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Do you know that by the time they graduate, almost 30% of Queen’s undergraduate students have had an international experience of three weeks’ duration or longer?

Will you be in this group by the time you graduate?

Why not?
WHY GO ABROAD?

• As a geology or geological engineering student, see first-hand the geology of a different continent/country/region.
• Take courses not available at Queen’s.
• Enhance the experiential learning aspects of your education.
• Live in another cultural environment and enhance your intercultural competency.
• Develop creative thinking and adaptability.
• Travel/tour a new destination.
• Come home with new international perspective.
• Gain a competitive advantage in the job market.
OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES

• **“Exchange”** – attend a Queen’s exchange partner university for 1 or 2 terms (pay Queen’s tuition).

• **“Study-Abroad”** – attend any other university for 1 or 2 terms on a Queen’s “letter of permission” (pay tuition there).

• **“The Castle”** (Bader International Study Centre) in the UK – elective courses in a unique setting, in Fall/Winter/Summer (May-June) terms.

• **Other:** Internships, Short Courses, Field Trips – options that will broaden your experience.
SOME QUESTIONS:

• Will spending time abroad make my program longer?
   With careful planning, you can complete on schedule.

• Will it be expensive?
   On exchange, you pay normal Queen’s tuition. Depending on destination, living costs may be similar to or less than here.

• What about scholarships?
   On exchange your eligibility continues, and extra support may be available.

• Will it affect my GPA?
   Queen’s transfers credits (Pass/Fail), not grades.

• Is there a minimum GPA required to participate?
   For Exchange, Queen’s requires a minimum of 2.7 to qualify. Other schools may have a higher requirement (e.g., 3.0).
NOW’S THE TIME TO START PLANNING

• Most students go abroad in Third Year, so you should start thinking and planning NOW!
• Research your destination, plan your courses.
• Arts & Science and Engineering & Applied Science have exchange partners in UK, Europe, Australia - NZ, Asia, and other parts of the world.
• Career Services has info on internships and work opportunities.
• For exchange, you need to apply in January. Other opportunities have different deadlines.
MORE INFORMATION

- **GEO Website**: See “International Education” link under the “Undergrad” tab (access an info sheet).
- **Queen’s “Go Abroad” Fair**: Thursday, September 25, noon to 5 pm, BioSciences Atrium.
- **IPO** (MacCorry Hall) and **FEAS** (Beamish-Munro Hall).
- **Career Services** (Gordon Hall) – internships.
- **QUIC** (the International Centre, JDUC) – information, training and support on travel and living abroad.
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- **GEO students** who have participated.