Radboud Go Abroad
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Stay Abroad Presentation

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INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT STAYS ABROAD

Radboud Go Abroad sessions for each NSM study programme and general sessions:
See the RGA Programme, 3-6 October

EU destinations session IMO: Tuesday
18 October, 12.15-13.30 hrs, EOS 01.630

Non-EU destinations session IMO: Thursday
20 October, 12.15-13.30 hrs, EOS 01.630
SOME NUMBERS

- **Incoming exchange**: average of 275 students per year*

- **Outgoing exchange**: average of 250 students per year*

- **Number of partner universities NSM**: ± 320 in about 53 countries

* in non-COVID-19 years
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!
STAY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
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• Study abroad
• Internship abroad
• Research abroad
• Summer or Winter schools
STUDY ABROAD
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Where, how, when?

• Erasmus+ or Bilateral Agreement

• Various destinations: Where can I go?

• Study Abroad 10-step Plan

• During your Bachelor or Master (not Pre-Master)

• Next academic year 2023-2024; SM1, SM2 or FY

• We recommend you to submit your application in Osiris in early January

Grants

• Within Europe:
  ➢ Erasmus+ grant (& Top-Up Erasmus+)
  ➢ SEMP - Switzerland

• Outside of Europe:
  ➢ Holland Scholarship Grant (selected destinations)
  ➢ Individual Travel Grant
**DESTINATIONS: WHERE CAN I GO?**

**Destinations**

- Check *Where can I go?* for possible destinations

- 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

On the IMO website you can see the basic information for each partner. For example:

[Faculty-Wide Destinations]

University of Southern Denmark

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

NB: 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 your chances to be selected for this university are less high.

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

What about the UK?
From 2023-2024, it won’t be part of the Erasmus programme anymore. However, the application deadline of 28 February still applies.

If you have questions about when to go abroad and which courses to choose, make an appointment with your study advisor.
STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE: DAVID BLOEM
STUDYING ABROAD IN ROME

DAVID BLOEM
SEMESTER ABROAD

Bachelor Business Administration in 4 years

Electives

International experience

Living abroad
STUDYING IN ROME

- Universita Degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata
- Living on campus
- Electives in Digital Management
- Students from all over the world
LIVING IN ROME

• Exploring new places
• Experiencing different cultures
WHY I RECOMMEND GOING ABROAD
ACADEMIC

- Different study environment
- New courses
- Great addition to your CV
IT’S MORE THAN JUST STUDYING
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THANK YOU

For any further questions, feel free to reach out!

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HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDY ABROAD?

Step 1
- Choose a partner university

Step 2
- Do an English language test (OOPT)

Step 3
- Write a motivation letter

Step 4
- Submit your application in Osiris

Further steps
- see 10-step plan, steps 5-10.

Submit your application in Osiris well before the deadline!
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDYING ABROAD

- You have to be at least a 2nd-year Bachelor student and you have to have acquired 60 ECTS by the time of your application.
- You have to be a Bachelor or a Master student. Pre-Master students are not allowed to go on exchange.
- 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. Note that some partner universities may require an extra proof of language proficiency (not older than two years).
- Should your host university require a minimum GPA and this score is not translated into Radboud University averages on our website, please have a look at the GPA Conversion Table.
- Although there are no specific requirements to obtain a minimum number of credits while studying abroad to obtain a grant (except if you receive the Holland Scholarship – min. 10 EC), our faculty expects you to obtain at least 10-15 ECTS.
**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 (€25)
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

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 read that you have looked up information on your host university and that you know for what kind of university you are applying.
On this page you can apply for studying abroad. If you have any questions during the application, save it and contact the International Office of your faculty or your internationalisation coordinator.

On the website of the International Office you can find all information you need to know about the procedures and available options.

By clicking on ‘new request’ you will start your application procedure. Below you will find an overview of your requests for a stay abroad and its status. By clicking on ‘details’ you can find specific information about your request. Under progress you can find the status of your application.

Please make sure your personal details you have provided in Osiris are up to date.

Stay abroad requests

No records found
**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: **31 January**
  - European (Erasmus) destinations: **28 February**

  ➢ **Selection procedure:** only if there are more candidates than available places. Based on motivation letter, grades and English level (OOP).

  ➢ What happens if I have non-EU an EU destinations on my list?
  ➢ Missed the deadline? Remaining places; first come, first served

• For IEB / IBA different deadlines apply.
• Contact: Ms. Joyce Opdenoordt, coordinator IEB / IBA
WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I AM SELECTED?

• IMO will inform you via Osiris about your selection.

• IMO will nominate you at the partner university or at Radboud International (Team Student Life and International Mobility – SLIM).

• The host university will provide you with their registration procedure.

• If you are eligible for a grant (Erasmus+, Individual Travel Grant or Holland 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!
INTERNERSHIP ABROAD
How and when?

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

• Find an internship yourself:
  ➢ AIESEC
  ➢ ‘Bedrijfskunde Informatiepunt Stage (BIS – For Business Administration)
  ➢ Career Service NSM

• 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
• 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 deadlines for applications for internships abroad. However, do apply in time for the grants (if applicable)
RESEARCH ABROAD
• Are you going to conduct a research project abroad?

• You may be eligible for a grant!

• The Central International Office 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 deadlines for applications research abroad. However, do apply in time for the grant (if applicable)

• *Individual Travel Grant* for research abroad.
SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS
SUMMER / WINTER SCHOOLS

- Short stay abroad: usually 1-6 weeks
- You should obtain credits
- IMO-website Summer and Winter Schools for application procedures, tips for Summer and Winter schools
- 35 grants per year
HOW TO APPLY FOR A SUMMER OR WINTER SCHOOL?

Check the application procedure on the IMO-website Summer/Winter Schools

Special procedures apply for:

Business Administration students

Economics and Business Economics students
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)

• Electives / substitution of courses (Note: you cannot take any NSM exams abroad!)

• Make sure your selected courses are approved by your study advisor / Examining Board
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:

• Study Advisors: www.ru.nl/nsm/studyadvisors

• International Mobility Office: https://www.ru.nl/nsm/imo/outgoing-students/
WHAT DO I NEED?
A STRONG PLAN AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

• Start planning in time: about 1 year in advance for study exchanges

• Consult your study advisor

• Talk to fellow students
  - students who have been abroad
  - international students studying at NSM

• Make an appointment with the IMO if you have any questions.
Just do it, you will not regret it and you will have some of the best time of your life!

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!

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.

I think studying abroad is a lot more than studying itself!
HOUSING ABROAD
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 or
- Holland Scholarship Grant, see www.ru.nl/studyabroadgrants
- 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)
- 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 2023 (provisional date) for submitting your proposal to VSBfonds.
   • Please check the entire timeline and procedures at Nijmegen School of Management here: VSBfonds Grants - International Mobility Office (ru.nl)
WHO CAN HELP ME WITH MY QUESTIONS?
WHOM DO I CONTACT WHEN I HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Check our website: https://www.ru.nl/nsm/imo/outgoing-students/
- Send an email: imo@fm.ru.nl
- Make an appointment with the International Mobility Office through our website
- Ask your study advisor
- Read testimonials by students who studied abroad (student experiences)
- Take part in Radboud Go Abroad sessions from your own study programme during the Radboud Go Abroad week, 3-6 October
INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY OFFICE

Coordinators:

- Nataša Bračko (incoming and outgoing exchange)
- Beate Durlinger (incoming and outgoing exchange)
- Joyce Opdenoordt (Study Abroad and Global Experience Coordinator / IBA and IEB-coordinator)
- Lotte Jansen, student assistant
- David Bloem, student assistant

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The most recent information about study and internship abroad and COVID-19 can be found on the website of Radboud International:

- Dutch
- English
QUESTIONS?

Don’t forget about the other RGA sessions and the two IMO sessions on 18 and 20 October!