



University of Essex

ESSEX ABROAD

WORK ABROAD **PLACEMENT YEAR**

What: Work Abroad

Where: Locations around the world

When: Starting in September of your 3rd year



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Placement year

What is a placement year abroad

A placement year abroad will count as part of your degree where you work in an organisation for an agreed amount of time. The aim of a work placement abroad is to develop skills you've learnt in the classroom in a practical real-world experience, combined with the added dimension of strengthening your cross-cultural competencies. An international work experience will enhance your employability and could be a valuable stepping stone as perhaps your first professional role.

Website: <https://www1.essex.ac.uk/essexabroad/work-research/current.aspx>

How to find a placement?

Finding a placement is your responsibility but there is plenty of support available.

The [Employability and Careers Centre](#) can help with finding opportunities and making applications. They provide information on [international options](#), including a list of websites that advertise international vacancies.

Always make sure that you're given a clear job description including specific responsibilities and expectations. For work placements forming an accredited part of your degree, the role should have full-time hours (25 - 40 hours per week).

Also check the following resources for some excellent opportunities:

- [AIESEC](#)
- [Drop'pin](#)
- [ERASMUSIntern](#)
- [Eurodesk UK](#)
- [European Youth Portal](#)
- [Praxis](#)
- [School Education Gateway](#) (for Teaching Assistant placements)
- [Sqore](#)

Dates

You would normally leave in September (but can be earlier or later) and work at least 30 weeks (if the placement is unpaid) or 40 weeks (if it's paid) in order to obtain academic credit for your placement year.

Funding

We encourage you to find paid placements. If you're undertaking a work placement in Europe as an accredited part of your degree, you may be able to receive [Erasmus+ funding grant](#).

Want more info?

Each faculty has a placement team to support you with finding, applying for and successfully completing your placement year. Please contact them as soon as possible once you decided to do a placement year.

- Faculty of Humanities: hum-placements@essex.ac.uk.
- Faculty of Science and Health: sh-placements@essex.ac.uk.
- Faculty of Social Sciences: ss-placements@essex.ac.uk.

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