

# International summer schools 2025

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Where could you go?





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# Overview

- 16 summer schools for 2025
- Range from 1 to 6 weeks
- Non-credit-bearing (cannot transfer credit to your degree) but you receive a transcript or certificate of completion and it will show on your UoN diploma supplement
- Available to undergraduate students in any academic year, including Graduate Entry Nursing and Medicine
- Most courses presume no prior knowledge but some request prior knowledge or a minimum number of years in UG study



# Overview

- Accommodation options are dependent on the host university:
  - Some pre-arranged, on-campus and guaranteed
  - Some very limited and off-campus
- Assessments differ depending on host university:
  - Essays
  - Presentations
  - Projects
  - Group
- Many offer field trips and optional cultural activities and excursions

**There are a limited number of tuition-waived or funded places at each summer school.**



**Where can you go?**



# East and Southeast Asia

- Ningbo, China
- Shanghai, China
- Hong Kong, China
- Semenyih, Malaysia
- Singapore
- Seoul, South Korea





# China (mainland)

- One of the most populous countries in the world
- Continuous culture going back 4,000 years
- Neighbours: Korean peninsula, India, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Russia
- Confucius principles
- Tech: Huawei, ByteDance (TikTok)





# China (mainland)

- Great Wall
- Xi'an City Walls and Terracotta Warriors, Xi'an
- Temple of Heaven Park, Beijing
- Longji Rice Terraces, Guangxi
- Jade Buddha Temple and Shanghai Tower, Shanghai
- Shanghai Old City





# Fudan University International Summer Session, Shanghai

- 4 weeks
- Study up to 3 courses, plus Mandarin Chinese and Physical Education classes
- Over 30 courses across law; medicine; business and economy; science and technology; history and culture; society and politics
- Company visits to Baidu, ByteDance and Meituan
- Cultural activities: dragon and lion dance, Huangpu River Cruise, Chinese seal engraving, calligraphy and Shanghai city exploration
- Students are offered accommodation in the International Students Dormitory





# UoN China Campus, Ningbo

- 8-10 days
- 2 programmes: Doing Business in Asia; Chinese Cinema and ARRI Certification
- 2024: company visits; field trip to a rural area; two-day trip to Hangzhou; Chinese cultural activities
- Students are offered on-campus accommodation

**First choice option only**



# Hong Kong, China

- Special Administrative Region of China
- Neighbours: Macau SAR, Taiwan, Philippines, Vietnam
- British colony until 1997: Cantonese meets Western culture
- HSBC headquarters



# Hong Kong, China

- Victoria Peak, fantastic views of the city day and night
- 10,000 Buddhas Monastery
- Kowloon Walled City (Park)
- Temple Street Night Market
- Po Lin Monastery and the Big Buddha, Lantau Island
- Man Mo Temple
- Day trip to Macau and Ruins of St. Paul's





# Common Purpose Global Futures, The University of Hong Kong

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- 4 weeks
- Part of Common Purpose's Global Employability programme, taught on HKU's Pokfulam campus
- Study alongside HKU and University of Birmingham, UK students
- Students have the opportunity to volunteer as Group Co-ordinators
- Immersion visits to local organisations
- Students housed in HKU student accommodation in shared rooms between two UoN students, single occupancy rooms are not available

**First choice option only**



# PolyU International Summer School, HK PolyU

- 4 weeks
- Choose 1 of 2 sessions
- Chinese Language, Culture and Society; Design, Innovation and Technology; and Business, Entrepreneurship and Global Leadership.
- Art, calligraphy and cooking workshops; local tours
- Guaranteed PolyU-arranged accommodation





# Malaysia

- Located in the heart of Southeast Asia
- Neighbours: Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Indonesia
- Kuala Lumpur: one of Asia's leading centres, population 1.4 million
- Cultures: Malay, Chinese, Indian and indigenous



# Malaysia

- Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur
- Golden Triangle district (nightlife)
- Batu Caves
- KLCC Park
- Jalan Alor Street Food and Night Market
- Penang Hill
- Langkawi Sky Bridge
- Cenang Beach, Langkawi







# Malaysia Campus, Tropical Medicine and Beyond

- 2 weeks
- Only for Year 2 students studying health-related degrees in Medicine and Health Sciences and Pharmacy
- Three parts to the course: Tropical Communicable Disease, Wildlife in the Tropics and the Life of Minorities
- 2024: Traditional Chinese Medicine hospital visit; Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) visit; Orang Asli Hospital visit
- Students housed in accommodation arranged by the Malaysia Campus



# Singapore

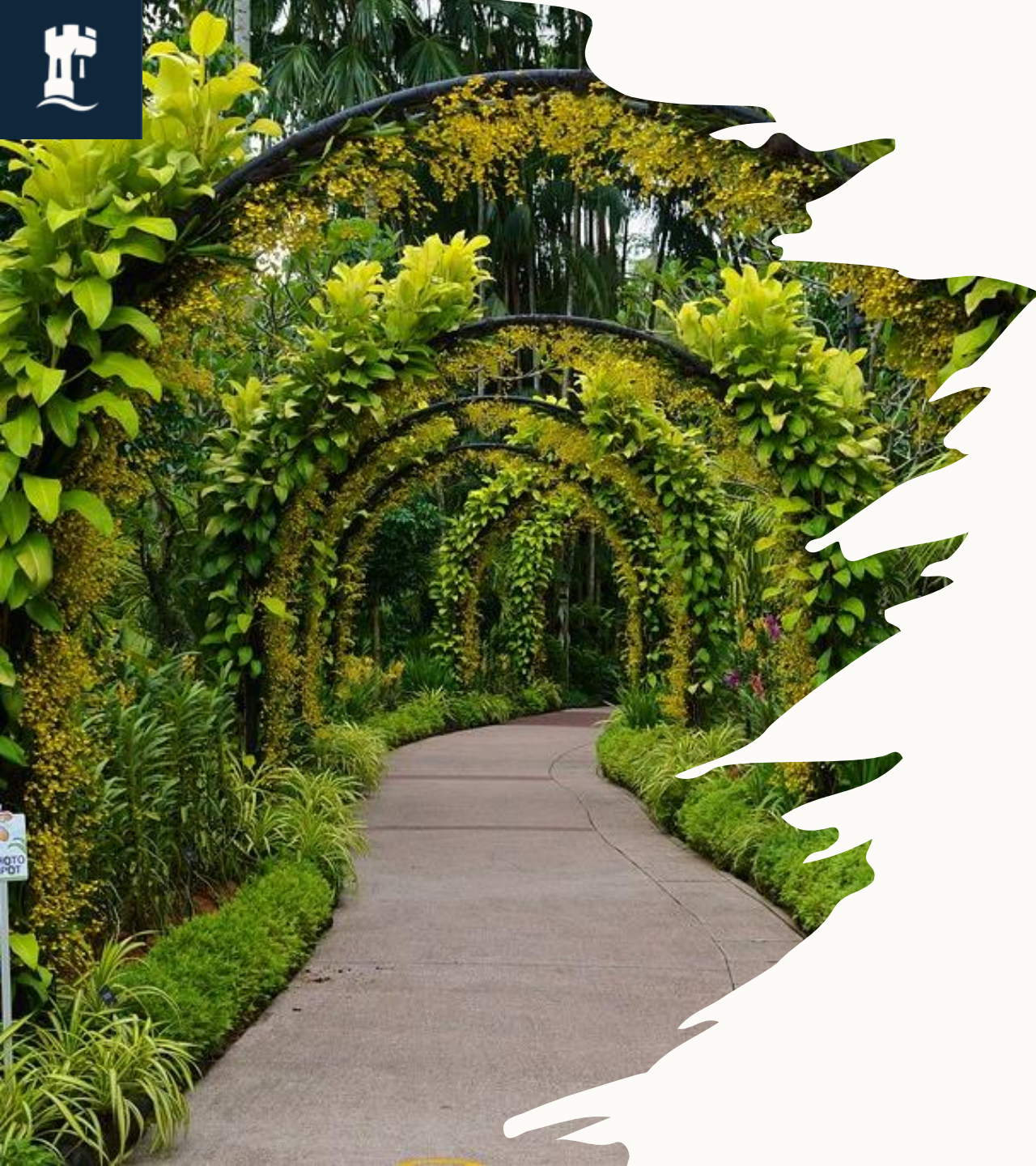
- Southern tip of the Malay peninsula
- Neighbours: Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines
- City-state surrounded by 60 islets
- Diverse cultures: Han Chinese, Malay and Indian



# Singapore

- Marina Bay Sands
- Gardens by the Bay
- Singapore Sling at Raffles Hotel
- Tekka Market in Little India
- Chinatown and Baba House
- National Museum of Singapore
- National Orchid Garden





# NUS FASStrack

- 2 weeks
- Communications and new media; economics, global studies, history, Japanese studies, psychology, sociology and Southeast Asian studies
- Welcome and farewell event; two social activities
- Students offered NUS-arranged accommodation



# South Korea

- Korean peninsula in Southeast Asia
- Neighbours: North Korea, China and Japan
- Confucius principles; individualistic youth
- Mountainous; ancient and modern architecture
- K-drama and K-pop
- Tech: Samsung and LG





# South Korea

- Bukchon Hanok Village
- Gyeongbokgung Palace
- Shinsegae Department Store
- Bugaksan mountain trails
- N Seoul Tower and Namsan
- War Memorial of Korea (museum)
- Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)



# Korea University, International Summer Campus

- 4 or 6 weeks
- Over 75 courses: business and economics; humanities and Korean studies; social science and psychology; science and engineering; politics and international relations; Korean language
- 2025: Lotte World, baseball, ice-skating, Taekwondo and a non-verbal comedy performance
- KU Housing: single or double rooms offered





# Yonsei University: International Summer School

- 4 or 6 weeks
- Arts and humanities; business and economics; East Asian Studies; Korean language; Korean studies; science and technology and social sciences
- 2025: Taekwondo class, Seoul city tour, cooking class, DMZ tour, K-pop dance class, Lotte World, Korean folk village, Suwon Hwaseong and Hwaseong Temporary Palace
- Students offered YU-arranged accommodation





# Latin America

Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil





# Brazil

- Largest country in South America
- Neighbours: French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay
- Amazon rainforest
- Rio Carnival
- Samba dance and capoeira music
- Film: Cidade de Deus (City of God), 2002



# Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais

- Instituto de Arte Contemporânea
- Inhotim (museum)
- Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil (Arts Centre)
- Mineirão and Museu Brasileiro do Futebol (stadium, museum)
- Gruta da Lapinha (cave)
- Parque Municipal





# UFMG Summer School

- 2 weeks
- Brazilian Studies: politics, history, international relations, geography, law, economy, arts, culture, race and Portuguese language
- 2025: movie club, day trip to Minas Gerais (Ouro Preto), Inhotim Institute and a Luau
- University-arranged housing
- **First choice option only**



# Europe

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- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Sweden
- Switzerland





# Denmark

- Northern Europe
- Neighbours: Germany, Sweden and Norway
- Ranked 1st in 2016 UN World Happiness Report (2023 rank: 2)
- Lego, Miffy
- Hans Christian Andersen: The Little Mermaid (1837)
- TV: Forbrydelsen (The Killing, 2011-2014, Bron/Broen (2011 – 2018))



# Aarhus, Denmark

- ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum (art museum)
- Moesgård Museum
- Aarhus Domkirke (Cathedral)
- Den Gamle By (The old village)
- Dokk1 (The Culture House)
- Møllestein (cobbled street, timber cottages)
- Vor Frue Kirke (Our Lady Church)





# AU Summer University

- 2.5 to 5.5 weeks
- Economics and business economics; health and medicine; humanities; management; social sciences; science; technology; engineering and mathematical sciences
- City safari, dinner and outdoor games, canoe trip, outdoor cinema, quiz night, bonfire on the beach
- Students offered AU-arranged housing





# France

- Western Europe
- Neighbours: UK, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland
- Renaissance art and architecture; ballet, high fashion and food
- Film: *Amélie* (2001), *La Haine* (1995)
- Books: *Le Petit Prince* (1943)



# Dijon, France

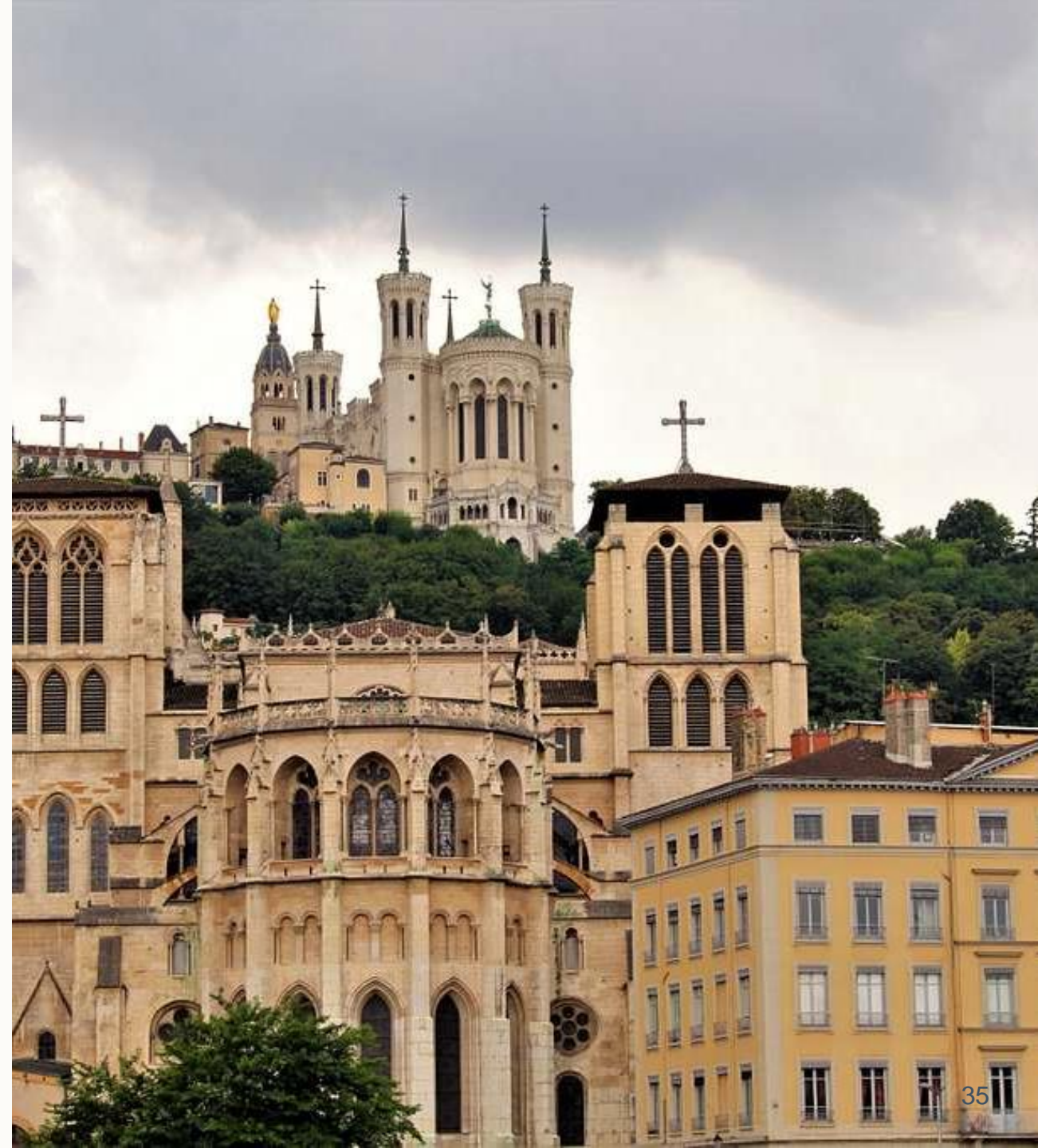
- Musée des Beaux-Arts
- Palais des Ducs et des États de Bourgogne
- Église Notre Dame
- Tour Philippe le Bon
- Cité Internationale de la Gastronomie et du Vin
- Beaune vineyard
- Fallot Mustard Mill





# Lyon, France

- Musée des Confluences
- Musée des Beaux-Arts
- Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière
- Roman Theatre (Fourvière)
- Cathédrale St-Jean-Baptiste
- Secret Traboules
- Place des Terreaux
- Statue of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (Le Petit Prince)
- Institut Lumière (French cinema)





# Burgundy School of Business: Summer School, Dijon and Lyon

- 1 or 2 weeks
- Authentic Leadership and Design Thinking; Empowering Sustainability
- Guided city tours, French Corporate Culture lecture, Design Lab, wine and cheese tasting, Cité de la Gastronomie, Dijon and Institut Lumière, Lyon
- Accommodation in Residhome, Dijon and Lagrange Apart'hotel – Lyon Lumière



# Marseille, France

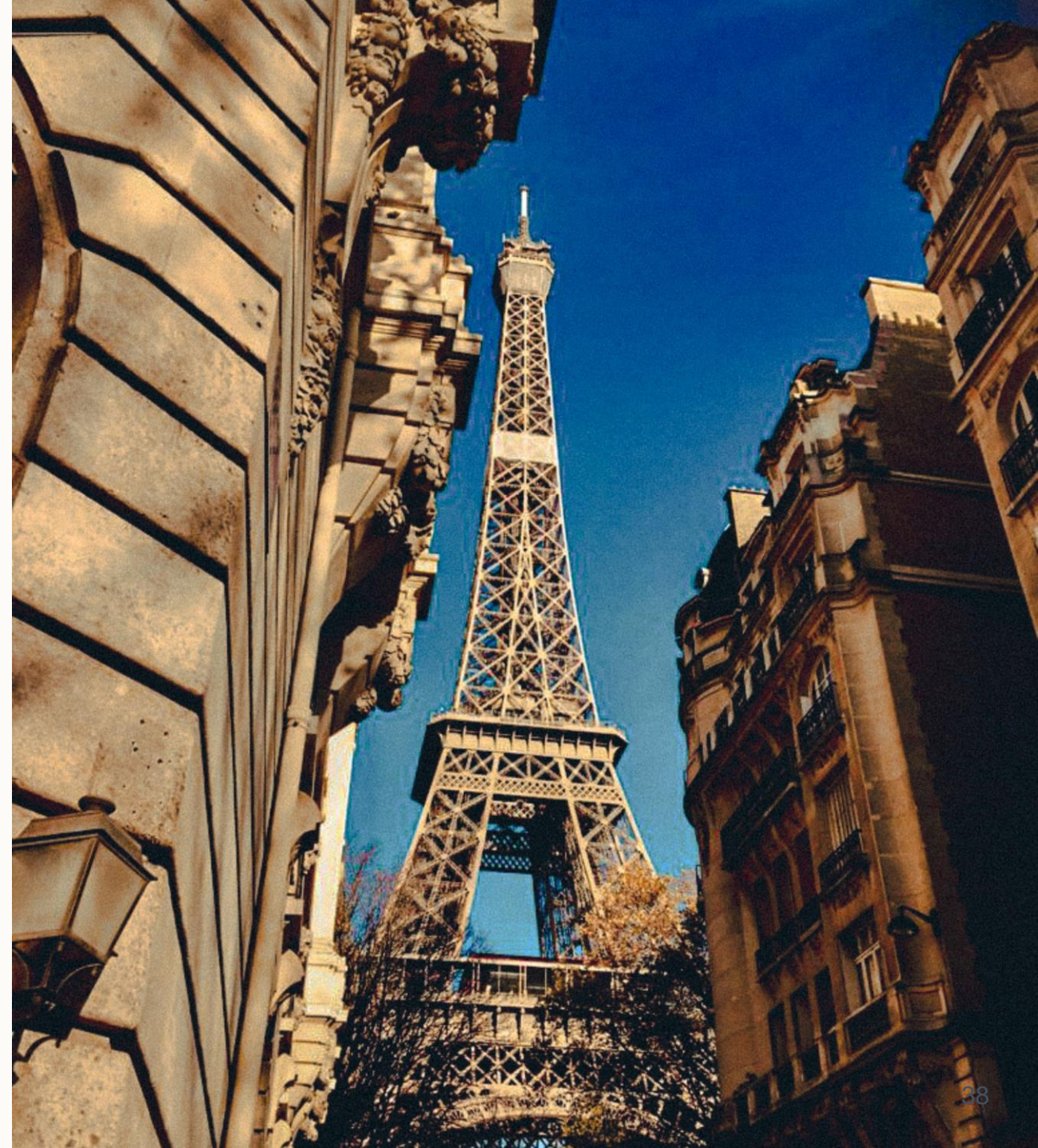
- Highest number of museums outside Paris
- Stade (Orange) Vélodrome (football/Olympic stadium)
- Belle de Mai – 86,000<sup>2</sup> foot panoramic roof terrace
- Fort Saint-Jean
- Canebière (shopping avenue)
- Parc Nacional de Calanques





# Paris, France

- La tour Eiffel
- Centre Pompidou
- Basilique du Sacré-Cœur
- Saint-Chapelle
- Musée de Louvre
- Les Catacombes
- Musée Rodin
- Jardin du Luxembourg
- Panthéon
- Arc de Triomphe
- Café des Deux Moulins (Amélie)





# KEDGE Business School, Marseille and Paris

- 2 or 4 weeks
- Marseille: Design Thinking & Managing Creativity; Global Finance and International Business; Ethics & Sustainability in Business
- Paris: Sustainable Marketing & Digital Marketing; Disruptive Technologies & Modern Management



# KEDGE Business School, Marseille and Paris

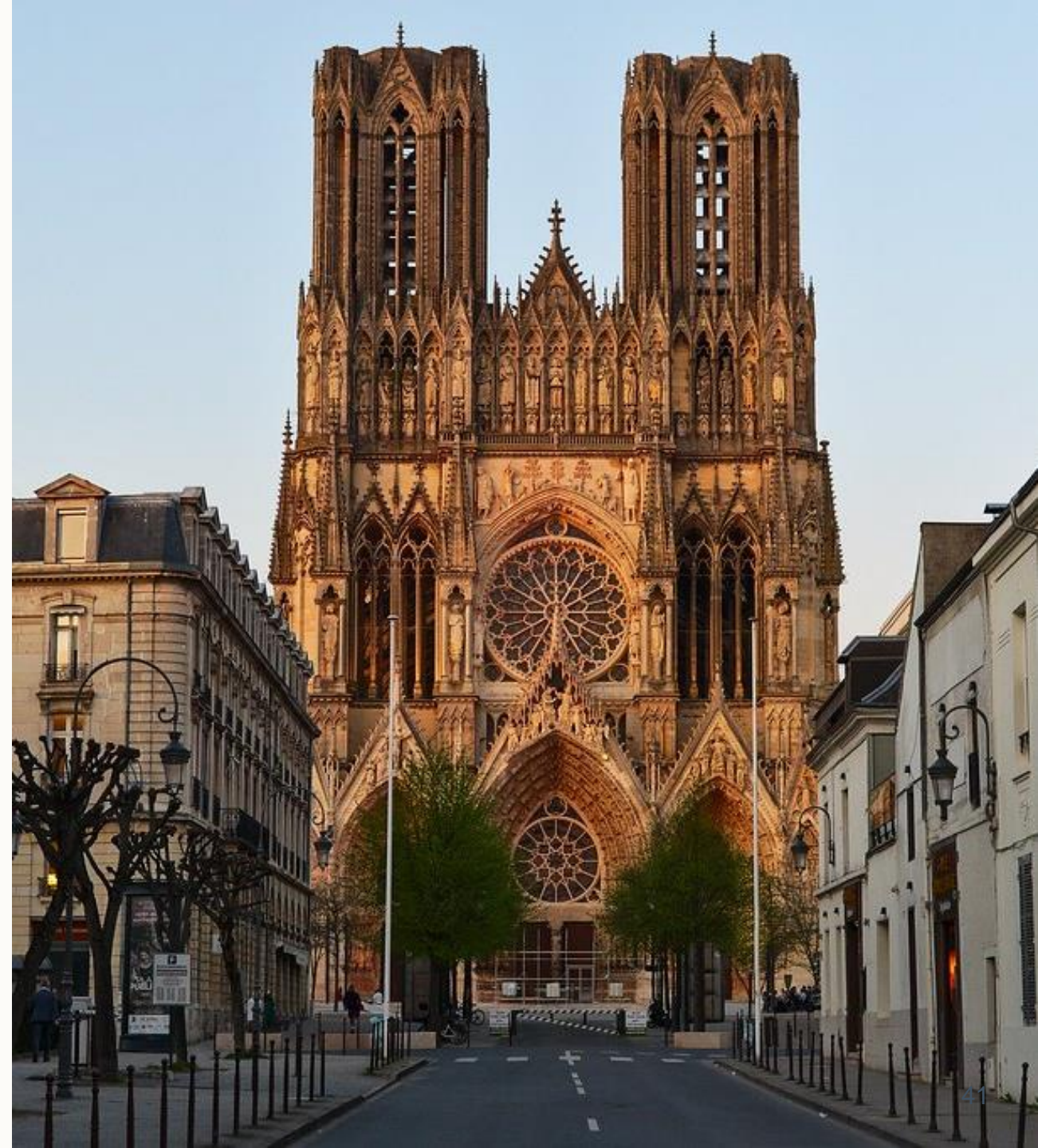
- Marseille excursions: International Design Parade, beach trip, Calanques National Park, lavender fields; L'Occitane, Provençal vineyard, boat tour on Cassis coast
- Paris excursions: company visit or business lecture; guided tour of Monmatre; hidden passages of Paris
- Accommodation offered in pre-booked recommended Apart-hotels





# Reims, France

- Cathédrale Notre Dame
- Palais du Tau
- Basilique et Musée St-Rémi
- Musée des Beaux-Arts
- Halles du Boulingrin
- Musée de la Reddition
- Statue de Jeanne d'Arc
- Porte de Mars





# NEOMA Business School, Paris, Reims and Rouen

2 to 3 weeks

Three programmes:

- Sport Federation and Major Event Management, Reims and Paris;
- Hospitality and Gastronomy co-branded with Ecole Fauchon, Rouen,
- A Summer in Paris



# NEOMA Business School, Paris, Reims and Rouen

- Cultural excursions are to be confirmed
- Students arrange accommodation **independently**, NEOMA provides links to Studapart and Airbnb and can provide guidance if required



# Germany

- Western Europe
- Neighbours: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland
- History: First World War, Second World War, Division and Reunification
- Largest economy in the EU (WEF 2023)
- 5th in World for Highest Gender Equality (WEF 2021)
- BMW, Mercedes-Benz, DHL, Siemens, Aldi, Adidas, Audi, Bosch
- Film and TV: Deutschland 83, 86, 89 (2015 – 2018), All Quiet on the Western Front (2022), Das Leben der Anderen - The Lives of Others, (2006), Goodbye Lenin! (2003)



# Tübingen, Germany

- Museum Alte Kulturen
- Naturpark Schönbuch (Nature reserve)
- Am Markt
- Stadtmuseum
- Cotta Haus (Goethe, cafe)
- Hölderlinturm (poet Hölderlin)
- Platanenallee (park)
- Hohenzollern Schloß





# Universität Tübingen: T-IES Summer School August

- 4 weeks
- The EU in Permanent Crisis?; Representing the European Past; German language
- European Parliament, Strasbourg, Stuttgart, Monastery Bebenhausen, Hohenzollern Castle, pretzel making, bowling and film evenings
- University-arranged accommodation offered



# Sweden

- Northern Europe
- Neighbours: Denmark, Finland and Norway
- 6th in World for Highest Gender Equality (WEF 2021)
- Fika (coffee and cake)
- Northern lights
- ABBA, Ikea, Pippi Longstocking
- Nordic noir: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (book 2005/film 2009), Bron/Broen (2011 – 2018)



# Linköping, Sweden

- Ekenäs Slott (castle)
- Gamla Linköping (living museum village)
- Linköpings domkyrka
- Sankt Lars Kyrka
- Östergötlands Länsmuseum

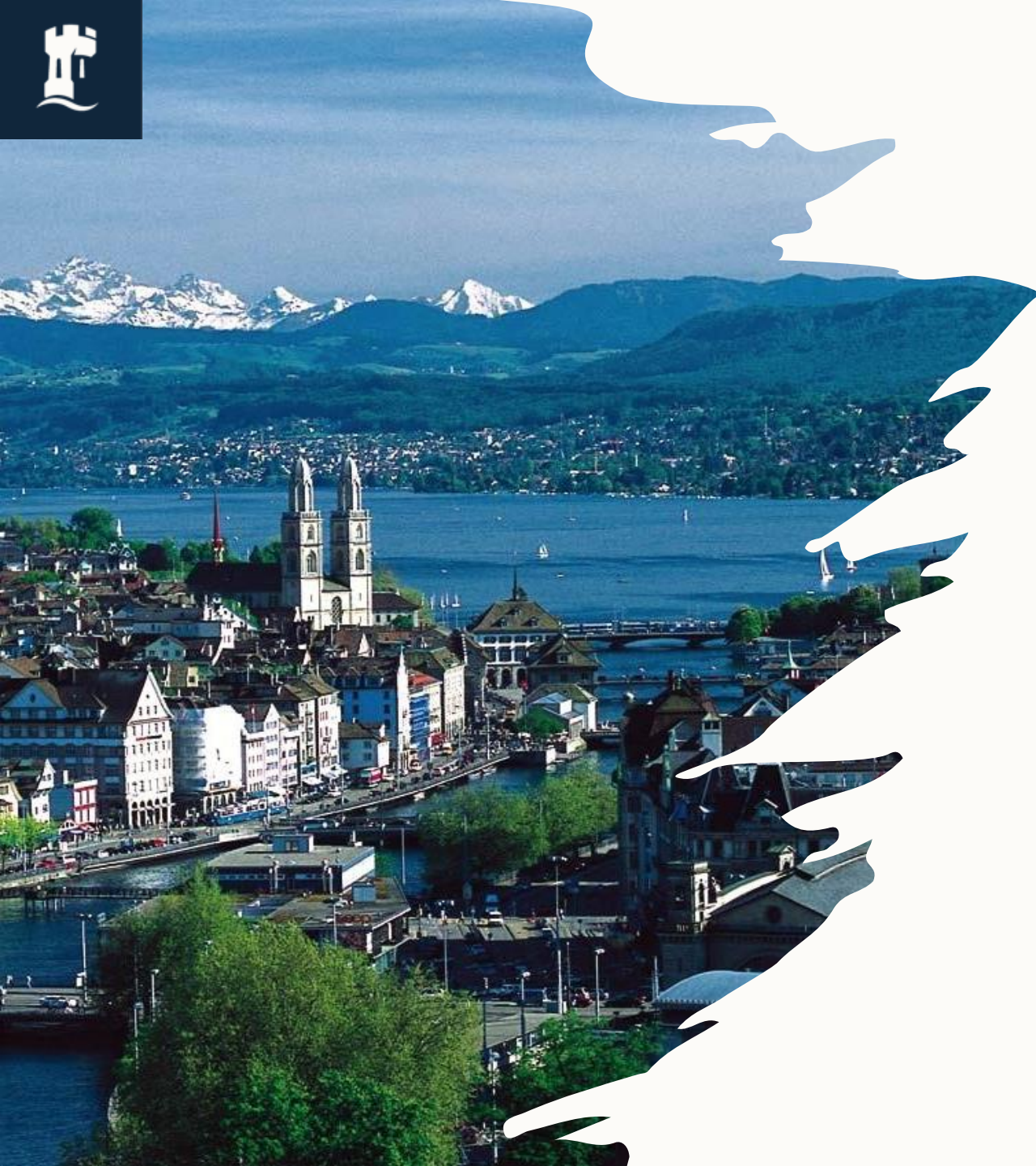






# LIU Summer Academy

- 4 weeks
- Seven courses: Sustainability, technology, leadership, culture and literature, Swedish language and culture
- Optional trips to Stockholm and Vadstena, welcome dinner, Nordic pentathlon, fika, barbecue, games
- LIU-arranged accommodation off-campus in a town called Ryd



# Switzerland

- Central Europe
- Neighbours: Austria, France, Germany, Italy
- Four languages: Swiss German, French, Italian and Romansh
- Banking system
- Watches: Breitling, Omega, Rolex
- Confectionary: Lindt, Toblerone, Nestlé



# Zürich, Switzerland

- Kunsthaus (art gallery)
- Fraumünster
- Schweizerisches Landesmuseum (Swiss museum)
- Grossmünster
- St. Peterskirche
- Mountains: Lägern, Uetliberg, Lorenchopf, Pfannenstiel
- Electro and Techno Music Party  
Street Parade – August





# Universität Zürich, International Summer School

- 3 weeks
- Deep Dive into Blockchain;  
Finance for the Future;  
Healthy Longevity;  
International Sport Law
- 2024: traditional Swiss  
dinner, hike on Uetliberg,  
visit to Berne, guided tour  
of Zürich
- UHZ-arranged housing,  
**limited and subject to  
availability**
- **First choice option only**



# Why participate in a summer school?



# Benefits

- Gain international experience without committing to a semester or full year abroad
- Collaborate with students and academics from around the world
- Future international study/work
- Study something different or develop existing knowledge
- Explore a new culture and/or language
- Non-credit-bearing



# Application process



# The application

- Apply through the link on the [International Summer Schools homepage](#)
- Choose up to three international summer schools in order of preference
- Some partner universities are first choice only
- Some summer schools require you to select your programme, course(s) or duration in advance; you can select these on UoN's application





# Application criteria

Your application will be assessed on two criteria:

- Personal statement (max. 800 words)
- Academic performance

Application deadline: **3pm, Friday 14 February**

- Competitive
- 45% minimum academic average required and good academic standing
- Priority given to:
  - Non-final year students
  - No previous or future study/work abroad during your degree
  - Do not have resit examinations
  - Do not hold citizenship and permanent residence in the country you are applying for



# Personal statement question

Please explain your reasons for applying for international summer schools, including:

- your motivations (academic and/or personal) for applying for an international summer school (400 words);
- How the universities you have chosen will help you achieve your aims for participating in an international summer school (400 words)

Read the [Personal Statement Workshop slides](#) for guidance on what to include and not include in your personal statement



# Before applying

- Check you are eligible to apply for your proposed summer schools: prior knowledge, academic year, work experience
- Research your proposed summer schools thoroughly, including courses and costs on summer school profiles on the [International Summer Schools webpages](#)
- Read the [International Summer Schools FAQs webpage](#): personal statement question, funding eligibility criteria
- Read the [Personal Statement Workshop slides](#)
- If you have questions: [email us](#).



# Selection process

- Applications will be marked based on personal statement score and academic average
- Students who meet the Global Opportunities team's widening participation criteria will be prioritised for the following first choice only summer schools:
  - Common Purpose Global Futures, HKU
  - China Campus, International Summer Schools
  - UFMG Summer School
  - Universität Zürich International Summer School



# Selection process

- For some partner universities, students in specific academic schools/departments will be prioritised but all students can apply

**The application is considered by the Global Opportunities team selection committee only, partner universities do not see the applications.**



# Allocation outcome

- Students will be informed of the application outcome no later than **5pm on Monday 3 March 2025**
- You will need to confirm acceptance of your allocation offer by email no later than **Monday 10 March 2025**
- Once you have accepted your allocation offer, you need to apply to your allocated partner university
- The Global Opportunities team will nominate you to the partner university, so they know to expect your application
- **Our nomination is not a guarantee of acceptance, the partner university must accept you**

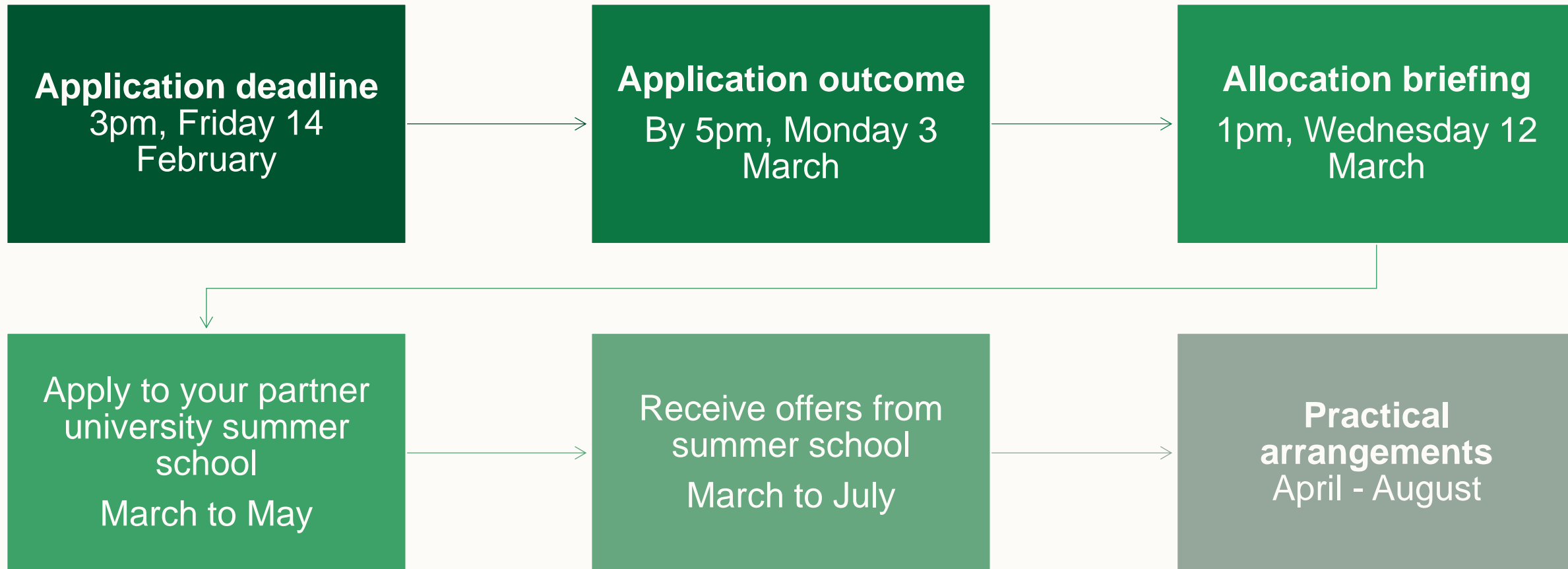


# Timelines



# International summer schools

## Timeline







# Early application deadlines

- Some summer schools have early application deadlines; we may nominate you **before Monday 3 March**
  - UFMG Summer School: Friday 14 March
  - Burgundy School of Business: Friday 14 March
  - PolyU International Summer School: Friday 14 March (Session 1)
  - Universität Tübingen: T-IES August: Saturday 15 March but advised to apply earlier
  - AU Summer University: Tuesday 18 March
  - LIU Summer Academy: Monday 24 March but advised to apply earlier



# Early application deadlines

- **UFMG summer school requires a letter of recommendation**, which should be from either your personal tutor or an academic member of staff. If you select this partner on your application, contact your chosen referee in advance to check if they will be able to provide you with a letter, ready to submit to UFMG, if you're successfully allocated.
- **HK PolyU requires students to apply for a visa with hardcopy supporting documents**. If you select this partner on your application, we will email you to inform you of the application documents you would be required to prepare if you are selected. Make sure you have a copy of your passport ready.



# Partner university application guidance

- We will provide you with partner university application information through Moodle
- Allocation briefing is **1pm, Wednesday 12 March**
- Pre-departure conference for students allocated to an international summer school
- Students eligible to receive travel bursaries will have their funding paid by bank transfer to UK bank account



# Finance and funding



# Costs

- Accommodation
- Travel to destination
- Visa
- Vaccinations
- Travel and health insurance
- Cost of living
- Exchange rates
- Summer school excursions/trips
- Emergency fund

**Check the cost section on each summer school partner university profile for the costs you need to cover.**





# Budgeting

## Partner university tuition fees

- Waived or funded for nominated exchange students
- Most summer schools have a programme/accommodation fees that students must pay for

## Bursaries

- Means-tested summer school bursaries
- Turing funding for Tübingen
- PolyU Scholarship
- BUTEX scholarships





# Budgeting

## Personal income

- Student loan
- Bursaries e.g. Core Bursary, means-tested summer school bursaries
- Part-time employment
- Savings
- Financial support from relatives

## Budget and make a plan

- Think about your current expenditure
- Make a weekly or monthly budget plan
- Start saving now
- Work out a budget for your exchange – estimate of your expected outgoings and incomings





# Summer school bursaries

- Means-tested UoN travel bursaries of £500 for partner university summer schools in Europe and £1,000 for partner university summer schools outside Europe
- Turing funding available for Universität Tübingen T-IES August:
  - Standard grant: £588
  - One-off travel grant for students who meet Turing's widening access criteria: £250
  - Total: £838

**Eligible students can only receive a maximum of one travel bursary from UoN**

- PolyU International Summer School scholarship: \$8,000 HKD (£824) available for one student selected by UoN
- Competitive BUTEX awards of £600





# Summer school bursary eligibility

Means-tested UoN travel bursaries:

- 'Home' student for fees purposes
- Must meet the Global Opportunities team's widening participation eligibility criteria

Turing funding:

- 'Home' student for fees purposes
- Must meet Turing's widening access criteria

**Awarded approximately one month prior to departure; for Turing funding students must submit evidence of return journey payment receipt**

For Global Opportunities team WP eligibility criteria and Turing's widening access criteria, visit: [International Summer Schools FAQs](#)



# Summer school bursary eligibility

PolyU International Summer School scholarship

- Nominated by the University of Nottingham based on:
  - Global Opportunities widening participation eligibility criteria
  - International Summer Schools application score
- Must meet PolyU's eligibility criteria

PolyU criteria is available on the [PolyU International Summer School partner university profile](#)

**Awarded by PolyU in at the end of the summer school**



# Summer school bursary eligibility

BUTEX Scholarships are competitive awards of £600

## Eligibility

- Undergraduate UK students participating in a semester, full year, summer school, internship/work placement/traineeship in another country
- Students from other countries, participating in a semester, full year, summer school, internship/work placement/traineeship in the UK

Applications for 2025 will open in April/May

Further information: <https://butex.ac.uk/scholarships/>



# International Summer School Terms and Conditions



# International Summer Schools T&Cs

- Opportunities may change at any time: travel restrictions, circumstances outside of UoN's control
- Students' nominations are subject to change based on UoN's international travel policy permitting travel to other countries
- UoN reserves the right to withdraw nominations if travel to the host country does not comply with UoN's international travel policy

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentsservices/documents/university-policy-regarding-ug-and-pgt-student-travel-for-2022-23.docx>

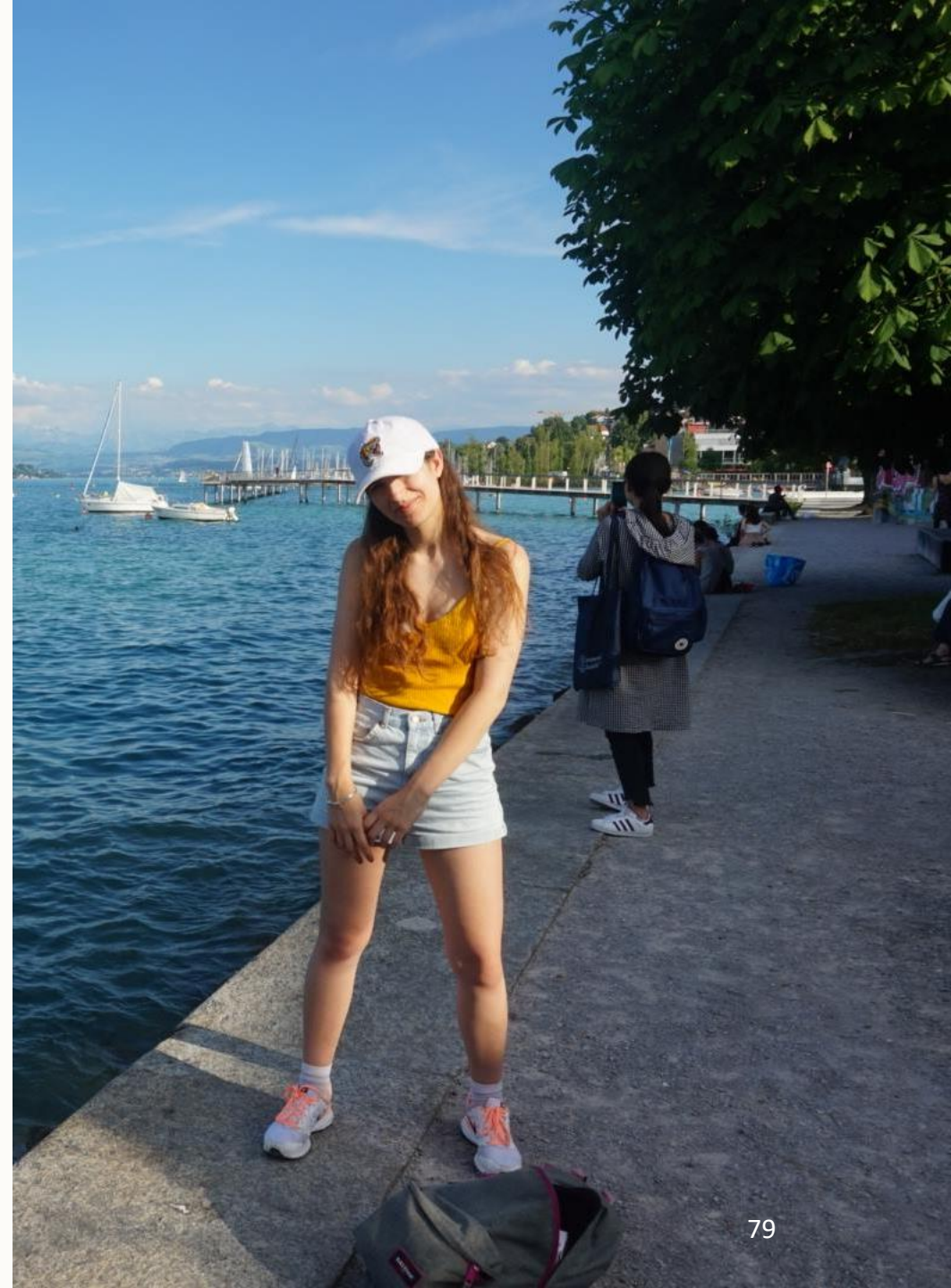


# How to choose a summer school



# Think about:

- Which courses are you interested in?
  - Study something new?
  - Enhance your current studies?
- Which countries are you interested in?
- How will your chosen summer schools benefit you? Academic/career/personal reasons
- How long do you want to be away over the summer?
- How far away from home do you want to travel?
  - Comfortable travelling alone?
- Be realistic about costs
- Personal characteristics





# Where are you comfortable travelling to?

Do your research:

- Laws and attitudes towards LGBTQ+ people
- Attitudes towards racially minoritised people
- Attitudes towards disabilities, specific learning differences, long-term health conditions, mental health etc.
- Travelling with medications, hormones etc.
- Attitudes towards women
- Attitudes towards religions







# Disability support

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- [Disability Support Services: Study abroad and work placements](#)
- Disability Support Service:
  - Disability, mental health difficulty, long-term medical condition, autistic spectrum condition, or a specific learning difference such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia or ADHD
- Make an appointment with [Disability Support Services](#)
- What support can the host university offer?



# Resources

## LGBTQ+:

- [Stonewall Global briefings](#) (not all countries available yet)
- [FCDO LGBTQ+ overseas travel advice](#)
- [International LGBTI Association](#)

## Women:

- FCDO: [Advice for women travelling abroad](#)





# Resources

Disabilities, long-term health conditions, vaccination advice and mental health:

- [NaTHNaC: Medicines and Travel](#)
- [NHS: Fit for Travel](#)
- [FCDO: Mental health and wellbeing abroad](#)
- [FCDO: Disability and travel abroad](#)





# Resources

Race, ethnicity, religion, diet, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic background, mental health, disability:

- [IES Abroad: Country-specific identity resources](#)
- [OSIT: EDI resources](#)
- US perspective
- Not all countries/regions covered





# Resources

Resource for British nationals:

- [FCDO: Support for British nationals abroad](#)

General travel advice by country (UK perspective)

- [FCDO: travel advice by country](#)





# Global Opportunities team support

- Dedicated International Summer Schools Moodle page
- Nomination to the partner university
- Share summer school student UoN email addresses
- Application guidance
- Country risk assessments and country briefing meetings
- Allocation briefing and pre-departure conference
- Partner university liaison
- Your main UoN contact during the summer school
- Post-programme support: transcripts and *Study Abroad Returners* conference

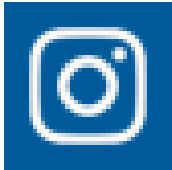




# Get in touch & keep up to date



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