# Information for Applicants to the Science Study Abroad Competition 2025-26

The following opportunities are expected to be available for Science students. Some hosts are limited to certain programmes and pathways due to host course availability and agreements.

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| Host | Country | | Semester | Places expected | Area |
| Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | Hong Kong SAR | | 2 | 3 | Any area of science |
| Hong Kong Baptist University | Hong Kong SAR | | 2 | 3 | Any area of science |
| John Carroll University | USA | | 2 | 2 | Any area of science |
| St Marys College California | USA | | 2 | 2 | Any area of science |
| University of California EAP\* | USA | | 2 | 2 | Any area of science |
| University of Connecticut | USA | | 2 | 2 | Any area of science |
| University of Malta | Malta | 2 | | 2 | Only Pharmacology and Physics programmes and pathways |
| University of Notre Dame | USA | | 2 | 2 | Any area of science |
| Uppsala University  Uppsala University | Sweden  Sweden | 2  2 | | 2  4 | Human biology programmes and pathways (not physiology)  Genetics and Genomics only |
| University of Groningen | Netherlands | 2 | | 4 | Genetics and Genomics only |
| Wageningen University  Wageningen University  Oviedo University | Netherlands  Netherlands  Spain | 2  2  2 | | 4  10  2 | Natural Sciences and Maths (not human biology)  Earth Sciences  Marine Science Only |
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\*Students applying to UCEAP must select at least 3 different campuses to apply to.

## Confirmation of outgoing mobility

Our College wants to provide the best opportunities so our commitment to student care, safety and learning are paramount.

* University of Galway must follow all government public health and travel guidelines and recommendations, as well as host institution and country requirements.
  + Students must **strictly adhere to all University of Galway and host instructions**.
* All exchange offers are **subject to change or cancellation** if the circumstances change.
  + We strongly advise you **not** make financial commitments related to airfare, visa applications, or accommodation until you get a confirmation.
* You are **strictly required** to have appropriate private travel insurance that includes cover for accidents, medical and emergency treatment, personal liability, cancellation/curtailment and repatriation.
* Academic regulations do not allow study abroad in 4th year. Offers to participate in outgoing mobilities cannot be postponed or transferred.

## Financial considerations

Exchanges only cover tuition fees at the host and are not fully funded. The personal costs can be significant.

Exchange programmes waive the cost of tuition for each partner, so you will not be required to pay tuition fees at the host. However, you must pay the costs of accommodation, required level of insurance, travel, living and other personal expenses yourself.

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| Country | Estimated typical cost per semester to student |
| USA | >€14,000 |
| Hong Kong | €6,000-8,000 |
| Europe | €2,000-3,000 |

* Students on Erasmus exchanges receive a monthly Erasmus stipend (see Erasmus Office for rates). On rare occasions US hosts offer benefactor stipends. Students who are not receiving any other funding will get a contribution to travel costs from their School of €750.
* University of Galway and College of Science and Engineering cannot guarantee any external funding, or tax liabilities. If funding falls through then students get the School contribution.
* University of Galway and College of Science and Engineering **cannot refund costs or provide funding that was not explicitly agreed to in advance**.

You will be required to confirm during the application process that you **fully understand the personal financial commitment required**.

## Completing your application

The application form is available on the College of Science and Engineering International Outgoing Exchanges web page.

* + [Outgoing Exchanges - University of Galway](https://universityofgalway.ie/science-engineering/international-students/outgoingexchanges/)
* **Applications must be submitted using the online form by March 16th 2025.**

Selection for outgoing mobility is a competitive process based on the online application form and personal statement, followed by consideration of all grades for 1st year and semester 1 of 2nd year. Interviews may also form part of the selection process.

* Candidates for exchanges are expected to have at least an upper 2.1 honours average (>65%) in year 1 (first sitting), and have experience of living independently.
* Selection takes into account academic excellence and adaptability, ability of adapt and contribute, personal resilience, career ambitions, and motivation for international experiences.
* **Your personal statement (400 words maximum) should inform:**

**A) How this opportunity can enhance your studies at the University of Galway.**

**B) Experiences that you have had living and adapting to new environments**

**C) How this experience aligns with your future career aims**

Studying abroad substitutes for your learning in Galway.

* You must complete aligned courses at the host.
* You will receive a single University of Galway semester grade reflecting your overall achievement at the host. This is not a simple transformation of your host grade. This substitutes for modules you would have taken in Galway, and becomes part of your final degree calculation.
* Modules to be studied at the host depend on availability and the agreement of your University of Galway academic mentor.
  + Your academic mentor is usually your programme director or the 3rd year coordinator of your intended graduating degree.
  + Courses you list in the application process are indicative only. They often need to be altered during the host registration process or after your arrival.