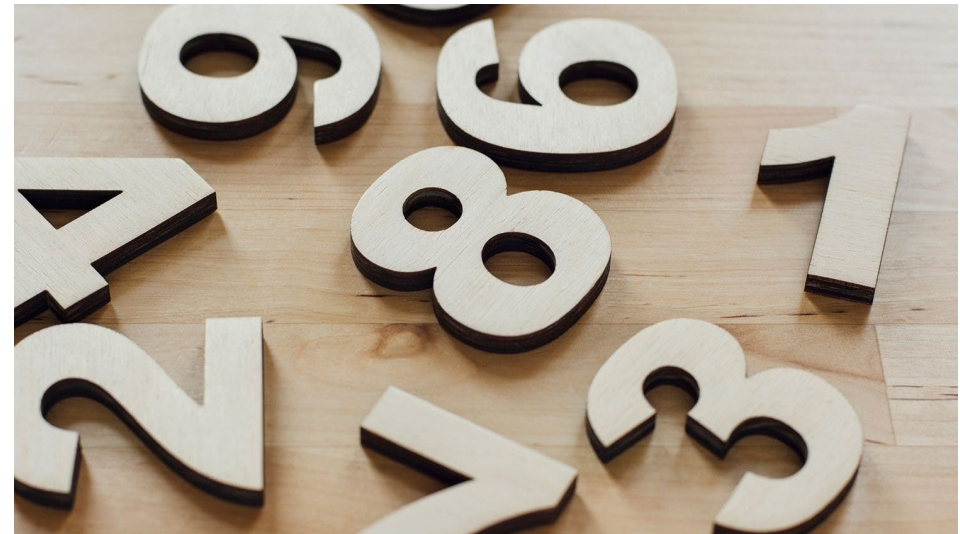
Statistics about going abroad

- 99% of Radboud students who have gone abroad feel they have benefited from their experience
- 92% of Radboud students who have gone abroad are more able to adapt to and act in new situations
- 91% of students at Radboud who have gone abroad are more confident and more convinced of their own abilities
- 95% of Radboud students who have gone abroad see more value in different cultures than before their exchange, and 82% are better able to cooperate with people from other backgrounds and cultures
- 72% of graduates who went on an exchange abroad, stated that their international experience has been (very) beneficial for them in finding their first job
- Around 80% of graduates who went on an exchange abroad found their first job after graduation in less than three months
- One in five graduates who went abroad have met their life partner through their international exchange, and approximately one million babies have been born to couples who met on their Erasmus+ exchange over the past 30 years!

Sources: Erasmus+ Student Participation Report 2021-22, based on mobility within EU; Erasmus+ impact study (2019); Radboud Alumni Survey 2022

SOME NUMBERS (NIJMEGEN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT)

- **Incoming exchange:** average of 200 students per year
- **Outgoing exchange:** average of 175 students per year
- **Number of partner universities NSM:** ± 250 in about 50 countries



STAY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

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- Study abroad
- Internship abroad
- Research abroad
- Summer Schools



STUDENT STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

My Erasmus Experience in Porto

Safiera Wolthuis



Some information

- I went to Porto in 2022
- COVID-19 changed my plans
- I was studying at the University of Groningen

Why I decided to go on Erasmus

- I knew from day one that I wanted to go abroad for my minor
- I love solo-traveling and meeting new people
- I had heard many amazing exchange stories



My Erasmus experience

- Amazing!!
- Surfing and other ESN activities
- Lived with 18 exchange students
- Many day/weekend trips
- Cultural activities, like Faro music





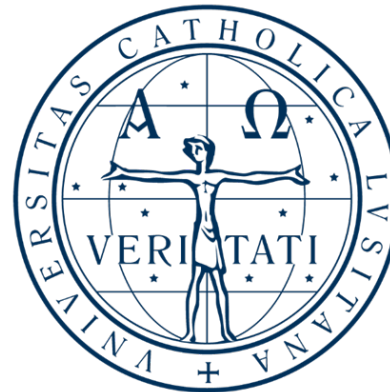
Housing

- I found my residence through Facebook
- Be careful! There are many scammers
- There are websites recommended by partner university
- There are some big student residences, but they are more expensive



My experience at the foreign university

- Very welcoming and nice
- Some unclear communication
- Different ways of teaching and taking exams
- Interesting courses
- Problems with the bus



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PORTUGUESA

Lessons from My Erasmus Journey

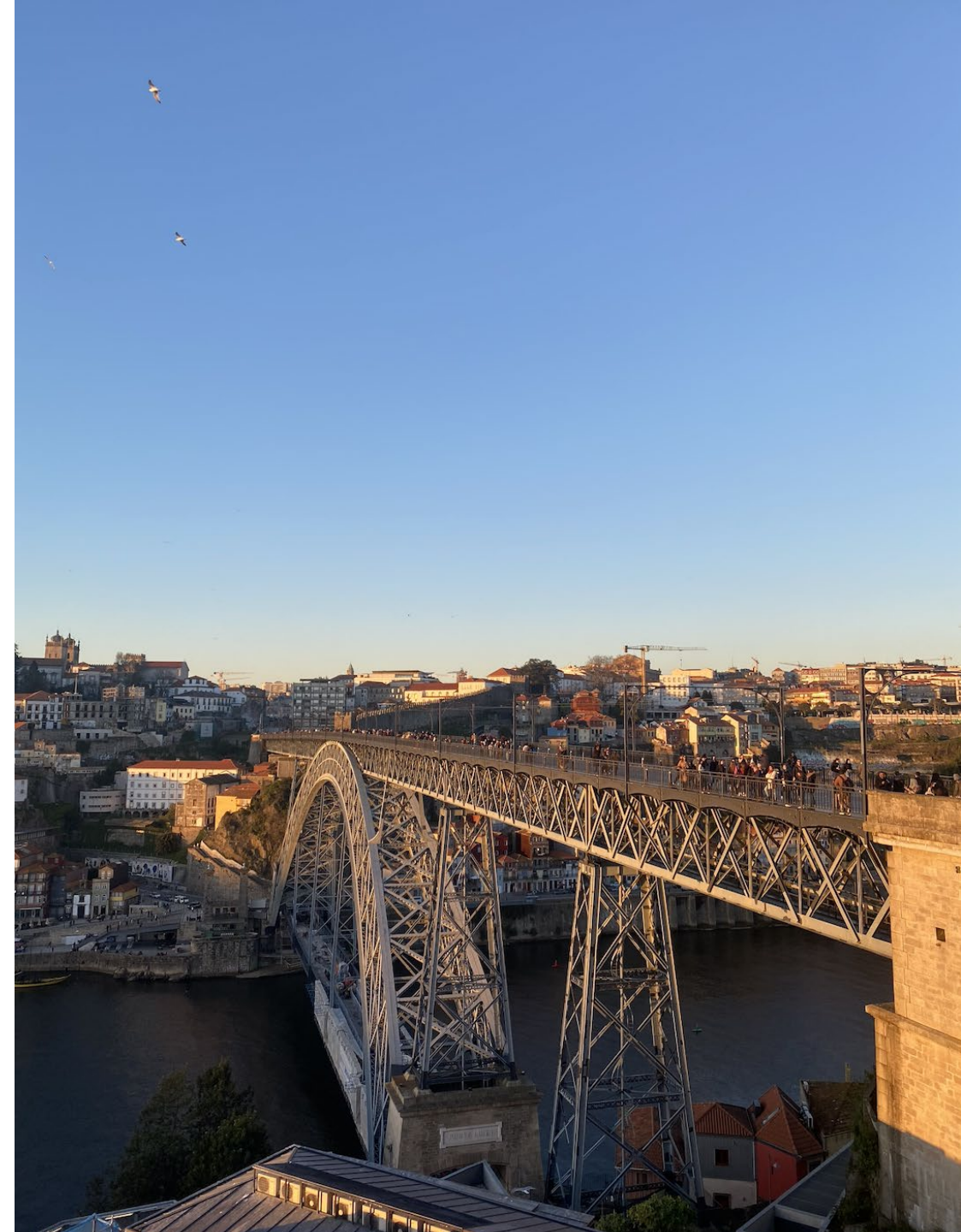
- Independence
- Many different cultures
- New friends
- Learned a bit of Portuguese
- You should not eat more than 2 Pastel del Nata's in one sitting



All in all

I loved my Erasmus experience!

- Traveling around the country
- Learning the language
- Interesting courses
- Independence
- Many new friendships
- Different cultures



STUDY ABROAD

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Where, how, when?

- Erasmus+ or Bilateral Agreement
- Various destinations
- During your Bachelor or Master (not Pre-Master)
- Next academic year 2026-2027; SM1, SM2 or FY
- Deadlines apply!



GRANTS

Within Europe (plus UK – 100 days)

- Erasmus+ grant (& Top-Up Erasmus+)
- Switzerland (Individual Travel Grant)



Erasmus+

Outside of Europe

- Individual Travel Grant (ITG)
- NL Scholarship



DESTINATIONS: WHERE CAN I GO?

Destinations

- Check Destinations for different options
- 3 types of **agreements**:
 - Destinations per field of study
 - Faculty-wide agreements
 - University-wide agreements

How to choose a destination?

- Location
- Host university
- Course offer
- Academic Calendar: overlap with RU?
- Number of exchange places
- Level: Bachelor, Master
- Additional requirements: GPA, English proficiency certificate?

Destinations: IMO website

On the [IMO website](#) you can see the basic information for each partner. For example:

[Faculty-Wide Destinations]

University of Southern Denmark
Available places: 6

- **Level: Bachelor and Master**
- **Language of instruction: English (C1)**
- **University code: DK ODENSE0**
- **University website**
- **Factsheet**

What about the UK?

From 2023-2024 onwards the UK is not a part of the Erasmus programme anymore. The EU-application deadline of 28 February still applies.

Which grant applies to the UK?

Because the UK used to be part of the Erasmus+ programme and currently there is still budget from that grant, students going to the UK can receive an Erasmus grant for a maximum of 100 days.

DESTINATIONS

If you see the comment

"PLEASE NOTE: CHANCES OF BEING SELECTED BY RADBOUD UNIVERSITY FOR THIS PARTNER UNIVERSITY ARE LIMITED!"

for a partner, this means that we usually receive many applications for this university and your chances to be selected for this university are slim.

Our advice: choose a maximum of 2 such universities in your top 4.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDY ABROAD?



Step 1

- Choose a partner university

Step 2

- If applicable, take an English language test (OOPT)

Step 3

- Write a motivation letter (for your first choice only)
- Include a form of expected expenses

Step 4

- Submit your application in Osiris

Submit your application in Osiris well before the deadline!

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDYING ABROAD

- **Year:** You have to be at least a 2nd-year Bachelor student.
- **Minimum ECTS:** You have to have acquired 60 ECTS by the time of your application.
- **Level:** You have to be a Bachelor or a Master student. Pre-Master students are not eligible.
- **English level:** At least B2 CEFR. Submit a valid proof of English proficiency for your application in Osiris if your study programme is not fully taught in English. We accept the OOPT test. Some partner universities may require an extra proof of language proficiency (not older than two years).
- Note that partner university do not accept the OOPT test as such as a proof of English.
- **GPA:** Should your host university require a minimum GPA, and this score is not translated into Radboud University averages on our website, please contact the IMO.
- **Credits:** Although there are no specific requirements to obtain a specific minimum number of credits while studying abroad to obtain a grant (except if you receive the NL Scholarship – min. 10 EC), it is necessary to obtain at least some credits. Our faculty expects you to obtain at least 10-15 ECTS.

PROOF OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

OOPT TEST (OXFORD ONLINE PLACEMENT TEST)

A test to determine your level of English proficiency according to the CEFR level (Common European Framework of Reference)

CEFR levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2

Minimum required English level: B2, C1 or C2, depending on the university

OOPT test: can be taken at [Radboud In'to Languages](#) (€30)

It takes about 1 hour.

Students enrolled in an all-English programme do not have to upload a Proof of English for their application. However, host universities may require specific language certificates.

LETTER OF MOTIVATION

- In English
- Only for your first choice of university
- Maximum of 400 words
- The use of open AI writing tools such as Chat GPT is not allowed

Brief introduction: who are you, what do you study and where do you want to go abroad?

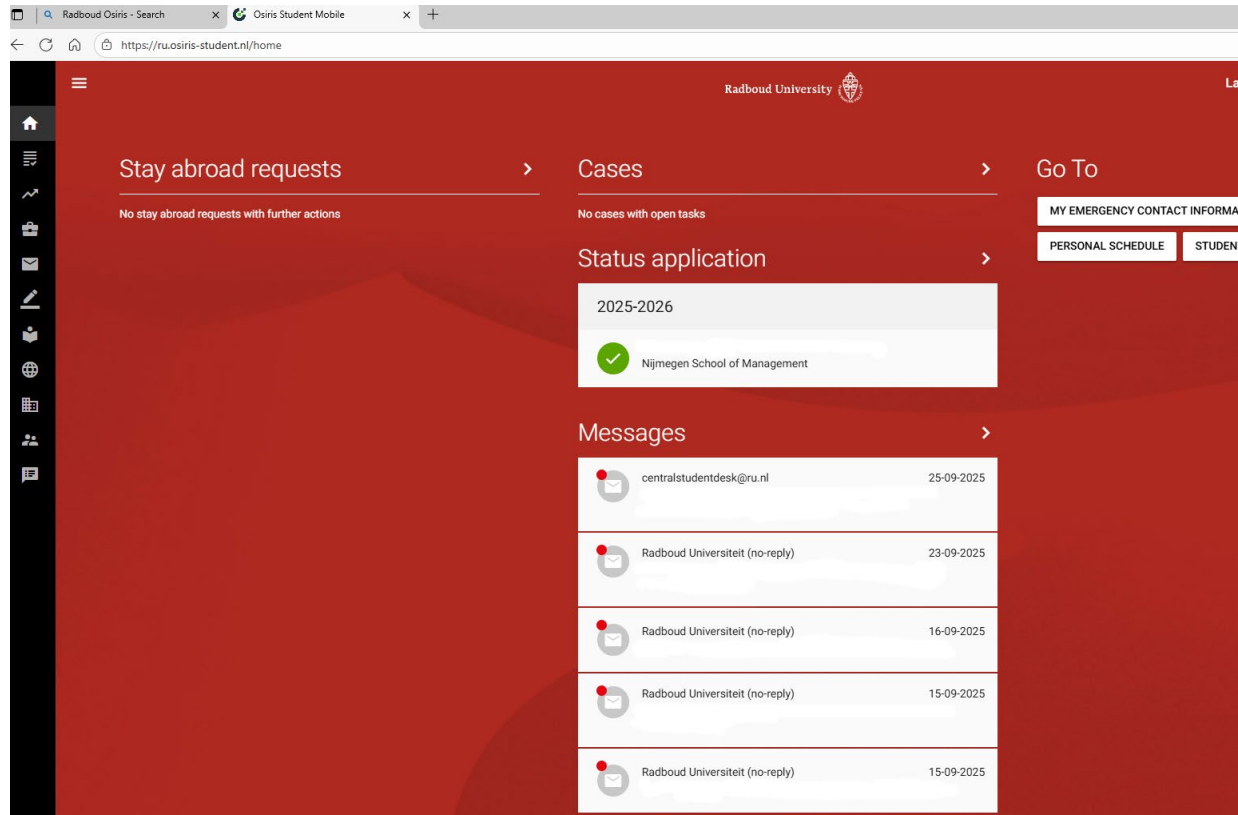
General motivation study abroad: what personal and academic advantages do you envisage by participating in a study abroad experience?

Motivation first choice: why do you want to go to this university? Name at least three courses you would like to follow and explain why you want to take these courses.

We would like to see that you have looked up information on your host university and that you know what kind of university you are applying for.

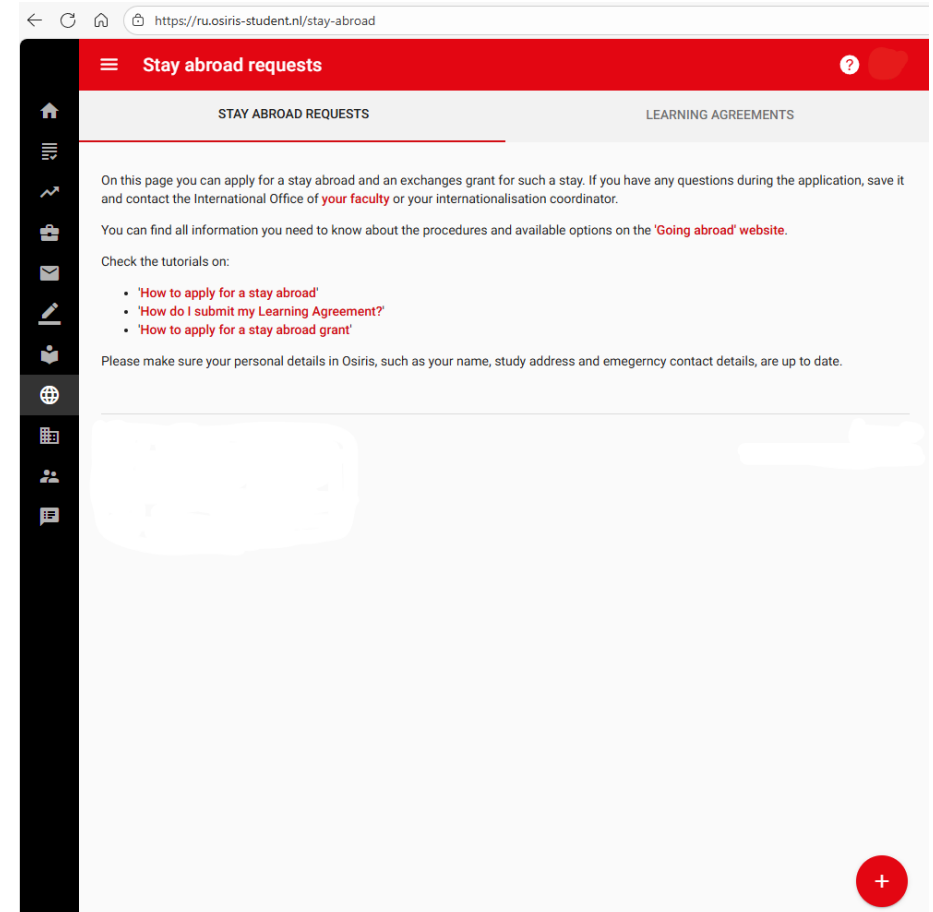


APPLICATION VIA OSIRIS 1/2

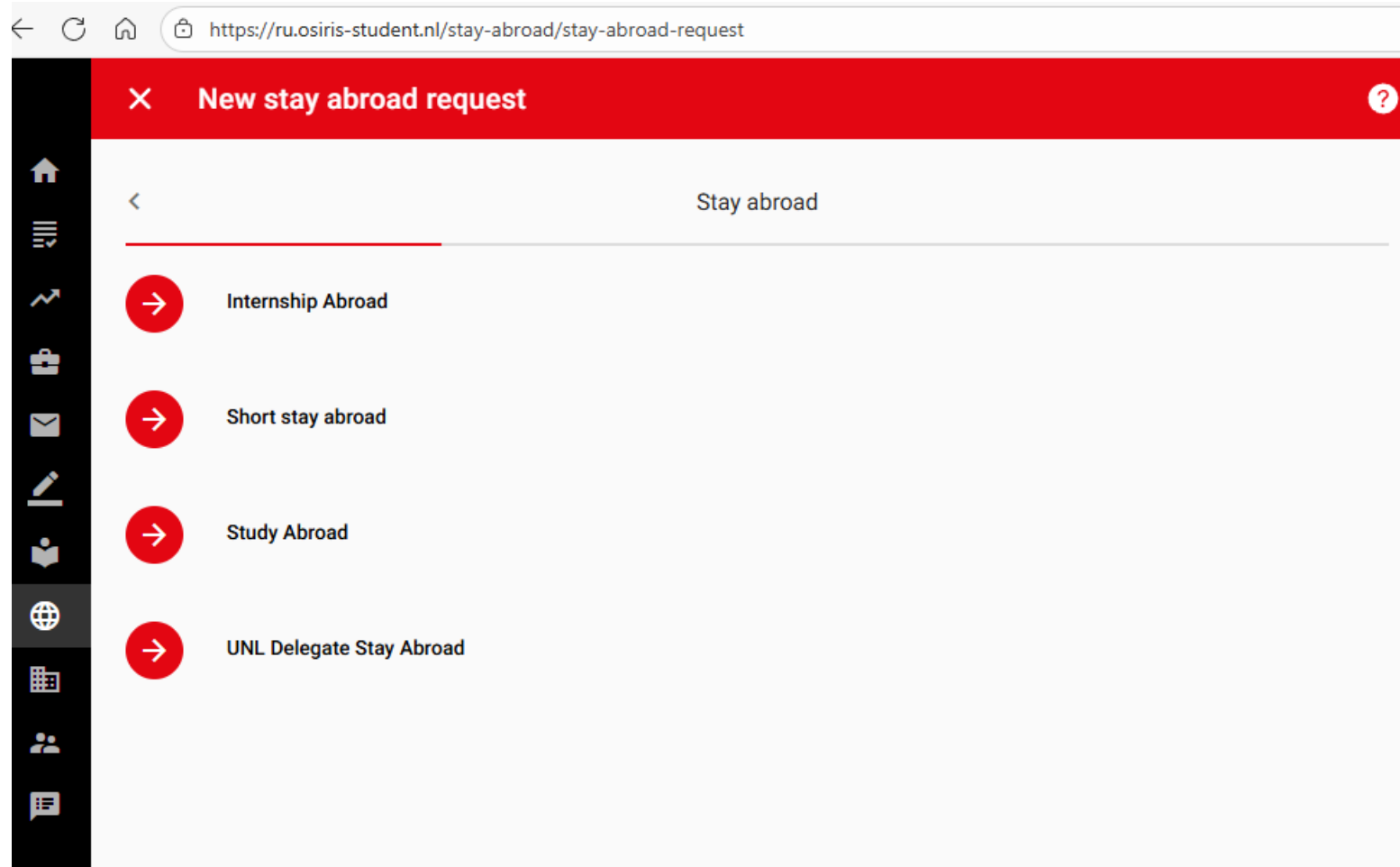


Steps:

1. You click "Stay abroad requests >"
2. You click the red "+" button in the bottom right corner
3. Follow the steps and fill in the requested information



APPLICATION VIA OSIRIS 2/2



Current vs. Future Degree Programme:

- Choose **Current Degree programme** if you will still be studying the same programme next year (f.i. Bachelor Year 3).
- Choose **Future Degree programme** if you will be studying something else or at a different level (f.i. now Bachelor, future Master).

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Submit your application in Osiris
- **Application deadlines** at Radboud University:
 - Non-European destinations: **14 January, 23.59 hrs.**
 - European (Erasmus) destinations + UK: **28 February, 23.59 hrs.**
- **Selection procedure**
Based on motivation letter, grade average and English level (OOPT).
- What happens if I have both non-EU and EU destinations on my list? The deadline depends on your first choice.
- Missed the deadline? Remaining places; first come, first served

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I AM SELECTED?

- The IMO will inform you via Osiris about your selection.
- Depending on the selected university, IMO or Team Student Life and International Mobility – SLIM, University wide agreements) will nominate you at the partner university.
- The host university will provide you with their registration and application procedure.
- If you are eligible for a grant (Erasmus+, Individual Travel Grant. NL Scholarship), IMO will indicate this in your application in Osiris. Team SLIM will take it from there.

In all cases: read all information carefully and check the deadlines!

INTERNSHIP ABROAD

INTERNSHIP

How and when?

- Any time of the year
- Anywhere you want to go

- Find an internship yourself:
 - AIESEC
 - Career Service NSM
 - Finding an Internship

- Ask your Examining Board if and how many credits you can get for your internship

Scholarships and Grants

- Within Europe and more than 2 months: Erasmus+ grant

- Outside of Europe and more than 2 months: Individual Travel Grant or NL Scholarship (minimum of 10 credits required for NL Scholarship)

- Special Erasmus grant for internship *after* graduation!

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP ABROAD?

- More information and instructions on the IMO-website [Internships Abroad](#)
- No specific deadlines for applications for a grant for internships abroad (if applicable). However, do apply at least three weeks before the start of the internship!



RESEARCH ABROAD

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- Are you going to conduct a research project abroad?
- You may be eligible for a grant!
- Student Life and International Mobility (SLIM) provides an Individual Travel Grant for students who are conducting their research abroad.
- More information on our [website](#).



HOW TO APPLY FOR A RESEARCH ABROAD?

- Application instructions can be found on the IMO website – [Research Abroad](#)
- Check if you meet the minimum requirements, such as being enrolled as a student, going abroad for at least 2 months, receiving credits...
- Submit a request in Osiris. Type of request: *Internship Abroad*
- No specific deadlines for applications research abroad. However, do apply at least three weeks before the start for the grant (if applicable)
- [Individual Travel Grant](#) for research abroad.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

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- Short stay abroad: usually 1-6 weeks
- You must obtain credits
- IMO-website [Summer Schools](#) for application procedures, tips for Summer Schools
- 8 grants per year (no language courses):
 - 5 for European destinations
 - 3 for non-European destinations



HOW TO APPLY FOR A SUMMER SCHOOL?

- Check IMO-website [for Summer Schools](#) for application instructions



WHEN SHOULD I GO?

WHAT IS A GOOD TIME TO GO ABROAD?



- Depending on personal situation/studies
- During your Bachelor or Master; not during Pre-Master
- Semester preference (for internships no set dates)
- Check if there is a mobility window in your study programme, or a semester where you can choose electives
- Electives / substitution of courses
(Note: you cannot take any NSM exams abroad!)

**WHICH STEPS DO I NEED
TO TAKE FOR A STAY
ABROAD?**

WHICH STEPS DO I TAKE?

Where to start?

- Check the IMO-website for information and instructions
- Prepare the necessary documents for application
- Submit your application in Osiris on time: mind the deadlines!

Contacts:

- International Mobility Office
- Study Advisors



WHAT DO I NEED?

A STRONG PLAN AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

- Start planning in time: about 1 year in advance for study exchanges
- Make an appointment with the IMO if you have any questions.
- Consult your study advisor
- Talk to fellow students
 - students who have been abroad
 - international students studying at NSM
 - read testimonials
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Get Started
You can do it!

STUDENT EXPERIENCES: WWW.RU.NL/NSM/IMO/OUTGOING-EXCHANGE-STUDENTS/STUDY-ABROAD/TESTIMONIALS-0/

Just do it, you will not regret it and you will have some of the best time of your life!

You will learn a lot about yourself and the world around you, and you will come back with a lot of experience, grow as a person and with a lot of new contacts around the world.

Socialise! My experience was that it is the friends you make that can elevate your stay abroad from something generic to a rewarding and memorable experience!

I think studying abroad is a lot more than studying itself!

HOUSING ABROAD



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Just like Radboud University, many partner universities abroad experience difficulties in providing housing for exchange students.

Some pointers:

- You are responsible for arranging housing yourself.
- Start your search for housing in time.
- Read the testimonials of other students for tips on how to find housing.
- Unless you are absolutely sure it is legitimate, do not pay any deposit for housing.

FINANCES

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Depends on the country and your own plans!

- No tuition fee at host university
- Sublet your room
- Restitution “OV-chip card”
- Erasmus+, Individual Travel Grant.
NL Scholarship:
www.ru.nl/en/students/going-abroad/grants
- Extra financial support Erasmus grants:
Erasmus+ Top-Up for study exchange in Europe (for students who need some extra financial support for a study exchange due to specific circumstances)
- Student finance DUO
- Investment in your future!



TIP: VSBFONDS GRANT

1) What is it and for whom?

- A grant for Dutch students with a university BA/MA education/degree who want to follow an additional study programme abroad.
- The VSBfonds grants are not intended to finance any study, research or internships that are part of a Dutch educational programme.
- This is not an exchange grant.

2) Requirements

- Please check the requirements on the website of [VSBfonds Beurs](#) (in Dutch only)

3) Deadlines

- 1 March 2026 (provisional date) for submitting your proposal to VSBfonds.

VSBfonds,
iedereen doet mee

**WHO CAN HELP ME
WITH MY QUESTIONS?**

WHOM DO I CONTACT WHEN I HAVE QUESTIONS?



- Check our [website](#)
- Send an email: imo@fm.ru.nl
- [Make an appointment](#) with us, the International Mobility Office
- Talk to your study advisor
- Read [testimonials](#) by students who studied abroad (student experiences)

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY OFFICE

Coordinators:

- **Nataša Bračko** (incoming and outgoing exchange)
- **Beate Durlinger** (incoming and outgoing exchange)
- **Joyce Opdenoordt** (Study Abroad and Global Experience Coordinator / IEB stay abroad coordinator)

Website: www.ru.nl/nsm/imo

Email: imo@fm.ru.nl



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International Mobility Office

Information and support for
student and staff exchange

QUESTIONS?

