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TURING SCHEME: THE UK'S NEW STUDENT MOBILITY PROGRAMME

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SESSION OUTLINE AND SPEAKERS

- **Welcome by Vivienne Stern, Director, Universities UK International**
- **Presentation on the Turing Scheme by Naquita Lewis, Implementation Manager of the Turing Scheme, British Council**
- **International Engagement with the Turing Scheme by Almut Caspary, Higher Education and Science Lead for the EU Region, British Council**
- **Making the most of Partnerships by Annette Kratz and Emily Sinclair, Outward Student Mobility Lead, UUKi**
- **Questions and Answers**

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The UK's global programme
to study and work abroad



Higher Education Overview

Naquita Lewis, Implementation Manager of the
Turing Scheme



The Turing Scheme is the UK programme for global educational opportunities.
The delivery partner is a consortium of the British Council and Ecorys UK.

Overview

- The UK has now announced the introduction of a new international educational mobility scheme with a global reach, The Turing Scheme
- Open to higher education, further and vocational education and training and schools organisations in the UK and British Overseas Territories
- £110m has been allocated for the first year. The scheme will facilitate approximately 35,000 UK outward mobilities.
- No geographical restrictions for host countries and no priority countries
- The window for application for UK providers opened on 12 March 2021.
- Results for HE are expected to be issued in July 2021.

Turing Scheme Objectives

Global Britain – In line with the UK Government's vision of a Global Britain, Turing Scheme projects support high-quality placements, enhance existing partnerships and encourage the forging of new relationships across the world.

Levelling up – Turing Scheme projects widen participation and support social mobility across the UK. They should help and promote equal access and opportunities to all students, learners and pupils regardless of background.

Developing key skills – These projects offer unique, career-building opportunities. They give participants the hard and soft skills sought by employers, and bridge the gap between education and work.

Value for UK taxpayers – These projects optimise social value in terms of potential costs, benefits and risks.

Eligibility

Applicant organisation

- Recognised HE provider in the UK or a British Overseas Territory
- No consortia possible for HE

Participants

- Students currently registered, or have graduated in the last 12 months, in a UK or a British Overseas Territory HE provider and enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree or another recognised tertiary level qualification
- Full-time or part-time
- No restrictions on year of study
- No restrictions on nationality

Eligibility

Activities

- UK HE students (and recent graduates) can undertake a study or work placement abroad
- Eligible mobility period: 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022
- Minimum duration: 4 weeks
- Maximum duration: 12 months
- Can take place anywhere in the world (subject to FCDO travel advice)

Eligibility

Host organisation

- A non-UK HE provider
- Any non-UK public or private organisation active in the labour market or in the fields of education and training
- Applicant organisation responsible for ensuring that they have suitable agreements/arrangements in place with the host organisation, but no specific inter-institutional agreement required
- Cannot be HEI's own branch campus

Grants

Organisational support

- Fixed amount per participant for the UK HE provider

Cost of living

- Destination countries will be grouped into three categories: Group 1 (high cost of living), Group 2 (medium cost of living), Group 3 (lower cost of living).
- Top-ups available for those from disadvantaged backgrounds

Grants – Disadvantaged background

Travel

- Dependent on distance between the home organisation and the host organisation.
- Further financial assistance available for exceptionally expensive travel.
- Funding available for additional costs incurred such as passports/visas/insurance etc.

Grants – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Additional support

- For those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) the scheme will fund up to 100% of actual costs for support directly related to their additional needs.
- This funding will also cover preparatory visits to ensure participants will be able to equally access and take part in all elements of a placement.

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International Engagement – EU Region

Almut Caspary, Higher Education Lead British Council EU Region

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The British Council

The British Council is the UK's Cultural Relations organisation. We build connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language. The British Council runs the Study UK campaign which provides practical information and insights for students interested in studying in the UK.

The roots of the British Council lie in Europe. Our first offices opened in Europe in 1938 and we have supported educational and cultural relations with countries of Europe ever since. We have offices in 24 EU countries and Switzerland, and work remotely in the Nordics.

#BritishCouncilEurope #StudyUK

Our engagement on the Turing Scheme

UK Department of Education (DfE) has asked UK embassies, the Department for Trade (DIT) and British Council to engage overseas stakeholders on the Turing Scheme.

In the UK, the British Council is working with UUKi, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and English UK to explore how to encourage reciprocal mobility schemes/arrangements.

In country, the British Council is hosting Turing conversations with sector partners: ministries of education, national rectors' conferences, national funding organisations, individual universities.

Objectives for our engagement in EU Region

The British Council, working with the British Embassy and on behalf of the UK government provide support and information for the higher education sector in EU countries working with UK partners to get the most out of the scheme.

- **Introduce and discuss** the Turing Scheme with European HE partners to **understand concerns** and **explore benefits**, and to **engage their interest** in participating in or enabling institutions to support the scheme;
- supporting UK HE sector interests across Europe;
- ensure all EU countries are covered by our Turing engagement;
- convene discussions on long-term reciprocity as offshoot of the scheme.

Our main messages

1. The Turing Scheme has been designed to support UK enrolled students **from all backgrounds** to study and work abroad anywhere in the world. In HE, students can go overseas from 4 weeks to a year.
2. The Turing Scheme is **institution-led, bottom-up, flexible and adaptable** – existing partnerships can be enhanced and new partnerships can be shaped through the scheme without any pre-set templates or boundaries.
3. There are no restrictions around students' nationality, study level, mode of study (full-time or part-time), subject or destination country.
4. This first year is the ideal time for EU higher education partners to start engaging with the scheme and to discuss future plans with their UK counterparts. There is **room to shape the scheme and offer constructive feedback** on many areas of the scheme.

Timetable of activities

April-May 2021

Country conversations under way
Development of resources in country
Turing pages on British Council country websites

British Council, UK embassies, DfE, UK partners

June-Sept 2021

Follow-up discussions and webinars with gov and sector stakeholders, universities
Collecting best practice examples from applications

British Council country with embassy

Sept-Dec 2021

Country roundtables 'what is working, what could go better'

British Council country with embassy

Curious to hear some of our feedback?

- EU countries welcome a scheme that will continue to send international students to their campuses and support internationalisation at home.
- Turing (at present) only covers student mobility; it does not fill the gap left by Erasmus+ to support academic / researcher mobility, or other sorts of university partnerships.
- How can a European country (especially smaller countries) compete for the attention of UK universities against big international markets?
- With no template agreement to follow, institutional collaborations are easy to start.
- It's inspirational that Turing focuses on widening access and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds – this can count towards EU universities' own diversity on campus.

For more information, please get in touch!

<https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/>

British Council country website

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HOW INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CAN ENGAGE WITH TURING

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HOW INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CAN ENGAGE WITH TURING

- What can institutions do in the short- and long-term
- What are the main changes to existing relationships
- What opportunities does Turing offer
- What will Turing not do
- Agreements

KEY POINTS DURING FIRST YEAR OF TURING: 2021 - 2022

- **Erasmus funding until Sept 2022 or May 2023**
- **Graduate opportunities from September 2021 for 12 months**
- **Global scheme, beyond Erasmus programme countries**
- **20% funding in Erasmus to send to non-partner countries. UK may be considered.**
- **Bilateral partnerships between individual institutions, as with Australia, USA**

PROMOTION OF STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Inform UK universities of short-term programmes for international study or work:

- International summer schools
- Language and cultural programmes; experiences in local communities
- Programmes incorporating work experience in local companies
- Custom-made programme for student groups from one university
- Discipline based programmes

PROMOTION OF STUDY ABROAD/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Minimum length: 4 weeks**
- **Can be fee-paying programmes**
- **Consider adapting programmes to extend to 4 weeks (with orientation; opening event; extra language or cultural activities)**
- **Structured and quality programmes; group activities; emphasis on care of students (to target disadvantaged students)**

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- **Communicate now with partners**
- **Raise your profile with UK partners: let partners know what opportunities exist: fee waiver possibilities and/or discounts; part of student exchange collaboration**
- **Develop current partnerships through initiatives which meet criteria of Turing Scheme (UG research in summer, summer schools)**
- **Consider initiatives for research and postgraduate students**

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - AGREEMENTS

- **No prescribed agreement template for Turing**
- **Be flexible whilst waiting for adequacy decision (GDPR)**
- **Consider current agreements with partners. How can new activities be incorporated into those (with addendums, annexes)**
- **Light touch agreement if students attending fee-paying summer schools**

WORK/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Help link UK partners with your Career Offices**
- **Volunteering**
- **Medical Electives, Vet, Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedics placements**
- **Make local companies aware of Turing grants in your country**
- **Lobby national governments to make visa processes easier**

NATIONAL SCHEME

21 March 2021, Welsh Government announced a new International Learning Exchange programme.

Learners and staff, from Wales and those who come to study or work in Wales, will continue to benefit from international exchanges in a similar way to Erasmus+ opportunities, not just in Europe but also further afield.

2022 – 2026 supported by £65 million from Welsh Government. Potentially includes 30% of funding for incoming students.

<https://gov.wales/new-international-learning-exchange-programme-make-good-loss-erasmus>

Thank you for listening.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/>

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/international>

Any further questions? Email outwardmobility@international.ac.uk