



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Queen's University, Canada

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website Incoming exchange website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Fall): September to December Semester 2 (Winter): January to April
Number of students currently enrolled	23,000
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Arts and Science courses are open to exchange students provided that they have the appropriate prerequisite courses. Students are not permitted to enrol in courses offered by the Faculty of Law
General Costs	~\$17,000 for the academic year
About the University	<p>Founded in 1841, Queen's University is one of Canada's leading universities. Based in Kingston, Ontario, Queen's is a member of the prestigious U15 group of research-intensive universities and holds an international reputation for the outstanding academic quality of its faculty and students. In 2021 Queen's placed #1 in Canada and #5 in the world in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.</p> <p>Situated on the shore of Lake Ontario, Kingston provides the perfect place to call home, while still being within easy reach of Toronto and Montreal - two of Canada's largest cities.</p> <p>Our campus-based university and large number of student clubs contribute to a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it easy to get involved, make friends and become part of the Queen's community.</p>

What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Queen's University, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Information for exchange students about academics at Queens can be found here. Note the list of courses that have a cultural focus with minimal prerequisites that may be of interest to exchange students.</p> <p>A list of course descriptions can be found here. Please note that not every course is offered every year.</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p>
Academic Restrictions	<p>Students may have the option to take courses from another Faculty; however, the majority of courses must be in the Faculty of Arts and Science.</p>

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	<p>Please note, the following subjects are currently in high demand in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen's and courses may have limited spaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computing • Drama and Music • Economics • Kinesiology • Political Studies • Psychology <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
<p>Orientation</p>	<p>To best support students, there are three orientation programmes at Queens.</p> <p>International Programs Office (IPO)</p> <p>The IPO offers an academic orientation session at the start of each term for incoming Arts and Science exchange students. The session provides information about academic programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, course registration, the academic culture at Queen's, contacting professors, and the role of teaching assistants.</p> <p>Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)</p> <p>QUIC runs an orientation session that covers students' rights and responsibilities, opportunities to make the most of their time at Queen's, the numerous student services available to make their sojourn successful, as well as travelling in Canada and the United States. Find more information about the QUIC International Student Orientation.</p> <p>The Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS)</p> <p>ASUS, the student government representing Arts and Science students at Queen's, runs the Exchange Buddies Program, which groups incoming exchange students with upper-year Arts and Science students. Incoming exchange students will receive an invitation to join the ASUS Exchange Buddies program once they have confirmed their acceptance to attend Queen's.</p>

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Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

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University Accommodation	<p>Unfortunately, no on campus housing can be provided for exchange students for the 22-23 academic year.</p> <p>Typically, a limited number of spaces in Jean Royce Hall are available for exchange students. Jean Royce Hall single private rooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. Students can choose to cook or participate in an optional meal plan. See the Queen's University Residences page for Exchange Students.</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>Many exchange students elect to live off-campus. The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) provides resources to assist students to locating housing. See QUIC's "Finding Housing" website for more details. You can access additional resources through the Off-Campus Living Adviser.</p> <p>Finding living arrangements in Kingston can be a challenge – especially in the Fall term. We recommend students who choose to live off-campus should come to Kingston at least one week in advance to find adequate accommodation if they have not secured accommodation prior to travelling.</p>

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>Rent and utilities: \$8000 CAD</p> <p>Food: \$2000 CAD</p> <p>Miscellaneous personal expenses: \$2500 CAD</p> <p>Phone plan: \$35-50 a month (this is often an unexpectedly high cost for UK students)</p> <p>Books and supplies: \$1600 CAD</p> <p>Flights: ~\$1700 CAD</p> <p>Study permit: \$150 + possible biometrics</p> <p>Insurance: \$504 CAD</p> <p>Total: ~\$17,000 CAD for 8 months</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
Insurance	<p>Exchange students will be automatically enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP).</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

Other

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<p>Passports</p>	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
<p>Visas</p>	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) has created a Permits and Visas Information Page and a Frequently Asked Questions Page for international students.</p> <p>Visit the Government of Canada's "Find Out If You Need A Visa" page for more information.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<p>Disability Statement and Accessibility</p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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