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Agenda

- Overview: International Exchange and Erasmus
- Other Types of Mobility Options
- Things to Consider before Applying
- Next Steps:
 - Application Process
 - Timelines
- Student Panel
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Overview: International Exchange and Erasmus

International Exchange v. Erasmus+

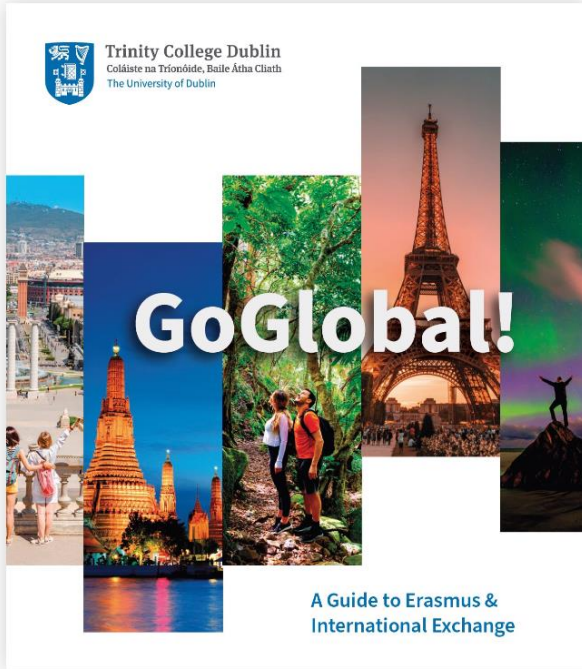
International Exchange

- Study abroad at one of Trinity's partner universities **outside of Europe.**
- Applications for international exchange are managed by Trinity Global and are open to students in many Schools/Departments.
- Some schools have school-wide exchange partners outside of Europe. (ex. Business, Law)
- You can apply for a Global Mobility Bursary to receive funding for your time abroad.

Erasmus+

- Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport **within Europe.**
- Applications are managed by Trinity Schools/Departments & students apply to their subject areas' Erasmus partner universities (with 3 exceptions: Coimbra, CHARM, ELAN)
- You are eligible to apply for an Erasmus+ Grant
- Erasmus+ allows for more opportunities for teaching and learning in a native language.

Go Global Guide: International Exchange and Erasmus+



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Go Global Guide

- The Go Global Guide is an excellent resource to explore your global mobility options, resources, timelines for applications, student testimonials and more!
- You can access the Go Global Guide on Trinity Global's Mobility website.



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College-Wide International Exchange

WHERE CAN I GO?

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PARTNERS



CANADA

McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo



UNITED STATES

Barnard College
Boston College
Drexel University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
New York University
University of California
University of Chicago
University of Florida
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin at Madison



CHILE

Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez



ERASMUS EXCHANGE PARTNERS

More than 250 Erasmus & European partners in 28 countries.



MOROCCO

Université Internationale de Rabat



SOUTH AFRICA

Stellenbosch University



EGYPT

American University Cairo



AUSTRALIA

Australian National University
Monash University
University of Melbourne
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Technology Sydney
University of Western Australia
University of Wollongong
University of Sydney



JORDAN

University of Science & Technology



THAILAND

Mahidol University



SOUTH KOREA

Korea University
Seoul National University
Sungkyunkwan University
Yonsei University



JAPAN

Hokkaido University
Kyoto University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University



CHINA

Fudan University
Peking University
University of Nottingham Ningbo, China



HONG KONG

Chinese University of Hong Kong
City University Hong Kong
Hong Kong University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Hong Kong Polytechnic University



SINGAPORE

LASALLE College of the Arts
National University of Singapore
Singapore Management University

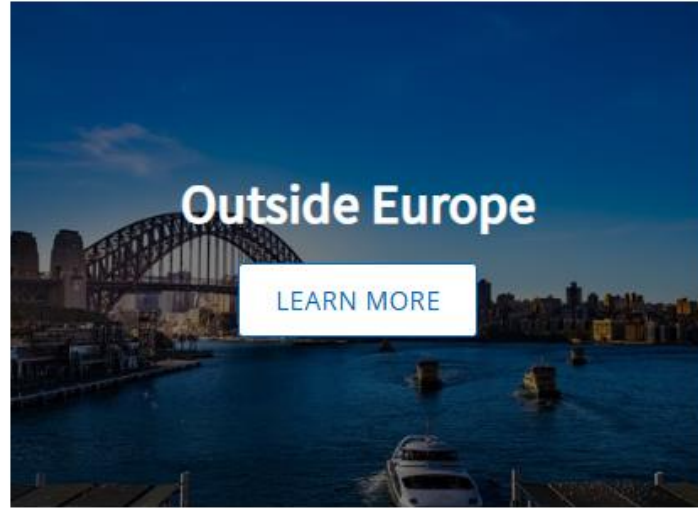


NEW ZEALAND

University of Auckland
Auckland University of Technology
University of Otago

International Exchange: Where can I go?

<https://www.tcd.ie/global/mobility/outbound/where-can-i-go/>



International Exchange: Where can I go?

Trinity has over 60 partnerships worldwide. You can apply to study at universities in the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Chile
- Egypt
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Morocco
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- United States of America

You can find a list of all the universities in each country on Trinity Global's website.

International Exchange: How to Select your Exchange Location Preferences

Step 1:

Review and research available host universities and confirm course availability. Can select up to 6 host university preferences.



Step 2:

Attend Information Sessions. Discuss your exchange host university preferences with your Academic Mobility Coordinator(s) and receive approval.



Step 3:

Provide your host university preferences on your application to Trinity Global and submit by the Nov. 14th deadline.



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How are College-Wide International Exchange Applications Assessed?



College-Wide Exchange – Exchange Offer Matrix

Criteria for Assessment

Details to Review

Overall Marks from Year Prior

- II.1 or above (60 minimum) for exchange offer consideration
- II.2 (50-59) not considered for college-wide exchange initial round of offers. *Potential offer in final round dependent on GPA requirements at host university preferences.*

Assess and evaluate students marks based on their faculty affiliation, noting that students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) faculty receive higher weighted marks compared to other faculties.



College-Wide Exchange – Exchange Offer Matrix

Criteria for Assessment

Details to Review

Personal Statement

- Factors that informed their exchange university preference selections
- Academic motivations for participating in the exchange
- Personal Motivations: Relevant personal considerations may include a connection to the location, a desire to engage in sports or student societies at the host university, or how the university and its setting support long-term academic or career goals.



College-Wide Exchange – Exchange Offer Matrix

Criteria for Assessment

Space Availability and Academic Suitability

Details to Review

- Evaluate the number of available spaces at host university preferences to determine which preference can be offered to student.
- Verify academic eligibility and any programme restrictions at host university preferences to ensure student can participate in exchange at preferred location.

International Exchange Programme: Competitiveness

Highly Competitive

- New York University
- University of Chicago
- Barnard College
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Sydney
- University of Melbourne
- McGill University
- Nanyang Technological University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- University of Toronto
- Drexel University

Moderately Competitive

- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Boston College
- National University of Singapore
- University of Notre Dame
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Queensland
- University of Western Australia
- Stellenbosch University
- University of British Columbia

Least Competitive

- University of Nottingham, Ningbo
- Waseda University
- Mahidol University
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Waterloo
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- City University of Hong Kong
- University of Florida
- Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez



International Exchange: Restrictions and Reminders

Prior to submitting your application, all your selected international exchange locations **must be academically approved by your Academic Mobility Coordinator(s)**.

Some universities have specific restrictions to note. This might impact your decision making when it comes to selecting your location preferences on your application. For example:

- **University of Pennsylvania:** Only open to students studying at UPenn's College of Arts and Sciences
- **Drexel University:** Can pursue exchange during Hilary Term only, due to their academic calendar structure
- **Barnard College:** Women's college that enrolls female students only. Hilary Term only.
- **Universities in China:** Universities in China do not permit Chinese citizens to participate in the exchange programme.
- **University of Southern California:** Only open to semester students applying to Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Visit the "Where Can I Go" page on the Global Mobility website for more details and partner university specific restrictions.

International Exchange: Restrictions

Some students will be restricted in terms of where they can go whereas students in some School/Departments are taking modules that are easier to access across the world:

- **Engineering Students:** Can only go abroad for a Full Year or Hilary Term. Semester 1 only exchange is not permitted.
- Students taking single honours subjects such as **History, English Literature, or Mathematics** tend to have more options available as these subjects tend to be widely offered across the world and their academic programme is not as rigid.

International Exchange: Restrictions – Computer Science

- Computer Science courses can be limited at certain partner universities due to the capacity to enrol exchange students and the popularity of the courses.
- For Erasmus, student applications will be entertained only during a fixed window for expressions of preferences in the second half of January (exact dates to be announced) -- preferences stated outside that window are not considered.

Rules that apply to SCSS students other than of CSLL seeking an Erasmus option:

- it is necessary to earn a II.1 or better in annual assessment periods prior to the exchange, without recourse to supplemental assessment;
- it is necessary to have sufficient fluency in the primary language of the host institution to support participation in lectures, assessments and civil administration;
- only full-year exchanges are supported;
- there is a single round of placement allocation.

International Exchange FYI: University of California

- University of California has **multiple campuses**: Berkeley, San Diego, San Francisco, Irvine, Davis, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, Riverside, Merced and Santa Barbara.
- If you receive an offer to apply for exchange at University of California, you will then apply to UC and note your top three-four UC campuses on your application.
- Please research a minimum of three UC campuses. Due to the demand at some of the more popular campuses and course availability, UC may place applicants at campuses other than their first choice. Explore all opportunities UC has to offer!
- The decision on your campus placement is determined by UC. After your application is reviewed by UC, you will be notified of your campus placement. Trinity Global cannot amend or influence your campus placement.
- Please keep this placement process in mind when considering University of California as an exchange location.

Accepting an Offer from Trinity Global for International Exchange

- Usually approx. three offer rounds will take place with **the majority of offers issued in the first round**. Places that become available will then be offered in the second round and so on.
- While we would love to be able to offer every student their first preference, this is not possible, and many students will not be offered their first choice due to available exchange places at partner universities.

***Scenario 1:** Sara applies for International Exchange and lists a preference of four universities in her application. During the first round, she is offered Monash University. This is her third choice. If Sara accepts this offer, **she will not be offered any other places in subsequent rounds** but it means that she will get to go on exchange. She decides that she would prefer to hold out in hopes of being offered her first preference, NYU, so she rejects the offer to Monash University. In the second round, Sara is not offered anything. In the third round, she is offered Kyoto University which is her fourth preference. She accepts as she has always wanted to go to Japan but she wonders if she should have accepted her first round offer...*



Accepting an Offer from Trinity Global for International Exchange – Student Testimonial

Audrey Brown, PPES 2025: *When first applying for International Exchange, I hoped to attend the University of Melbourne, in Australia. During the first round, I received an offer from Yonsei University in South Korea. I knew very little about the university or country but decided to do some research before rejecting and trying for Melbourne again in round two. After emailing with Trinity students who had attended Yonsei in previous years, I decided to accept the offer after hearing about their experiences. I think it is important to remain open to the prospect that you may not get your first offer and find comfort in the fact that many students share a similar experience, and still have a wonderful time on exchange.*



A Word of Caution...

When it comes to deciding whether to accept an offer or not, it is worth bearing the following scenario in mind:

Scenario 2: *Sam has applied for International Exchange and has listed five universities for exchange location preferences. When the first round is issued, he is offered University of Florida, his fifth choice. Sam isn't happy with this and decides he wants to wait to see if he receives a better offer. He rejects University of Florida. Sam is not offered anything in the second round. The third and final rounds are issued, and he does not receive another offer because all his other preferences are full. Sam does not get to go on exchange.*





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Erasmus+



Erasmus + Where can I go?

Available destinations vary by school

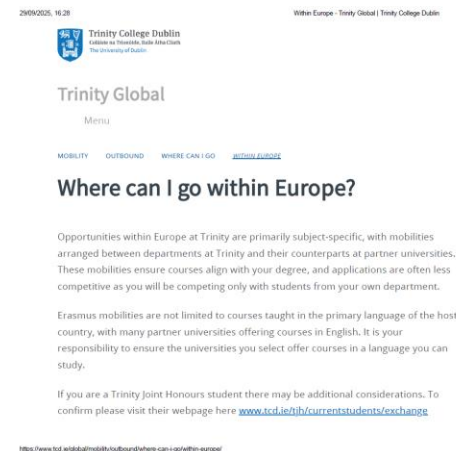
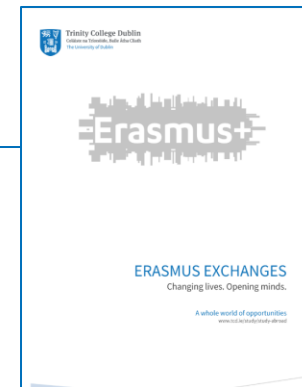
Over 200 partner universities

- Austria
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- Turkey
- UK & Switzerland (not part of Erasmus+)



Erasmus + Where can I go?

- Attend your departmental information sessions, if applicable
- Academic Mobility Coordinator contacts and destinations can be viewed on the Global Outbound webpages – this will be updated with new coordinator information for 2025/26 next week.
- Don't forget to check your School/Department webpages for updated information!
- Note: Some TCD departments' participate in Erasmus traineeships (placements and/or research) often in lieu of a study based experience.





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Other mobility options



College Wide Erasmus+

- Trinity is a part of some networks that offer Erasmus+ exchanges not tied to a particular TCD School/Department
- **CHARM/Coimbra Group** exchange network: Trinity Global. View the fact sheet online for more information.
 - Apply for these programmes via the college wide, international exchange application.
- **ELAN** (European Liberal Arts Network): Managed by Dr David Ditchburn, School of Histories and Humanities
 - Faculty of Arts students only





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Finances



International Exchange: Global Mobility Bursary

- Students going on an international exchange are eligible to apply for a Global Mobility Bursary.
- This is a separate application form sent to the eligible cohort by Trinity Global.
- Competitive application process
- In previous years, bursaries were between 500-1000 euro.
- Students on SUSI grants are prioritised for this funding.
- Please note that support is subject to budget approval by College leadership

Erasmus+: Grant for Study

Funding dependent on student demand – not guaranteed

- **€385 per month in 24/25**
- Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden
- **€330 per month in 24/25**
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, North Macedonia, Turkey
- All amounts are subject to change
- €150 per month top-up for trainees
- Funding for mobility to other countries is possible (max. 20% of overall budget)
- Funding for UK exchanges is not available through Erasmus+.
- Switzerland Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP) funding (approx. €400)
- Green travel: financial incentive + up to four funded travel days €30-80 in case of travel support or €50 on top of mobility grant

Erasmus + Additional Supports

Historically students in receipt of SUSI grants (national criteria)

- SUSI & BTEA grant is still provided while on Erasmus
- €250/pm top-up **may** be allocated if the mobility is mandatory (dependent on adequate funding being allocated to Trinity by HEA and European Commission). The Global Mobility Team provides more information on this as it is made available by the HEA/European Commission.
- Extra financial support is also available to students with a disability who may require specific services while abroad.



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Considerations



Application requirements

Grade requirement

- College requirement is that students must have a minimum grade of 2:2. Please note: this is a minimum requirement, and the process is highly competitive.
- Some Schools/Departments may require 2:1

Language requirement

- Typically a B2 in the language of instruction is required- do your research on target modules
- **Erasmus+** Language support & placement test available through EU 'Online Linguistics Support' EU Academy

Academic Considerations

Your study abroad semester/year counts toward your final Trinity grade. You will create a learning agreement with pre-approved modules that you can take at the host university to satisfy your Trinity course requirements.

Course load requirements:

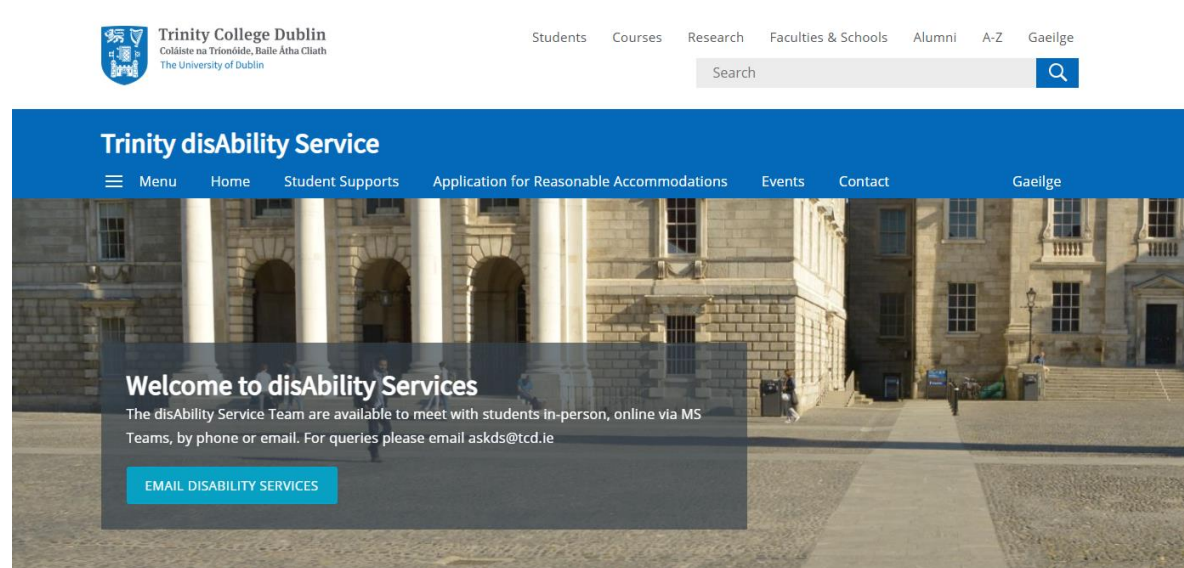
- Full Year: 60 ECTS / 1 Semester: 30 ECTS. Assessed on 45 or 20
- Your modules must be approved by your academic coordinator
- Do not register for a module without their approval
- Ensure you are taking the correct amount of credits (IN LINE WITH PATHWAY)
- The Learning Agreement must be signed before you begin your exchange
- Beware! Some universities do not allow you to change your course choices

Accommodation & Visas

- Remember: Housing is **not guaranteed** by the majority of universities. Most will provide you with advice on how to find suitable housing, but you will ultimately be responsible for finding and financing your own accommodation and travel.
- The cost of accommodation varies significantly – research this carefully.
- Visas can take time and money to apply for, please consider this if you are going on an international exchange or a non-European citizen going on an Erasmus exchange. To obtain a visa, you may also need to show evidence of funds, vary by location.

Disability supports & access

- Askds@tcd.ie - reference Erasmus
- Get in touch with your DS Officer about going abroad.
- Online checklist
- [Inclusivemobility.eu](https://www.inclusivemobility.eu)



Budgeting

- Accommodation
- Travel
- Food & Transportation
- Visa expenses
- Health & Travel insurance
- Academic Supplies
- Entertainment/social expenses
- Trinity College fees (NOT host university fees)

Remember: Students should thoroughly research the host country cost of living there are tools available to assess. For example: <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

Note: The Erasmus Grant and Global Mobility Bursary are distributed *after* arrival in host country. You should not factor these amounts into your initial budget.

Diversity and Safety

- Consider doing some research into your host country; customs, attitudes, law etc.
- For example, if you are part of the LGBTQ+ community, you might want to explore LGBTQ+ travel guides, talk with LGBTQ+ friends or colleagues who have visited the region/area before
- Research the laws of your host country regarding LGBTQ+ issues and expressions of LGBTQ+ identity.
- Try to carry out your research when travelling abroad outside your country of exchange i.e. to neighbouring countries – attitudes and legal context may be different
- Get in touch with the host university to see if they have any recommendations or suggestions for campus resources once you have been accepted.
- <https://erasmusgeneration.org/> Erasmus Generation: Cost of Living, Rainbow Index, Quality of Life





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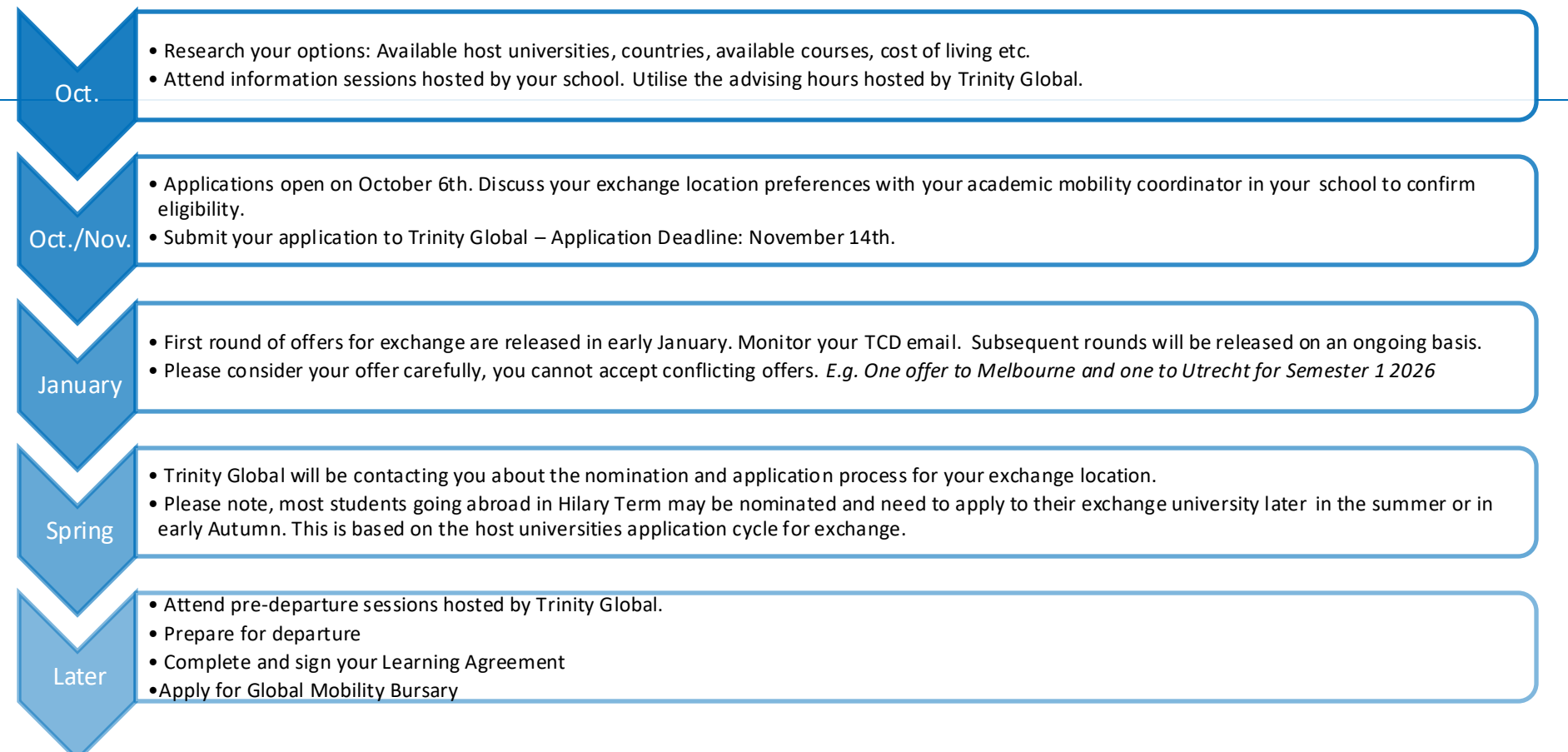
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Next Steps



International Exchange: Next steps



International Exchange: Timeline



Applications Open: Monday, October 6th

Deadline for applications: Friday, November 14th

Offers: First round offers sent Wednesday, January 7th – *one week to respond to offer.*

The Central Application Form

- The Central Application Form will be made available on the following website:
<https://www.tcd.ie/global/mobility/outbound/>
- Select the universities you wish to apply for ranked in preference. Only select universities you are sure you wish to attend as you could be offered **any** of your preferences. This is a very competitive programme.
- You will be asked to write a short personal statement. In the personal statement, you will have to outline why you believe your top choices are the best academic and personal fit.
- Multiple rounds of offers may be involved. You must accept or reject the offer within the specified time period or it will be offered to another student.
- **Please Note: Your School may have school-specific requirements to apply. Please consult your school coordinator for further information**

Helpful Application Tips and Reminders



Spaces are limited at exchange partners and locations are competitive. Trinity Global cannot guarantee you will be offered your preference. We will have 3+ rounds of offers for exchange locations. It is the student's responsibility to respond to the offer prior to the deadline.



Once you have accepted your offer, you will be notified of the next steps to be nominated to the host university and submit your application as an incoming exchange student.



For Joint Honours or Major/Minor students; make sure to email all academic coordinators relevant to your degree to ensure you fulfil all requirements to continue in your program at Trinity.



**List of Academic Mobility Coordinators per Program/Department :
<https://www.tcd.ie/global/mobility/outbound/>**



Erasmus+: Next Steps

Now

- Research options, and attend department info sessions
- Follow your department(s) application procedure (Note: for College-Wide Erasmus (CHARM/Coimbra), apply through central exchange application)

New Year

- Receive placement decision from school, and accept or reject offer
- Trinity nominates you to partner university (later for Hilary Term exchange)
- Complete host university application form (later for Hilary Term exchange)

Later

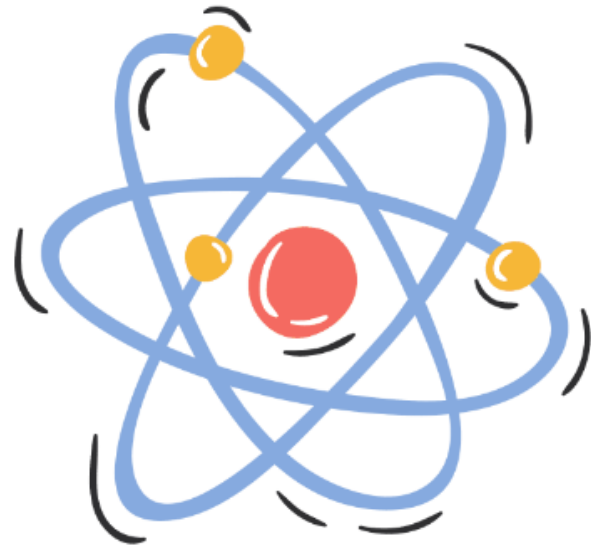
- Organise grant documentation (Insurance, Erasmus Learning Agreement, etc.)
- Attend pre-departure session
- Prepare for departure (find accommodation, etc.)

Trinity Joint Honours (TJH) Students

- Normally expected to study both subjects while abroad.
- You must ensure partner universities offer the subject areas/modules you require & that they allow you to take modules in multiple subject areas on exchange.
- View <https://www.tcd.ie/tjh/currentstudents/exchange/> webpage for detailed information about pathway requirements and FAQs for JH students.
- **Contact:** tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie

What about my mentorship?

- If your degree requires you to pick a mentorship subject for third year, you will need to ensure that whichever host university you want to go to can accommodate your expected mentorship area.
- For example, if you are a TR060 student, you will need to research if potential universities offer enough specific modules in Neuroscience if that is your expected mentorship for next year.
- The same scenario is in place for TR063 students taking Physical Sciences.
- It is always good to have alternative choices picked out for mobility as mentorships are not guaranteed.
- **Please note that not all mentorships can accommodate a mobility**



Support

Trinity Global: global.mobility@tcd.ie

Academic Mobility Coordinators

- Advise on modules, credits, and sign learning agreement.

Peer to Peer support: Student ambassadors & peer contacts (student advising will be promoted once applications are open)

Disability Officer: askds@tcd.ie

Follow us on social media: @TCDGlobalRoom (Instagram, Twitter)



In person & Virtual Mobility Advising Hours

- Beginning the Week of 6th October, students may book in for advising appointments with the Global Mobility team:
- <https://outlook.office.com/book/OutboundMobilityVirtualAdvising@TCDUD.onmicrosoft.com/>
- Beginning Thursday 9th October, in-person advising is available in the afternoon 2 - 5 p.m. in the mobility pod located in the Arts Block
- Thursdays 2 – 5 p.m. Closed Reading Week





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Student Panel

