

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



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WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

- Study full-time at a partner institution for a single semester (fall or winter) or for a full academic year
- Exchange students pay tuition to their home institution (Carleton University)
- Credits earned at the partner may be transferred back toward their Carleton degree

WHERE CAN I GO ON EXCHANGE?

- 175 + partner institutions in 35+ countries

Argentina	Finland	Korea	South Africa	Spain
Australia	France	Malaysia	Sweden	Switzerland
Chile	Peru	United Kingdom	Poland	Russia
Colombia	Jamaica	Sierra Leone	Nigeria	India

- <https://carleton.ca/myexchange/partners/>

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING AN INSTITUTION

- **The language(s) of instruction.**
- **Semester start and end dates (including exams).** Not all partner institutions follow the same academic year as Carleton. It is **very important** to consider approximate start and end dates when planning for your exchange. **Winter term is more common amongst BGLnS students**
- **The school's academic strengths**
- **Your travel interests.**
- **Restrictions.** Not all our exchange agreements are open to all students.
- **Estimated cost of living** (and travel expenses).

PLAN TO BUDGET

- The cost for international exchange can be high (> \$5,000).
- Students are responsible for their costs:
 - ☐ Airfare (both ways)
 - ☐ Travel insurance
 - ☐ Accommodation and living expenses
 - ☐ Student visa/permit, etc.



FUNDING YOUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Killam Fellowships Program (United States)

- Undergraduate only
- Minimum 10.0 CGPA required
- **\$5000 USD** scholarship for one semester
- **\$750 USD** health insurance allowance
- Up to **\$800 USD** for in-country travel
- Killam Orientation in Ottawa, ON
- Spring Seminar in Washington, DC

Scotiabank Scholarship

- **\$4000** awarded annually to one student
- Must be studying in a country in which Scotiabank operates

Awards and Financial Aid

- Carleton entrance or in-course scholarship
- Carleton bursary
- Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP)
- Student Assistance Plans of other provinces
- CU Exchange/International Experience Bursary

IER Bursary

- All BGIInS students are eligible, but amounts will vary according to need.
- Bursaries are valued at **\$500-\$2500**.

More info:

- carleton.ca/myexchange/scholarships-outgoing-exchange/

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Undergraduate students must meet the following requirements at the time of application:
 - be registered **full-time** with **minimum 2nd year standing**
 - have completed **at least 4.0 credits (one full academic year)** at Carleton
 - have a **minimum Overall CGPA of 7.0** (for general exchange program) and a minimum **Overall CGPA of 10.0 for the Killam Fellowship Program.**
 - apply 1 year in advance (e.g. apply in 2nd year to go on exchange in 3rd year)

*** All students (especially upper year students) must have enough credits remaining in their degree program to study full-time at the partner institution.

BEFORE YOU APPLY



- Determine your eligibility
- Meet with your departmental program advisor
- Attend one of the mandatory exchange information sessions
- Research and identify the institution in which you are interested (at least 3)
- Select your study period

2020-2021 EXCHANGE APPLICATION

- **General Exchange Program:**
 - Opens: on **October 7, 2019.**
 - Closes: on **December 4, 2019 at 4:00pm**
- **Killam Exchange Program:**
 1. Complete **Outgoing International Exchange Application** on Carleton Central by **December 4, 2019 at 4:00pm**
 2. Submit **Killam Application package** in person to ISSO by **January 15, 2020**
- **OUI Exchange Program (includes OJS, ORA, OBW, OIN):**
 1. Complete **Outgoing International Exchange Application** on Carleton Central by **December 4, 2019 at 4:00pm**
 2. Submit **OUI Application package** in person to ISSO by **January 15, 2020**

HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit carleton.ca/myexchange for application information and instructions
2. Apply on: *Carleton Central → Student Online Applications → Outgoing International Exchange Application*
3. Identify three (3) Partner Institutions
4. Academic References
5. Consent to publish
6. Short-answer assessment questions
7. Submit additional supporting documents (if required)
8. Application fee (\$ 80.00 – non-refundable)
9. Wait for a Decision
10. Accept/ Decline the exchange offer

WHAT'S NEXT?

- ▶ Attend the **MANDATORY** pre-departure orientation session
- ▶ Create a travel registry record on Carleton Central
- ▶ Upload your supporting documents by the appropriate deadlines
 - ▶ *Consular report*
 - ▶ *Consent to publish*
 - ▶ *Certificate of arrival*
 - ▶ *Certificate of departure*
- ▶ Update your emergency contact information on Carleton Central
- ▶ **International SOS**
 - ▶ Sign up on internationalsos.com/members
 - ▶ Download the free Assistance App from app.internationalsos.com



CREDIT TRANSFER

Pass/Fail System

- Letter grades will **not** appear on Carleton transcript and will only show as a pass or fail
- A failed course on exchange will now earn a grade of UNS, which does not impact the Carleton CGPA, just as a passing grade (EXC) also **does not** impact the CGPA. However, a grade of UNS will count toward students' discredits (to learn more about the Discredit Limit, please visit your departmental advisor and/or the Academic Advising Centre in 302 TB)
- Find a balance between academic studies and cultural experience

TRANSCRIPT

- Only **one official transcript** will be automatically sent from the host institution
- If the ISSO receives a hard copy, we will notify you by email for pick up
- One copy of the transcript must be provided to the the Registrar's Office/graduate department to update your student record
- If applying to **graduate school or a job application** in the future for personal reasons, **request your own copies of the transcript** from the host institution (grades will appear!)

EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD FAIR

- **WHEN:**

Wednesday October 2, 2019
11:00am - 3:00pm

- **WHERE:**

4th Floor University Centre, Atrium

Talk to students who have just returned from exchange or who are here visiting Carleton on exchange.



QUESTIONS

For any questions, please contact me at :

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