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“My exchange at Hogeschool Zeeland University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands helped me professionally by giving me more practical laboratory experience. Previously, I didn’t have to think about the steps to take in a lab because they were set out for me by a lab instructor or an employer. But, during my research project, I had to think about what I was doing and how to solve a problem. I was more responsible for my own work.”

DARREN, CHEMISTRY



“My exchange at the University of Queensland in Australia challenged me personally, and taught me to step outside of my comfort zone. More importantly, it helped me to be open-minded to new and exciting experiences.”

CYANNE, PUBLIC HEALTH



“The experience is absolutely worth it. You may not realize it now, but trying a different education system and living in a new environment helps you grow and improve your thinking. If you’re into travel, exchange is a once in a lifetime experience where you have so many opportunities to experience different places with the locals and pick up on new cultures and languages.”

SUBHAN, MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING



Ali

THE ESCAPIST



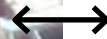
“It’s an experience of a lifetime. You won’t get many opportunities to live in a foreign country with people from all over the world, and experience a different culture first hand. It’s a huge eye opener to see how other people live and to realize there’s so much more to the world than what we experience in Canada.”

ALI, STATISTICS



Charmaine

THE DOCUMENTARIAN



“This exchange has pushed me on a personal level to become aware of different cultures and think about my own relationship with the world. Being in an unfamiliar environment really made me focus on how my upbringing and my culture were reflected in my interactions.”

CHARMAINE, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



Corbin

THE THRILL SEEKER



“Australia has always been on my list of countries to explore. From surfing all the hidden beaches along the coast to road trippin’ through the outback, I felt it was the best option for me. This experience has helped me grasp the importance of saying yes to things and living the life you want to live.”

CORBIN, ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS

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SOME DEGREES COME WITH A VIEW

*Go abroad while studying
at the University of Waterloo*

Extend your experience beyond the classroom with 100+ host schools around the world to choose from. You can spend one or two terms on exchange or studying abroad – even if you’re in co-op! Or, consider a summer program if you’re looking for a shorter experience.



WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

- 1** *Approval from your faculty.*
- 2** *70% overall average or higher depending on your academic program and host school requirements.*
- 3** *You must be in 2A, or above, to apply.*



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WHAT COSTS SHOULD I EXPECT?



RESIDENCE

Housing costs depend on where you travel.



FLIGHT

\$800-\$2000 CAD



TUITION

Exchange students pay full-time tuition to Waterloo.



STUDENT FEES

Usually \$100-\$300 CAD per term at your host school.



PERSONAL EXPENSES

\$1,500 CAD on average per term. Expenses depend on your lifestyle and how much you decide to travel.

Your costs will vary depending on where you travel. Some host schools provide an overview of approximate costs on their website. Visit Waterloo Passport, our online application system, for more details.

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HOW DO I PAY FOR IT?

- › You are still eligible for OSAP during your exchange term(s) abroad.
- › Apply for an International Experience Award ranging from \$500-\$5000.
- › Choose an exchange program that offers scholarships or financial incentives.
- › Graduate students can apply to the Graduate Studies Research Travel Assistantship Program plus other external award resources.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Follow these steps and start planning the year before you go abroad.

BEFORE MATCH

❑ STEP 1

Attend a mandatory information session

Check the website for upcoming dates.



❑ STEP 2

Use Waterloo Passport to research potential host schools

Consider term dates, course availability, language requirements and eligibility. Narrow down your wish list to your top host schools. Talk to your faculty and Co-operative Education about your plans.



❑ STEP 3

Complete your application

Submit your application in Waterloo Passport before November 1 to be considered in the first-round of matching. Your application fee must be paid before you can be matched with a host school.



❑ STEP 4

Wait for academic endorsement

While you wait, research how you can make the most of this experience. Join the Go Abroad Waterloo Facebook group to connect with other students. Also, discover how earning a Global Experience Certificate can showcase your ability to be a global citizen.

MATCH

❑ STEP 5

Learn which school you're matched with

In January, find out from your Global Learning Coordinator which host school you've been matched with and **accept the match**. Being "matched" does not mean you've been accepted by the host school, but it does mean that we've held a space for you at that school.



❑ STEP 6

Obtain course approvals

Once your host school is confirmed, you can submit your course equivalency requests to your Faculty Exchange Representative. You may complete this step earlier depending on your faculty.



❑ STEP 7

Complete the host school's exchange application

The application deadline for each host school is different, but you can expect to receive instructions from your Global Learning Coordinator three to six months before your exchange term.

AFTER MATCH

❑ STEP 8

Find out if you've been admitted

Carefully read your offer of admission and complete tasks the host school requires. For example, some schools will ask you to formally accept their offer.



❑ STEP 9

Finalize your travel arrangements

After you've been admitted, you can start finalizing your travel arrangements and find a place to live. This is when you'll also need to apply for your study permit or visa, if required.



❑ STEP 10

Complete the online international travel safety and security requirements

You can complete this mandatory course at any time before you go, just make sure you get it done!

BOARD A PLANE AND LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!

