

Turing Scheme - Student FAQs

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What is the TuringScheme?

The [Turing Scheme](#) provides funding for students studying in the UK to undertake periods of study or work placement across the world. This enables the University to provide students with the opportunity to develop new skills, gain international experience and improve their employability. In addition, students can develop a range of soft skills, enhance their language skills and develop their intercultural understanding.

Oxford Brookes University was successful in the 2021/22 bidding cycle and secured funding for students to take up these opportunities. We will continue to bid on a yearly basis to enable students to have these enriching experiences. We are keen to support as many students as possible in having a global experience as part of their studies at Oxford Brookes.

1. Will there be Turing mobility funding in place for 2022/23?

The British Government pledged that the Turing Scheme will continue for at least 3 more years, up to the 2024/25 academic year. However, institutional funding is allocated according to a yearly competitive bidding process and there are no guarantees as to the amount we will be able to attract year on year.

The University submitted a funding bid for the 2022//23 academic year, the outcome of which will be communicated in July 2022. Please note that individual student funding is not guaranteed even if the University is successful in attracting this funding. It is unclear what amount the University will receive as a result of the competitive bidding process. Once funding is confirmed, we will contact students going on mobility placements who are eligible for Turing funding.

2. How can I apply for Turing funding?

Students cannot apply directly to the Turing team for funding. Universities submit an institutional bid based on predicted mobilities for the next funding cycle. The Global Mobility Team (studyabroad@brookes.ac.uk) manages this process and works closely with Faculties to submit accurate projected mobility numbers.

Once the amount of Turing funding for the University is confirmed, eligible students will be contacted by the Global Mobility team to complete the required paperwork as outlined below:

- Student Learning Agreement
- Student Arrival/Departure Certificate
- Student Funding Agreement

- For students from disadvantaged backgrounds, extra documents might be required in order to receive the top up grant such as proof of family income, flight tickets, etc.

Information about Turing funding and the application process is also communicated during pre-departure briefings. Please contact the Global Mobility Team (studyabroad@brookes.ac.uk) for further guidance.

3. When do I apply for Turing funding?

You do not need to apply for funding, eligible students will be contacted directly with documents which need to be filled in in order to receive the funding. This will be no earlier than the end of summer for those departing the following academic year in line with the time when the amount of funding received by the University is confirmed by the Turing team.

4. When will I get my grant?

Upon arrival, and upon completion of the Arrival Certificate, you will receive your Funding Agreement from the Global Mobility Team confirming the total amount of your Grant for the duration of your stay in the destination country (whether at a partner university or on a work placement). You will receive 80% of the total amount at the beginning of your stay and the remaining 20% after you depart and upon the completion of your Departure Certificate. Please note that payments can take up to 10 working days to process.

5. How does Turing funding affect student finance for UK students?

If you get a maintenance loan in the UK, you'll still be eligible for this when you are abroad. You will also receive a tuition fee loan for your home university in line with current study abroad arrangements. If you choose to go on study placement to a University Partner tuition fees at the overseas university will be waived. [See the full list of University Partners here.](#)

If you currently receive any grants because you have children or are disabled, you'll continue to receive these.

6. What happens if I decide to come back home from my placement but I have already received my Turing Funding?

If you decide to come back home after less than a month (4 weeks) on placement, and you received 80% of your Turing Funding, you will be asked to repay the entire amount back to the Global Mobility Team.

If you return to the UK after at least 4 weeks spent on your mobility placement (study or work placement) and you were paid for 80% of the funding, you will only be eligible to keep the amount covering the time period you have spent on placement and will be required to repay the remaining amount.

For example, a student going on a placement to Canada for 6 months will receive 80% of the funding as part of the initial grant to cover the first 4.8 months of the placement. If they decide to return after 3 months, they will be able to keep the

funding covering the 3 month period, but they will have to return the funding for the remaining 1.8 months of the placement they gave up. There will also not be a final payment covering the remaining 20% of the period - the remaining 1.2 months out of the 6.

If you currently receive any grants because you have children or are disabled, you'll continue to receive these.

7. What additional funding is available for students with students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEN/D)?

Turing will fund up to 100% of actual costs for support directly related to the students' additional needs.

This funding will also cover preparatory visits by the sending organisation to carry out risk assessments and ensure participants will be able to equally access and take part in all elements of a placement. Pre-visits can be for a maximum duration of three days, and funding can be used for both learners and accompanying staff.

8. What are the placement requirements for this to be eligible for Turing funding?

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Duration - between 4 weeks and 12 months
- Type of placement - study or work placement
- Destination - anywhere in the world provided FCDO does not advise against travel. As long as Erasmus+ funding is available (until May 2023), funding will not be available for Erasmus+ Programme countries (includes most of Europe)
- Period within which the placement must take place - the majority of the mobility placement must take place between September and August of the academic year for which funding applies. The funding will only cover the period of the mobility within the September to August period
- Level of study of participants - students can be at any stage of their studies, UG or PG. Work placements can take place within 12 months of graduation

9. What country can I go to for a Turing funded Mobility placement?

The Turing funded mobility placement can take place in any country outside the UK bearing in mind FCDO advice.

While Erasmus funding is still available until May 2023, Turing funding will only apply for mobility placements outside of Europe. There is no possibility for students to receive Erasmus + Funding and Turing Funding simultaneously if they study in Europe. (Only Erasmus+ Funding will apply).

For study placements, [please find a list of all university partners where students can go on mobility here](#). The outgoing exchange coordinators should be able to offer advice on recent study placements other students have undertaken. [The contact list is here](#).

10. When can I go on a Turing funded Mobility placement?

Individual HE study placements may start before the 1st September or end after 31st August, if necessitated by semester dates in other countries/territories, but the majority of the placement duration should happen between the eligibility dates of 1 September – 31 August. Participants will only receive funding for the duration that takes place during the eligible time period, and placements will still need to respect the programme minimum and maximum durations during that window in order to be eligible for funding.

11. What does Turing funding cover?

Funding for students covers:

- Cost of living - amount depends on destination and length of activity
- Additional funding (cost of living) for students from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Travel costs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Additional costs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds such as passport/visa/health insurance etc
- Additional support for those with students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEN/D)

12. Where can I get advice about visas?

Students are responsible for arranging their own visas and making their own travel arrangements. Visa requirements vary from country to country. Students will need to carry out their own research to ensure compliance with the visa requirements of their destination country. Please also check FCDO advice and guidance and ensure your passport's expiry date complies with the host country's entry requirements. Please also allow sufficient time to apply for your visa as processing times will vary.

If you are allocated a study placement, the partner university will contact you directly with an application pack which generally contains information about visa requirements.

13. Who is eligible for funding - do students need to be British citizens?

Non-British citizens are eligible for funding as long as they are OBU students enrolled on a full degree programme at any level of study.

14. Do students need to be enrolled on a full time degree programme to be eligible for Turing funding?

No, both full time and part time students are eligible for Turing funding.

15. Are PG students eligible for Turing funding?

Yes, as long as they are enrolled on a full degree programme on a UK campus. Students at universities can be at any stage of their studies.

Recent graduates who have finished their course in the past 12 months can receive Turing funding for work placements (not study placements).

16. Can students apply for Erasmus funding in S1 and Turing funding in S2 and vice-versa?

Yes. Double funding for the same mobility however is not allowed and whilst we still have Erasmus funding, Turing funding will only apply to destinations outside of the EU.

17. What are my responsibilities as a recipient of Turing funding?

Your responsibility is to send us an “arrival certificate” signed and stamped by the host university upon arrival and a “departure certificate” upon departure. You physically need to be present in the host country for the entire duration of your study placement. You will be allowed to leave the host country for holidays, going back home for Christmas, etc. but you are not allowed to study online from your home country/UK and receive the funding. If you fail your year abroad you will not be asked to repay the grant back. If you cancel your studies midway and receive 80% of the funding you will be asked to repay a part of your grant back to OBU, provided you have spent a minimum of 4 weeks on placement.

18. Who do I go to for an academic reference?

Please contact your Academic Advisor for a reference.